

ANNEX X

RECOMMENDATION

UNEP CONTRIBUTION AND MANAGEMENT

OF THE TRUST FUND

The Meeting, having before it the proposal to replenish the Mediterranean Trust Fund, notes that in the present circumstances it cannot do otherwise than request such a replenishment, since it considers that the continuation of activities designed to protect the Mediterranean takes precedence over any other consideration. It regrets that the proposal prepared by the Bureau at the express request of the Second Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties at Cannes was not submitted to the Extraordinary Meeting in Geneva in 1982 and that it was distributed late to the Third Ordinary Meeting for discussion and rejection or acceptance; consequently, it has not been possible to clarify the situation before taking a decision.

It urges the Executive Director of UNEP to reconsider the problem and to reinstate, in his budgetary proposals to the Governing Council of UNEP, a contribution to MAP at a level which will make it possible to offset (at least to a substantial extent) the considerable reduction of 13 per cent levied on governmental contributions to MAP for agency fees.

The Meeting requests:

The Bureau to maintain the closest contact with the Executive Director and the competent services of UNEP with a view to seeking any solution that would be compatible with United Nations rules and would at the same time enable contributions from Contracting Parties to be made available rapidly and alleviate the charge of 13 per cent levied on these contributions;

Contracting Parties which are members of the Governing Council of UNEP to make every effort to ensure that an appropriate allocation for MAP is provided for and approved in the UNEP budget for 1984 and 1985.