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XVIII Meeting of MED Unit and Regional
Activity Centres (RAC) on MAP programme

Athens, 24-25 January 2000

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

The 11th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Malta, 27-30 October 1999) decided to convene the Meeting of the RAC Directors, early 2000 to consider the progress of the Regional Activity Centres.

The following annotations to the proposed agenda for the present meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be convened in Athens, on 24-25 January 2000 at the premises of the Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan in Athens. It will be opened at 09.00 hrs by the Coordinator. All RAC Directors, and the Professional staff of MEDU will attend the meeting.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Agenda

The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat and appearing in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.165/1 and annotated in the present document will be proposed for adoption by the meeting.

Agenda item 3: Implementation of the biennium 2000-2001

- 3.a. The Coordinator will make a general presentation and special attention will be given to:
- the situation of the ratification process;
 - the revision of the Emergency Protocol;
 - the preparation of a legal meeting concerning the implementation of the Barcelona Convention;
 - the reporting system;
 - review of the institutional meetings during the next biennium including focal points' meeting;
 - partnership with METAP and other IGO partners;
 - partnership with EUROMED including preparation of projects;
 - implementation of the decisions of the Contracting Parties concerning relations with NGOs;
 - evaluation of RACs including Historic Sites;
 - evaluation of MAP.
- 3.b Concerning specific topics (marine pollution, biodiversity, coastal zone management, etc.), each Director is invited to review recommendations adopted by the CPs, taking into account MCSD's activities for the next biennium and make a presentation on objectives, outputs, timetable, methods of work.
- 3.c The Deputy Coordinator will present the output of the Steering Committee of MCSD as well as related tasks and schedule for each concerned MAP structure.
- 3.d The Deputy Coordinator will make a presentation of the first steps of the implementation of the information strategy.
- 3.e The Fund/Administrative Officer will make a presentation of issues related to projects, personnel, including new recruitments, and finance.

Agenda item 4: Any other matter

Other issues relevant to the Mediterranean Action Plan which might be brought to the attention of the meeting by the participants or by the Secretariat will be discussed under this agenda item.

Agenda item 5: Closure of the meeting

The meeting is expected to be closed by the Coordinator at 13.00 hrs on Tuesday, 25 January 2000.