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PROPOSAL BY THE SECRETARIAT REGARDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF MAJOR GROUPS OF THE MCSD

Proposal by the Secretariat regarding the Membership of Major Groups of the MCSD

As the mandate of the current MCSD members representing the three Major Groups will expire before the 11th meeting of the MCSD in 2006, and in conformity with the Rules of Procedure approved by the Contracting Parties, a call for the identification and nomination of new members was sent out to Contracting Parties and Partners requesting them to propose candidates, with a view to their selection by the Contracting Parties to sit on the Commission:

Twenty-seven proposals were received representing local authorities, socio-economic actors, NGOs and IGOs. A selection of the eligible partners was made by the Secretariat based on the following criteria:

- *Be active in the field of environmental protection and promotion of sustainable development;*
- *Be willing to share and exchange with other members their expertise and experience;*
- *Play a dynamic role in the activities of the MCSD, notably assuming leading roles or providing/looking for support;*
- *Represent or be active member of a national or Mediterranean network;*
- *Have an explicit interest and involvement in Mediterranean activities;*
- *Have a broad vision and a Mediterranean focus;*

The table attached (Annex I) shows the list of proposed candidates for membership.

Keeping in mind that one member from each group is re-appointed for the sake of continuity and on the basis of the information provided, the following partners are being proposed to sit on the MCSD:

- Local Authorities: the Network of Medicities, the Region of Sicily (Italy) and the Association of Italian Local Agenda 21 (Italy);
- Socio-Economic Actors: UMCE- Union of Mediterranean Confederations of Enterprises;
- NGOs/IGOs: ENDA/Maghreb, FoE, LEGAMBIENTE, MIO-ECSDE, CEDARE, CIHEAM, METAP, REC, SBA, SCF and the University of the Aegean;
- Alternate Members: AIFM, APNEK, EAMS, HELMEPA, IMC, IME, IOI, MEA, MEDMARAVIS, OME, Tour du Valat, UNADEP

ANNEX I

LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR MCSD MEMBERSHIP

	INTEREST¹	CRITERIA²
LOCAL AUTHORITIES		
MEDCITIES (NETWORK) ³	*	*
SICILY REGION (ITALY)	*	*
ITALIAN LOCAL AGENDAS 21 ASSOCIATION (ITALY)	*	*
SOCIO-ECONOMIC ACTORS		
UMCE- Union of Mediterranean Confederations of Enterprises	*	*
NGOs/IGOs		
C.I.H.E.A.M-Centre International de Hautes Etudes Agronomiques Méditerranéennes	*	*
CEDARE-Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe	*	*
ENDA MAGHREB- Environnement Développement et Action au Maghreb (Morocco) ³	*	*
FoE/Mednet- Friends of the Earth (Network-Europe/Mediterranean) ³	*	*
LEGAMBIENTE-League for the environment (Italy)	*	*
METAP- Mediterranean Environmental Technical Assistance Program	*	*
MIO-ECSDE -Mediterranean Information Office for Environment Culture and Sustainable Development (Network-Greece) ³	*	*
REC- Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe	*	*
SBA- Sustainable Business Associates (Switzerland)	*	*
SCF- Sustainability Challenge Foundation (the Netherlands)	*	*
UoA - University of the Aegean	*	*
ALTERNATE MEMBERS		
AIFM -L'Association Internationale Forêts Méditerranéennes	*	*
APNEK- Association pour la Protection de la Nature et de l'Environnement de Kairouan (Tunisia)	*	*
EAMS- Euro Arab Management School	*	*
HELMEPA- Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association (Greece)	*	*
IMC- International Marine Centre	*	*
IME- Institut Méditerranée de l'eau (France)	*	*
IOI- International Ocean Institute (Malta)	*	*
MEA- Le Mouvement Ecologique Algérien (Algeria)	*	*
MEDMARAVIS-Research and conservation of island & coastal ecosystems in the Mediterranean (France)	*	*
OME- Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Energie (Tunisia)	*	*
Tour du Valat (France)	*	*
UNADEP- Union of Northern Association for Development, Environment, Patrimony (Lebanon)	*	*

¹ Interest: interest in joining the MCSD explicitly expressed

² Criteria: information available to the Secretariat showing a reasonable level of compliance with criteria

³ Renewed mandate