

**CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES
OF THE COASTAL STATES
OF THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION FOR THE
PROTECTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA
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OF THE CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES OF THE
COASTAL STATES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION ON
THE PROTECTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

1. The Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the Coastal States of the Mediterranean Region on the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea was convened by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, in co-operation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other United Nations agencies concerned, in pursuance of a recommendation adopted by the Intergovernmental Meeting on the Protection of the Mediterranean which had been convened by the Executive Director of the Programme in Barcelona from 28 January to 4 February 1975. The recommendation received the approval of the Governing Council of UNEP at its third session.

2. The Conference met at the Palacio de Congresos, Barcelona, at the invitation of the Government of Spain, from 2 to 16 February 1976.

3. The Mediterranean coastal States that were invited to participate in the Conference were: Albania, Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Republic, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Yugoslavia.

4. The following Mediterranean coastal States accepted the invitation and participated in the Conference: Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Republic, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Yugoslavia.

5. Observers for the following States attended the Conference's proceedings: Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

6. Observers for the following United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies also attended the Conference:

United Nations

The United Nations - Office for Inter-Agency Affairs and Co-ordination,
The Secretariat of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea,
The Economic Commission for Europe,
The Economic Commission for Western Asia,
The United Nations Development Programme.

Specialized agencies

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,
The Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization,
The World Health Organization.

Intergovernmental bodies

The Commission of the European Communities,
The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development,
The League of Arab States,
The International Council for the Scientific Exploration of the Mediterranean.

7. In the course of an inaugural ceremony the Conference heard a welcoming address by Mr. Salvador Sanchez Terán, Governor of Barcelona, on behalf of the Government of Spain. The Conference was formally opened by Dr. Mostafa K. Tolba, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, who served as the Secretary-General of the Conference.

8. The Conference elected Mr. Fernando de Ybarra y Lopez Dóriga, Marqués de Arriluce de Ybarra, head of the Spanish delegation, as its President, and Mr. Joseph Najjar, head of the delegation of Lebanon, and Mr. Tome Kuzmanovski, head of the delegation of Yugoslavia, as its Vice-Presidents.

9. The Conference adopted as its agenda the provisional agenda as proposed by the United Nations Environment Programme secretariat (UNEP/CONF.1/7/Rev.1). The agenda as adopted read as follows:

1. Opening of the Conference
2. Election of the President
3. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure
4. Election of two Vice-Presidents and two Chairmen for the two main committees
5. Adoption of the agenda
6. Appointment of the Credentials Committee
7. Appointment of the Drafting Committee
8. Organization of the work of the Conference
9. Examination of Draft Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment against Pollution in the Mediterranean
10. Examination of Draft Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft
11. Examination of Draft Protocol on Co-operation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and other Harmful Substances in cases of Emergency

12. Examination of the Executive Director's report on the establishment of a Regional Oil Combating Centre in the Mediterranean
13. Consideration of the report of the Credentials Committee
14. Adoption of the Convention and Protocols and of the Final Act of the Conference
15. Signature of the Final Act of the Conference and Closing of the Conference
16. Signature of the Convention and Protocols.

10. The Conference adopted as its rules of procedure the draft rules proposed by the United Nations Environment Programme secretariat (UNEP/CONF.1/6 and Corr.1 and 2).

11. In conformity with the rules of procedure, the Conference established the following Committees:

General Committee

Chairman: The President of the Conference

Members: The Vice-Presidents of the Conference, the Chairmen of the two Main Committees and the Chairman of the Drafting Committee.

Main Committee I

Chairman: Professor Dr. Hamed Sultan (Egypt)

Rapporteur: Mr. Charles Vella (Malta)

Main Committee II

Chairman: Mr. Alberto Sciolla-Lagrange (Italy)

Rapporteur: Mr. M'hamed Malliti (Morocco)

The Credentials Committee

Chairman: The President of the Conference

Members: The Vice-Presidents of the Conference, the Chairmen of the two Main Committees and the Chairman of the Drafting Committee.

The Drafting Committee

Chairman: Mr. Marcel F. Surbiguet (France)

Members: Mr. Mohamed Mouldi Marsit (Tunisia)
Mr. Jose A. de Yturriaga (Spain)
Mr. Demetre Yiannopoulos (Greece)
Mr. Mehmet Dulger (Turkey)

12. The Conference referred to Main Committee I agenda items 9 and 10 and to Main Committee II items 11 and 12, with the request that they consider these items and report the results of their deliberations to the Plenary of the Conference. Main Committee I referred the Annexes of the draft Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft to a special working group for consideration.

