

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 <sup>1/</sup> 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.

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<sup>1/</sup> UNEP/WG.2/5, annex