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

Barcelona, 5-8 June 1995

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

The Eighth Ordinary meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution (Antalya, 12-15 October 1993) accepted the offer of Spain to host the Ninth Ordinary Meeting in Barcelona, 5 - 8 June 1995.

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 consultation of heads of delegations on Monday, 5 June 1995 at 09.00 hours.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

As required by the Rules of procedure of meetings of the Contracting Parties, the meeting will be opened at 10.00 hours on Monday, 5 June 1995, at the Melia Hotel, Barcelona, by the President elected by the Eighth Ordinary Meeting, H.E. Mr. Riza Akçali, Minister of the Environment of Turkey. It is expected that the Minister of Public Works and the Environment of Spain, will welcome the Contracting Parties on behalf of his Government. The Executive Director of UNEP will deliver an opening statement.

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 (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) will apply to this meeting.

Agenda item 3: Election of officers

In accordance with Rule 20, the meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties a President, four Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. The Bureau shall remain in office until their successors are elected at the next ordinary meeting and shall serve in that capacity at any intervening extraordinary meetings.

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 UNEP(OCA)MED IG.5/1.

As recommended by the Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties, the Ninth Ordinary Meeting will be conducted in plenary sessions, without establishing a committee of the whole.

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

Simultaneous Arabic-English-French-Spanish interpretation will be available for 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: Revision of the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its protocols

Agenda item 6.1: The Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution (Barcelona Convention)

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/5 on proposed amendments to the Barcelona Convention. The meeting will be invited to consider and approve the amendments to the Barcelona Convention for submission to the Conference of Plenipotentiaries.

Agenda item 6.2: The Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft (Dumping Protocol)

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/6 on proposed amendments to the Dumping Protocol. The meeting will be invited to consider and approve the proposed amendments for submission to the Conference of Plenipotentiaries.

Agenda item 6.3: The Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas (SPA Protocol)

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/7 on the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biodiversity in the Mediterranean.

The meeting will be invited to consider and approve the protocol for submission to the Conference of Plenipotentiaries.

Agenda item 7: Action Plan for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Sustainable Development of the Coastal Areas of the Mediterranean (MAP Phase II)

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/8 on MAP Phase II. The meeting will be invited to consider and approve the document for submission to the Conference of Plenipotentiaries.

Agenda item 8: Priority fields of activities for the environment and development in the Mediterranean basin (1996 - 2005)

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/9 on the priority fields of activities. The meeting will be invited to consider and approve the document for submission to the Conference of Plenipotentiaries.

Agenda item 9: Barcelona Resolution on the environment and sustainable development in the Mediterranean basin

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/10 on the Barcelona Resolution. The meeting will be invited to consider and approve the Resolution for submission to the Conference of Plenipotentiaries.

Agenda item 10: Progress report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan in 1994-1995

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/3 on the progress report of the Executive Director. The meeting will be invited to consider and take note of the progress report.

Agenda item 11: Proposed recommendations and programme budget for 1996 and contributions by the Contracting Parties to the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF) for 1996

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/4 "Recommendations and proposed budget for 1996". The meeting will be invited to review the proposal and approve the broad outlines of the budget and leave the detailed budget lines for review and approval under each relevant agenda sub-item.

The meeting will also have before it the Report of the Joint Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Committee and the Socio-Economic Committee (document

UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/12) and document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/Inf.7 "Updated report on the impact of inflation and exchange rate fluctuations on the Mediterranean Action Plan budget".

Agenda item 11.A: Implementation of the Barcelona Convention

- 11.1 Programme coordination
- 11.2 Legal framework
- 11.3 Sustainable development
- 11.4 Information and training
- 11.5 State of the Marine and Coastal Environment in the Mediterranean Region

The Secretariat will introduce relevant sections of the progress report contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/3.

The Secretariat will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/4 "Recommendations and proposed budget for 1996" with a view to this approval.

The meeting will also have before it document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG. 5/11 "MAP cooperation with Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)", for its review and approval.

The meeting will also have before it document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/12 "Terms of Reference of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties" for its review and approval.

The meeting will also have before it information document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/Inf.3 "State of the marine and coastal environment in the Mediterranean Region", for its consideration and comments.

The meeting will have before it information document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/Inf.6 "Multilateral Treaties in the field of environment - Status of Signatures and Ratifications by the Mediterranean countries", for its information.

Agenda item 11.B: Implementation of the Land-Based Sources Protocol (LBS) and the Dumping Protocol

11.6 Implementation of the LBS and the Dumping Protocols

The Secretariat will introduce relevant sections in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/3 'Progress report by the Executive Director'. The Secretariat will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/4 on recommendations and proposed budget, with a view to their approval.

Agenda item 11.C: Monitoring of marine pollution in the Mediterranean

11.7 Monitoring of marine pollution in the Mediterranean

The Secretariat will introduce relevant sections of document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/3 "Progress report of the Executive Director". It will also introduce relevant sections of document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/4 on recommendations and programme budget for 1996, with a view to their approval.