13. The main documents which served as the basis for the deliberations of the Conference were:

- Draft Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment against Pollution in the Mediterranean (UNEP/CONF.1/3 and Corr.1)
- Draft Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft (UNEP/CONF.1/4 and Corr.1)
- Draft Protocol on Co-operation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in cases of Emergency (UNEP/CONF.1/5 and Corr.1)
- Report by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme on the proposed establishment of a regional oil-combating centre for the Mediterranean (UNEP/CONF.1/9 and Corr.1 and 2, and Add.1-4) prepared in co-operation with the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization.

14. In addition, the Conference had before it a number of other documents that were made available to it by the Secretariat of UNEP.^{1/}

15. The Conference approved the recommendation of its Credentials Committee that the credentials of the representatives of the participating States should be recognized as being in order.

16. On the basis of the deliberations of the two Main Committees as embodied in their reports,^{2/} the Conference, on 13 February 1976, adopted the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, the Protocol for

^{1/} For the list of documents see the Appendix.

^{2/} UNEP/CONF.1/CRP.15 and Add.1 and 2, and UNEP/CONF.1/CRP.16/Rev.1, CRP.16/Rev.1/Add.1 and Corr.1 and CRP.16/Rev.1/Add.2.

the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft, and the Protocol concerning Co-operation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in cases of Emergency. The Convention and the two Protocols which are annexed to this Final Act will be opened by the Government of Spain as Depositary for signature, in Barcelona on 16 February 1976 and thereafter in Madrid from 17 February 1976 to 16 February 1977, by the coastal States of the Mediterranean Sea Area, by the European Economic Community and by similar regional economic groupings at least one member of which is a coastal State of the Mediterranean Sea Area and which exercise competences in fields covered by this Convention, as well as by any protocol affecting them.

17. The Conference also adopted the following resolutions which are appended to this Final Act:

1. Resolution concerning signature, ratification, acceptance and approval of and accession to the legal instruments
- 2. Resolution concerning interim arrangements
3. Resolution concerning the application of article 11 of the Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft
4. Resolution concerning the establishment of a committee of experts on an inter-State guarantee fund for the Mediterranean Sea Area
5. Resolution concerning reporting by ships and aircraft of pollution incidents
6. Resolution concerning future improvement in a maritime communications system
- 7. Resolution concerning the establishment of a regional oil-combating centre for the Mediterranean
8. Resolution concerning subregional oil-combating centres
9. Resolution concerning an intergovernmental meeting in 1977
10. Tribute to the Government of Spain.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the representatives of the following coastal States of the Mediterranean Region have signed this Final Act:

DONE AT BARCELONA this sixteenth day of February one thousand nine hundred and seventy six in a single copy in the Arabic, English, French and Spanish languages, the four texts being equally authentic. The original texts shall be deposited with the Government of Spain.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE

1. Signature, ratification, acceptance and approval of and accession to the legal instruments

The Conference,

Having concluded and adopted on this thirteenth day of February 1976 the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, the Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft and the Protocol concerning Co-operation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency (hereinafter respectively referred to as "the Convention" and "the Protocols"),

Desirous of ensuring that the Convention and the Protocols shall begin to produce their effects at the earliest possible moment,

Having regard to the clauses in the Convention and in the Protocols which govern the signature, ratification, acceptance or approval of the said instruments and accession thereto and their entry into force,

Having regard furthermore to the provisions in the Convention which relate to the functions of the Depositary,

Having designated the Government of Spain as Depositary of the Convention and of the Protocols,

1. Invites the Government of Spain to open the Convention and the Protocols for signature in Barcelona on 16 February 1976 and in Madrid from 17 February 1976 to 16 February 1977, by all those entitled to sign the said instruments by virtue of their provisions governing signature;

2. Requests the Government of Spain to perform all the functions pertaining to the Depositary pursuant to the relevant provisions of article 29 of the Convention.

3. Urges all parties that are entitled to sign the Convention and the Protocols to do so as soon as practicable and to complete at the earliest opportunity the constitutional procedures needed for the ratification, acceptance or approval of the Convention under their respective statutory or legislative provisions and to transmit the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval to the Depositary;

4. Calls upon all parties entitled to accede to the Convention and the Protocols to do so as soon as possible after the period specified in article 26 of the Convention.

