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Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties
to the Convention for the Protection
of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution
and its Protocols

Tunis, 18-21 November 1997

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA
(Revised)**

Introduction

The Extraordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution (Montpellier, 1-4 July 1996) accepted the offer of Tunisia to host the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in Tunis, from 18 to 21 November 1997.

The following annotations to the proposed agenda for the meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations. The opening session will be preceded by informal consultations among the heads of delegations beginning at 09.00 a.m. It is hoped that these consultations will facilitate the smooth organization of the meeting.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

As required by the Rules of Procedure of meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties, the meeting will be opened at 10.00 hours on Tuesday, 18 November 1997, at the Hotel LE PALACE, La Marsa, Tunis, Tel. 728000 and Fax 748442. The President elected by the Ninth Ordinary Meeting, the Minister of the Environment of Morocco will officially open the Meeting. It is expected that the Minister of the Environment of Tunisia, H.E. Mr Mehdi Mlika, will welcome the Contracting Parties on behalf of his Government. MAP Coordinator will deliver an opening statement on behalf of the Executive Director of UNEP.

Agenda item 2: Rules of Procedure

The Rules of procedure adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its protocols as amended (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) will apply to this meeting.

Agenda item 3: Election of officers

In accordance with Rule 20, as amended, the meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties a President, four Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

Agenda item 4: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Director in agreement with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties (Rule 10) was distributed as document UNEP(OCA)MED IG.11/1/Rev.1.

The meeting will review and adopt the proposed timetable appearing in the Annex to the present document.

Simultaneous Arabic-English-French-Spanish interpretation will be available throughout the meeting.

Agenda item 5: Credentials of Representatives

Each Contracting Party shall be represented by an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternates and advisers as may be required (Rule 18). The credentials of the representatives and the names of the alternate representatives should be submitted to the Executive Director before the opening sitting of the meeting. In accordance with Rule 19, the Bureau shall examine the credentials of representatives and submit its report to the meeting.

Agenda item 6: Progress report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan in 1996/1997

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.11/3 on the progress report of the Executive Director. The meeting will be invited to consider and take note of the progress report.

Agenda item 7: Progress report of the Coordinator on the activities of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) in 1996/1997

The Coordinator will introduce his progress report on the activities of the MCSD during 1996-1997 period (document: UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.11/8). The President of the MCSD will also make an introductory statement. The meeting is expected to consider and take note of the report as well as the additional information that will be submitted by the Secretariat and the President of the MCSD on the work of the Third Meeting of the MCSD (Sophia Antipolis, 28-30 October 1997).

Agenda item 8: General discussion on environment and sustainable development in the Mediterranean region

The meeting is expected to hear statements of the heads of delegations on environment and sustainable development in the Mediterranean region. It is expected that the statements should not exceed 10 to 15 minutes each.

Agenda item 9: Proposed recommendations and programme budget for 1998-1999 biennium and contributions by the Contracting Parties to the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF) for the 1998-1999 biennium

The Coordinator will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.11/4 "Recommendations and proposed budget for 1998/1999". The meeting will be invited to review the proposal concerning the recommendations and the programme budget and take the necessary decisions thereon.

The meeting will also have before it the following additional working documents:

- a. UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.11/4/Add.1
The document contains recommendations relevant to:

1. Recommendations proposed by the Third meeting of the MCSD (Sophia Antipolis, 28-30 October 1997) on the two short-term themes concerning Sustainable Management of Coastal Zones and Management of Water Demand;
 2. Recommendation relevant to the Strategic Action Programme to address pollution from Land-based activities as contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.11/9;
 3. Recommendations proposed by the last meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties (Sophia Antipolis, 31 October 1997) relevant to the mandate of the Bureau to complete the selection of the members of the MCSD, the reconfirmation of the present membership of the MCSD and the inclusion of new members in the MAP/NGO list of partnership;
- b. UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.11/5
Draft Rules of procedure of the MCSD as proposed by the Third meeting of the MCSD and the last meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties;
- c. UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.11/6
Draft resolution on the regional strategies as regards the protection of pollution of the marine environment by ships as proposed by the meeting of the MAP National Focal points (Athens, 7-9 July 1997);
- d. UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.11/7
General principles and definitions of the geographical coverage of the preparation of inventories of the elements of biological diversity in the Mediterranean region and criteria for the preparation of national inventories of natural sites of conservation interest as proposed by the meeting of MAP National Focal points (Athens, 7-9 July 1997).

The meeting is expected to review these documents and take the necessary decisions thereon.

Agenda item 10: Date and place of the Eleventh Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 1999

The meeting will be invited to consider the exact dates and place of the Eleventh Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to be convened during 1999.

Agenda item 11: Other business

Other subjects 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 12: Adoption of the report of the meeting

A draft report of the meeting will be submitted to the participants for adoption.

Agenda item 13: Closure of the meeting

The meeting is expected to be closed by the President at 18.00 hours on Friday, 21 November 1997.

ANNEX

Suggested Time Schedule

Date	Morning: 09.30 - 12.30	Afternoon: 14.30 - 17.30
Tuesday, 18 Nov 1997	Agenda item: 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Rules of procedure 3. Election of officers 4. Adoption of the Agenda 6. Progress report of the Executive Director on MAP 7. Progress report of the Coordinator on the MCSD	Agenda item: 8. General discussion
Wednesday, 19 Nov 1997	Agenda item: 8. General discussion (concluded) 9. Proposed recommendations and programme budget for 1998/1999	Agenda item: 5. Credentials 9. Proposed recommendations and programme budget for 1998/1999
Thursday, 20 Nov 1997	Agenda item: 9. Proposed recommendations and programme budget for 1998/1999	Agenda item: 9. Proposed recommendations and programme budget for 1998/1999 10. Date and place of the Eleventh Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties 11. Other business
Friday, 21 Nov 1997	Agenda item: <p style="text-align: center;">FREE</p> (in order that the Secretariat prepares the report of the meeting)	Agenda item: 12. Adoption of the report of the meeting 13. Closure of the meeting
Coffee breaks: 11.00 a.m. and 16.00 p.m.		