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**MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN**

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

Montpellier, 1-4 July 1996

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

## Introduction

The Ninth Ordinary meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution (Barcelona, 5-8 June 1995) accepted the offer of France to host an Extraordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in Montpellier, 1-4 July 1996.

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, 1 July 1996 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, 1 July 1996, at the seat of the Regional Council of Languedoc Roussillon, Hôtel de la Région, Antigone, Montpellier, by the President elected by the Ninth Ordinary Meeting, H.E. Mr. Nouridine Benomar Alami, Minister of the Environment of Morocco. It is expected that the Minister of the Environment of France, H.E. Ms. Corinne Lepage, will welcome the Contracting Parties on behalf of her 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 as amended (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.

### 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 document UNEP(OCA)MED IG.8/1.

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 throughout 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:            Progress report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan in 1995/1996

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.8/3 on the progress report of the Executive Director. The meeting will be invited to consider and take note of the progress report.

Agenda item 7:            General discussion on the programme and budget of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP)

The meeting is expected to hear statements of the heads of delegations on the programme and budget of the Mediterranean Action Plan.

Agenda item 8:            Proposed recommendations and programme budget for 1997 and contributions by the Contracting Parties to the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF) for 1997

The Coordinator will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.8/4 "Recommendations and proposed budget for 1997". 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 Meeting of MAP National Focal Points (document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.111/6) and documents UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.8/5 "MED POL-Phase III - Programme for the Assessment and Control of Pollution in the Mediterranean Region (1996-2005)" and UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.8/6 "Draft Terms of Reference of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development" (MCSD).

Agenda item 9:            Date and place of the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties

The meeting will be invited to consider the exact dates of the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to be convened in Tunisia in 1997.

Agenda item 10:           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 11:      Adoption of the report of the meeting

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

Agenda item 12:      Closure of the meeting

The meeting is expected to be closed by the President at 18.00 hours on Thursday, 4 July 1996.

**ANNEX**

**Suggested Time Schedule**

Date	Morning: 09.30 - 12.30	Afternoon: 14.30 - 17.30
<b>Monday, 1 July 1996</b>	<b>Agenda item:</b> 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Rules of procedure 3. Election of officers 4. Adoption of the Agenda 6. Progress report of the Executive Director 7. General discussion on the programme and budget	<b>Agenda item:</b> 7. General discussion on the programme and budget
<b>Tuesday, 2 July 1996</b>	<b>Agenda item:</b> 8. Proposed recommendations and programme budget for 1997	<b>Agenda item:</b> 5. Credentials 8. Proposed recommendations and programme budget for 1997
<b>Wednesday, 3 July 1996</b>	<b>Agenda item:</b> 8. Proposed recommendations and programme budget for 1997	<b>Agenda item:</b> 8. Proposed recommendations and programme budget for 1997 9. Date and place of the Tenth Ordinary meeting of the Contracting Parties 10. Other business
<b>Thursday, 4 July 1996</b>	<b>Agenda item:</b>  <b>FREE</b>  (in order that the Secretariat prepares the report of the meeting)	<b>Agenda item:</b>  11. Adoption of the report of the meeting 12. Closure of the meeting
<b>Coffee breaks:</b> 11.00 a.m. and 16.00 p.m.		