2. Interim arrangements

The Conference,

Acknowledging the role of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and its General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean in initiating the work on legal instruments for the protection of the marine environment against pollution in the Mediterranean, and the important contribution of FAO and the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization and the Government of Spain in the preparation of these instruments,

Acknowledging the work undertaken by the World Health Organization for the preparation of a draft Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-based Sources,

Having regard to the recommendation of the Intergovernmental Meeting for the Protection of the Mediterranean, held in Barcelona from 28 January to 4 February 1975, for the convening of working groups of governmental experts to prepare additional protocols,

1. Notes with appreciation the announcement by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme of his willingness to carry out the secretariat functions relating to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, the Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft, and the Protocol concerning Co-operation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency, and to provide the necessary facilities for this purpose;
2. Calls on the Executive Director of UNEP, in co-operation with the international organizations concerned, to continue the preparatory work for a draft Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources;
3. Also calls on the Executive Director, pending the entry into force of the Convention and Protocols, to make such interim arrangements as may be required for the achievement of the objectives of this Convention and to continue to convene working groups of government experts to prepare additional protocols, in co-operation with the international organizations concerned, as recommended in the Action Plan approved at the Intergovernmental Meeting held in Barcelona in 1975.

3. Application of article 11 of the Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft

The Conference,

Having adopted the text of the Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft, which provides in article 11 that each Party shall apply the measures required to implement this Protocol to ships and aircraft registered in its territory and to ships and aircraft loading in its territory;

Recognizing the importance of universal implementation and observation of article 11 by all ships and aircraft;

1. Invites the Parties to the said Protocol to prevail upon other States to take appropriate steps so that ships flying their flags and aircraft registered in their countries will observe articles 4, 5 and 6 of the Protocol;
2. Invites the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization to persuade the other States to act in conformity with the said Protocol.

4. Establishment of a committee of experts on an
Inter-state guarantee fund
for the Mediterranean Sea Area */

The Conference,

Conscious of the gravity of the threat posed by the various forms of pollution to the environment of the Mediterranean Sea,

Recognizing that the Barcelona Conference and the legal instruments resulting from it are a first step towards safeguarding and protecting that Sea,

Believing the question of liability and compensation, which is the subject of article 12 of this Convention, to be fundamental and to call, therefore, for appropriate measures,

Convinced of the urgent need to protect the coastal States against all damage caused by pollution, whether of accidental or other origin,

Requests the Organization, as defined in article 2, paragraph (b), of the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, upon the entry into force of the Convention and at the time of the first meeting of the Contracting Parties, to:

(a) propose that a study should be made of the possibility of establishing an Interstate Guarantee Fund for the Mediterranean Sea Area and that the study should be entrusted to a committee of experts from the Contracting Parties to the Convention;

(b) request the said committee of experts to report to the Contracting Parties concerning the implications of establishment of the Fund, in order that, at a later stage, appropriate legal instruments may be prepared.

*/ One delegation expressed the reservations of its Government to this resolution.

5. Reporting by ships and aircraft of
pollution incidents

The Conference,

Having adopted the text of the Protocol concerning Co-operation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency which provides in article 8 that the masters of ships flying the flags of Parties and pilots of aircraft registered with Parties are required to report on incidents involving harmful substances,

Noting article 8 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, and Protocol I of that Convention, concerning the reports on incidents involving harmful substances,

Recognizing the importance of the provisions of article 8 of the Protocol first above mentioned being applied also by ships flying the flags of States and aircraft registered in States which are not Parties to the Protocol,

1. Requests the Parties to the said Protocol to prevail upon other States to take appropriate steps so that ships flying their flags and aircraft registered in their countries will observe the provision of article 8 of the Protocol;
2. Requests further the Parties to the Protocol to encourage charterers of their nationality to insert in charter parties a clause to the effect that the ships in question navigating in the Mediterranean Sea Area shall observe the same provision as a ship flying the flag of a Party;
3. Invites the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization to assist in the implementation of the above-mentioned measures.

6. Future improvement in the maritime communications system

The Conference,

Considering that an efficient communications system in the maritime field is a factor of the utmost importance for the prevention of pollution by oil and other noxious substances, and for combating such pollution in the Mediterranean Sea Area,

Conscious of the susceptibility of the telecommunications systems to technical improvement,

Recommends to the coastal States of the Mediterranean Sea Area to encourage the adoption and operation of any maritime communications system which, by combining the possibilities of location and communications, should assist in improving the prevention of accidents, in reducing consequently the risk of pollution and in reinforcing the efficacy in combating pollution in the Mediterranean Sea Area.

