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Meeting of MED POL Focal Points

Rhodes (Greece), 25 -27 May 2011

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Delegates are kindly requested to bring their documents to the meeting

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting will be opened by the MED POL Coordinator at 9,30 h of 25 May.

Agenda item 2. Election of Officers

The participants will elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Rapporteur.

Agenda item 3. Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

The participants will review the provisional Agenda (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 357/1) and its annotations (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 357/2) and will adopt it as amended. The Meeting will be conducted in plenary with English and French simultaneous interpretation. A draft report of the meeting will be prepared after the end of the Meeting and will be submitted to the participants for comments and amendments before its finalization.

Agenda item 4. Review and approval of draft Regional Plans containing legally binding measures and timetables in the framework of Art.15 of the LBS Protocol

Under this Agenda item the Focal Points will review the drafts of three Regional Plans prepared by the Secretariat (MED POL in cooperation with CP/RAC) in the framework of the implementation of Art. 15 of the LBS Protocol. The three drafts (see documents UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 357/3, WG. 357/4 and WG. 357/5) related to mercury, the food sector and the POPs recently included in the Annex of the Stockholm Convention, were reviewed and amended by the Focal Points at Meeting held in Larnaca, Cyprus, on 24-25 February 2011 (see document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 357/INF. 11) and are submitted to the present Meeting for final review and possible approval with a view at their submission to the Meeting of MAP Focal Points and subsequently to the Contracting Parties for adoption.

Agenda item 5. Review and approval of work carried out during 2010-2011

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 357/6 that summarizes the main achievements and describes the main activities carried out by MED POL during the current biennium. The Meeting will be asked to review the document, comment it as necessary and approve the work carried out.

Agenda item 6. Review and approval of criteria and standards for bathing waters

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 357/8 that contains the criteria and standards for bathing waters as they were approved by Government-designated experts at their Meeting held in Athens on 8-9 November 2010 (see document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 357/INF. 6). The criteria and standards proposed are the result of several years of negotiations with national authorities and take into account existing national, regional and international regulations. The Meeting will be asked to review and approve the criteria and standards and to recommend their submission to MAP Focal Points and subsequently to Contracting Parties for adoption.

Agenda item 7. Review and approval of a draft Strategy for an integrated management of marine litter

The secretariat will introduce a draft Strategic Action Programme for the management of marine litter in the Mediterranean (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 357/7). The Programme has been prepared by the Secretariat during the current biennium on the basis of an assessment prepared in cooperation with national authorities, experts and NGOs (see document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 357/INF.4) and taking into account ongoing initiatives at the national, regional and international levels. An additional document was also prepared that reviews some financial aspects related to the implementation of the Programme at the national level (see document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 357/INF.5). The Meeting will be asked to review and approve the draft Programme and to recommend its submission to MAP Focal Points and subsequently to Contracting Parties for adoption.

Agenda item 8. Review and approval of work plan for 2012-2013 MED POL activities

Under this Agenda item, the Secretariat will present document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 357/9. The document lists and briefly describes the activities that MED POL is proposing to implement during the biennium 2012-2013. The activities reflect the five-year and the two-year programmes of MAP approved by the Contracting Parties at their last Meeting held in Marrakech. The Secretariat will explain that, as an indication of the overall funds at the disposal of MAP for the coming biennium is still not available, it is not possible for MED POL to indicate the relative funds required for each activity. However, when proposing the activities, the Secretariat has considered the fact that the 2012-2013 budget is expected to be lower than the current budget but also that external funds are reasonably foreseen on the basis of the currently ongoing partnerships and initiatives. The Meeting will be asked to review and approve the draft Programme of work and to recommend its submission to MAP Focal Points and subsequently to Contracting Parties for adoption.

Agenda item 9. Other business

Under this Agenda item, the participants and the Secretariat will be able to raise any other business related to the subject of the Meeting.

Agenda item 10. Conclusions and recommendations

Under this Agenda item, the meeting will review, amend and adopt any possible conclusion and recommendation that will result from the discussions.

Agenda item 11. Closure of the Meeting

The Chairperson will close the Meeting at 18,30 h of 27 May 2011.

Draft Timetable

Wednesday 25 May

09,30 – 10,00	Agenda items 1., 2. and 3.
10,00 – 11,00	Agenda item 4.
11,00 – 11,30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11,30 – 13,00	Agenda item 4. (cont'd)
13,00 – 14,30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14,30 – 16,00	Agenda item 4. (cont'd)
16,00 – 16,30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16,30 – 18,30	Agenda item 4. (cont'd)

Thursday 26 May

09,30 – 11,00	Agenda item 5.
11,00 – 11,30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11,30 – 13,00	Agenda item 6.
13,00 – 14,30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14,30 – 16,00	Agenda item 7.
16,00 – 16,30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16,30 – 18,30	Agenda item 7. (cont'd)

Friday 27 May

09,30 – 11,00	Agenda item 8.
11,00 – 11,30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11,30 – 13,00	Agenda items 8. (cont'd) and 9.
13,00 – 15,30	<i>Lunch break and preparation by the Secretariat of conclusions and recommendations</i>
15,30 – 16,30	Agenda item 10.
16,30 – 17,00	<i>Coffee break</i>
17,00 – 18,30	Agenda items 10. and 11.