

## 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.