7. Establishment of a regional oil-combating centre
for the Mediterranean

The Conference,

Conscious of the ever-present and growing threat to the Mediterranean environment from massive oil pollution whether caused by accident or through accumulation,

Realising the lack of regional contingency plans for co-ordinated action for the prevention, control and combating of oil spills, especially in cases of emergencies,

Recognizing the need to develop and strengthen the capacities of the coastal States of the Mediterranean and to facilitate co-operation among them in order to deal effectively with cases of massive pollution,

Noting that the Protocol on Co-operation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency makes provision for a Regional Centre within the Mediterranean for the execution of some of the functions required by that Protocol,

Noting also the consensus reached, at the Consultation of Experts from Mediterranean States convened by the United Nations Environment Programme at Malta in September 1975, on the advisability of the establishment of a Regional Centre and on the objectives and functions of such a Centre,

Having considered the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, prepared in co-operation with the Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, on the Establishment of a Regional Oil-Combating Centre for the Mediterranean, ^{1/} in particular the willingness of the United Nations Environment Programme to assist in the early establishment of an oil-combating centre,

Taking into consideration the comments and observations made by various delegations during the discussion of the above-mentioned report,

1. Decides to accept the offer of the Government of the Republic of Malta to host such a Regional Centre;

^{1/} UNEP/CONF. 1/9 and Corr.1 and Corr.2, and Add. 1-4.

2. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, after consultations with the Government of Malta and the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, to assist in the early establishment of a Regional Oil-Combating Centre in Malta having the objectives and functions set out in the annex to this resolution;
3. Welcomes the intention of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to entrust to the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization the functions and responsibility as Co-operating Agency for the establishment and operation of the aforesaid Regional Centre, it being understood that the exercise of functions and responsibilities by IMCO should not lead to an increase in its budget;
4. As a consequence requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to submit, in the light of comments made at the Conference of Plenipotentiaries, a report on the establishment of the Regional Oil-Combating Centre to the Governing Council of UNEP at its fourth session and to seek to obtain such further authorization from the Council as he may need to draw on the Fund of UNEP for the purpose of defraying the expenses involved in the establishment and initial operating costs of the centre. This authorization might be requested on the assumption that the operating expenses of the Centre will be gradually defrayed by means of voluntary multilateral or individual contributions from governments of the Mediterranean Region, from international organizations and from non-governmental organizations. The financing of the centre should be reviewed at the meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention and the appropriate Protocol, when these instruments have entered into force;
5. Further requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to report to the coastal States of the Mediterranean region at the next intergovernmental meeting of these States and thereafter annually on the work and activities of the Centre.

ANNEX

Objectives and functions of a regional oil-combating centre

I. Objectives

1. To strengthen the capacities of the coastal States in the Mediterranean region and to facilitate co-operation among them in order to combat massive pollution by oil, especially in case of emergencies in which there is grave and imminent danger to the marine environment.
2. To assist coastal States of the Mediterranean region, which so request, in the development of their own national capabilities to combat oil pollution and to facilitate information exchange, technological co-operation and training.

3. A later objective, namely the possibility of initiating operations to combat pollution by oil and eventually by other harmful substances at the regional level, can be considered. This possibility should be submitted for approval by governments after evaluating the results achieved in the fulfilment of the previous two objectives and in the light of financial resources which could be made available for this purpose.

II. Functions

A. To collect and disseminate information on:

- (i) inventories of experts and equipment in each coastal State for combating massive accidental spillages of oil;
- (ii) plans, methods and techniques used for combating oil pollution in order to assist as far as necessary countries of the region in the preparation of their national contingency plans;
- (iii) those areas in the Mediterranean which are especially vulnerable to oil pollution and, with reference to these areas, specification of clean-up methods which can be used with minimum environmental damage in such areas.

B. To prepare and keep up to date, in the light of information collected, emergency plans that could be implemented:

- (i) in cases of massive oil pollution where there is an absence of bilateral or multilateral agreements between coastal States;
- (ii) in sectors of the Mediterranean, yet to be identified, where the risk of massive accidental oil pollution is high or where the capability for prompt counter-action in times of emergency does not presently exist.

C. To develop and maintain a Communications/Information system appropriate to the needs of States being served by the Centre.

D. To develop and encourage technological co-operation and training programmes for combating oil pollution.

E. To assist in strengthening the IRS by developing the capacity to serve as a sectoral focal point which could collect data on the sources of information available in connexion with oil pollution with special emphasis on dealing with massive spills of oil and will make that data available.

F. To develop and maintain close working relationships with other Mediterranean regional activity centres and with the "specialized regional organisms" which play a co-ordinating role as set forth in the Barcelona Action Plan, 2/ particularly with the scientific institutions within the region.

G. To co-operate in all appropriate activities which are directed towards the prevention and reduction of pollution in the Mediterranean resulting from oil spills.