Agenda item 11.D: Implementation of the Protocol concerning Cooperation in combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and other Harmful Substance in cases of Emergency (Emergency Protocol)

11.8 Prevention and combating pollution from ships

The Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)

The Director of REMPEC will introduce relevant section of document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/3. He will also introduce relevant section contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/4 on recommendations and proposed budget for 1996, with a view to their approval.

The Director of REMPEC will introduce documents UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/13 "Medium Term Programme (1994-1997) of the activities of REMPEC", document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/14 "Recommendations concerning decisions and preparedness and response to maritime related accidents involving hazardous substances in Mediterranean port areas and their approaches", and document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/15 "Guidelines concerning the exchange of liaison officers between the Contracting Parties in case of response operations involving several states". The meeting will be invited to consider these documents with the view to their approval.

Agenda item 11.E: Environmentally sound management of the Mediterranean coastal zones

11.9 Environmentally sound management of the Mediterranean coastal zones

(a) Observation and systemic and prospective analysis of environment and development in the Mediterranean

The Blue Plan/Regional Activity Centre

The President and the Director of the Blue Plan/Regional Activity Centre (BP/RAC) will introduce the relevant section of document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/3 "Progress Report of the Executive Director". They will also introduce relevant

sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/4 on proposed programme budget for 1996 and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

The President of the BP/RAC will also introduce information document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/Inf.4 "Systemic and prospective analysis for sustainable development in the Mediterranean Region" and information document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/Inf.5 "Observation and evaluation of environment and development in the Mediterranean Region (preparatory phase)". The meeting is invited to take note of these documents.

(b) Coastal planning and management

The Priority Actions Programme/Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC)

The Acting Director of the Priority Actions Programme/Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC) will introduce the relevant section of document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/3 'Progress Report of the Executive Director'.

He will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/4, on proposed programme budget for 1996 and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

(c) Environment remote sensing

The Environment Remote Sensing/Regional Activity Centre(ERS/RAC)

The Director of the Environment Remote Sensing/Regional Activity Centre (ERS/RAC) will introduce the relevant section of document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/3 'Progress Report of the Executive Director'. He will also introduce relevant section contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/4, on proposed programme budget for 1996 and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

Agenda item 11.F: Implementation of the Protocol concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas (SPA Protocol) and the programme for Historic sites of common Mediterranean interest

11.10 Protection of the common Mediterranean heritage

(a) The Protocol concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas

The Specially Protected Areas/Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC)

The Director of the Specially Protected Areas/Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC) will introduce the relevant section of document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/3 "Progress Report of the Executive Director".

He will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/4 on proposed programme budget for 1996 and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

(b) Preservation of the coastal historic sites of common Mediterranean interest (100 Historic Sites)

The Director of the Atelier du Patrimoine, City of Marseille will introduce the relevant section of document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/3 "Progress report of the Executive director".

He will also introduce the relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/4 on proposed programme budget for 1996 and the relevant recommendations with a view to their approval.

Agenda item 12: Date and place of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 1996 and the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 1997

The meeting will be invited to consider the Secretariat's proposals to convene the Extraordinary meeting in 1996 and the Tenth Ordinary Meeting in 1997.

Agenda item 13: 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 14: Adoption of the report of the meeting

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

Agenda item 15: Closure of the meeting

The meeting is expected to close by 18.00 hours on Thursday, 8 June 1995.

Suggested Time Schedule

Date	Morning: 09.30 - 12.30	Afternoon: 14.30 - 17.30
Monday, 5 June 1995	Agenda item: 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Rules of procedure 3. Election of officers 4. Adoption of the Agenda 6. Revision of the Convention and Protocols 6.1 Amendments to the Convention	Agenda item: 6.2 Amendments to Dumping Protocol 6.3 SPA Protocol
Tuesday, 6 June 1995	Agenda item: 7. MAP Phase II 8. Priority Fields of Activities (1996-2005) 9. Barcelona Resolution	Agenda item: 5. Credentials 10. Progress Report of the Executive Director 11. Recommendations and budget for 1996: 11.A Implementation of the Barcelona Convention: 11.1 Programme coordination 11.2 Legal framework 11.3 Sustainable development 11.4 Information and training 11.5 State of Marine and Coastal Environment
Wednesday, 7 June 1995	Agenda item: 11.6 LBS and Dumping 11.7 Monitoring 11.8 REMPEC 11.9 (a) BP/RAC 11.9 (b) PAP/RAC 11.9 (c) ERS/RAC	Agenda item: 11.10 (a) SPA/RAC 11.10 (b) Historic Sites 12. Date and place of the next meetings 13. Other business
Thursday, 8 June 1995	Agenda item: 14. Adoption of the Report of the meeting 15. Closure of the meeting	Free
Coffee breaks: 11.00 a.m. and 16.00 p.m.		