8. Subregional oil-combating centres

The Conference,

Taking note of the relevant paragraphs of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme on the establishment of a regional oil-combating centre for the Mediterranean, 1/

Taking also note of the offers made by certain States to act as host to subregional oil-combating centres,

1. Requests the Executive Director to consult with the coastal States of the Mediterranean Region on the required objectives and functions of such subregional centres and their relations to the regional oil-combating centre,
2. Further requests the Executive Director to report his findings to the appropriate intergovernmental meeting of the coastal States of the Mediterranean Region.

1/ UNEP/CONF.1/9 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add. 1-4 and UNEP/CONF.1/INF.8.

9. Intergovernmental meeting in 1977

The Conference,

Considering that the Action Plan approved at the Intergovernmental Meeting on the Protection of the Mediterranean held in Barcelona from 28 January to 4 February 1975 ^{1/} provided a valuable basis for the deliberations which have led to the conclusion of the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, the Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft and the Protocol concerning Co-operation in combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency, adopted in Barcelona on 13 February 1976,

Considering that the Action Plan approved by the said Intergovernmental Meeting sets forth a number of additional recommendations concerning activities to be carried out over a period of years and that the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme was entrusted with a number of tasks to be performed in co-operation or consultation, as appropriate, with the Governments of the coastal States of the Mediterranean Sea Area and with the international and regional intergovernmental organizations concerned,

Considering it desirable to make provision for a future review of the way in which the Action Plan is being put into effect,

Desirous of strengthening the efforts of Governments, of UNEP and of the international and regional intergovernmental bodies concerned in protecting the environment of the Mediterranean Sea Area and in enhancing the environment while promoting the development of the Area in keeping with sound principles of environmental management,

1. Recommends that the Executive Director of UNEP convene in 1977 an intergovernmental meeting at which he would inform Governments of the coastal States of the Mediterranean Sea Area of steps taken and progress achieved pursuant to all recommendations set forth in the said Action Plan for the Protection of the Mediterranean approved at Barcelona on 4 February 1975;
2. Requests these Governments to keep the Executive Director informed of steps they are taking which will assist in the accomplishment of the objectives and in the implementation of the recommendations embodied in the Action Plan.
3. Accepts with appreciation the invitation of the Government of Monaco to hold the Intergovernmental Meeting of 1977 at Monte Carlo.

^{1/} UNEP/WG.2/5, annex

10. Tribute to the Government of Spain

The Conference,

Having met in Barcelona from 2 to 16 February 1976 at the gracious invitation of the Government of Spain,

Convinced that the efforts made by the Government of Spain and by the civic authorities of Barcelona in providing facilities, premises and other resources contributed significantly to the smooth conduct of its proceedings,

Deeply appreciative of the courtesy and hospitality extended by the Government of Spain and the City of Barcelona to the members of the delegations, observers and the secretariat attending the Conference,

Expresses its sincere gratitude to the Government of Spain, to the authorities of Barcelona and, through them, to the Spanish people and to the population of Barcelona for the cordial welcome which they accorded to the Conference and to those associated with its work and for their contribution to the success of the Conference.

APPENDIX

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE CONFERENCE

(Other than those mentioned in the Final Act)

UNEP/CONF.1/1	Introductory note
UNEP/CONF.1/2	Working Group on Draft Legal Instruments for the Protection of the Mediterranean, Geneva, 7-11 April 1975. Report of the Meeting
UNEP/CONF.1/8 and Corr.1	Annotated provisional agenda
UNEP/CONF.1/INF.1	List of documents
UNEP/CONF.1/INF.2	Provisional list of participants
UNEP/CONF.1/INF.3	Progress report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan
UNEP/CONF.1/INF.4	Note by the Executive Director (Meeting of Experts to advise the Executive Director on the preparations for the Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the coastal States of the Mediterranean Region, Geneva, 7-9 January 1976)
UNEP/CONF.1/INF.5	Note by the Executive Director (Report of the Intergovernmental Consultation of Experts on a Regional Oil-Combating Centre, Malta, 15-19 September 1975)
UNEP/CONF.1/INF.6	Note by the Executive Director (Existing and proposed International Conventions for the Control of Marine Pollution and their Relevance to the Mediterranean, FAO Legal Office, Background Paper No. 8, 1975)
UNEP/CONF.1/INF.7	Note by the Executive Director (Comparative table of texts relating to the Draft Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment against Pollution in the Mediterranean, FAO Legal Office, Background paper No.9, 1975)
UNEP/CONF.1/INF.8	Information concerning possible subregional centres.