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MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN

First Meeting of Government-designated Legal and
Technical Experts on the preparation of an appropriate
procedure for the determination of Liability and
Compensation for damage resulting from pollution of
the marine environment in the Mediterranean Sea Area.

Rijeka, Croatia, 23-25 September 1997

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with article 12 of the Barcelona Convention, which stipulates that the Contracting Parties "undertake to cooperate as soon as possible in the formulation and adoption of appropriate procedure for the determination of Liability and Compensation for damage resulting from pollution of the marine environment deriving from violations of the provisions of this Convention and applicable protocols", the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Barcelona, 5-8 June 1995 requested the Secretariat to prepare a proposal on a draft procedure for the determination of Liability and Compensation for damage resulting from pollution of the marine environment in the Mediterranean and to convene a meeting of Government-designated legal and technical experts to review this draft.

On the basis of this decision, the first Meeting of Government-designated legal and technical experts, will be held in Rijeka, Croatia, on 23-25 September 1997 upon the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Croatia.

Agenda Item 1 - Opening of the Meeting

The meeting will be opened at 10.00 hours on Tuesday, 23 September 1997, by the MAP Coordinator, representing the Executive Director of UNEP, who will also make an opening statement. It is also expected that a statement will be made by the representative of the host country.

Agenda Item 2 - Rules of Procedure

The rules of Procedure for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties shall apply *mutadis mutandis* to this meeting (document UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI)

Agenda Item 3 - Election of officers

In accordance with Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure, the meeting will elect its own Chairman, four Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. They will constitute the Bureau of the meeting (Rule 23).

Agenda Item 4 - Adoption of the agenda and organisation of work

A provisional agenda prepared by the Coordinator (Rule 10) has been circulated with the letter of invitation (UNEP(OCA)MED WG.117/1).

A proposed timetable is annexed to the present document. The morning of Thursday, 25 September is required by the Secretariat in order to prepare the text of the report of the meeting.

Agenda Item 5 - Examination of other draft of an appropriate procedure for the determination of Liability and Compensation for damage resulting from pollution of the marine environment in the Mediterranean Sea Area

The meeting will have before it document UNEP(OCA)MED WG.117/3 "draft of an appropriate procedure for the determination of Liability and Compensation for damage resulting from pollution of the marine environment in the Mediterranean Sea Area - proposal by the Secretariat". The Secretariat will introduce this document and the meeting is expected to thoroughly examine it in order to agree on a Common text to be submitted to the meeting of the Contracting Parties for its consideration.

Agenda Item 6 - Any other matters

The meeting may consider any other subject relevant to the Liability and Compensation issue.

Agenda Item 7 - Adoption of the Report of the meeting

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

Agenda Item 8 - Closure of the meeting

The meeting is expected to close by 18.00 hours on Thursday, 25 September 1997.

ANNEXSuggested Time Schedule

DATE	SESSION	AGENDA ITEM
Tuesday, 23 September	Morning (10.00-13.00)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
	Afternoon (14.30-17.30)	5 (continued),
Wednesday, 24 September	Morning (9.30-12.30)	5 (continued),
	Afternoon (14.30-17.30)	5 (concluded), 6
Thursday, 25 September	Morning	Free (to prepare the report of the meeting)
	Afternoon (15.00-18.00)	7, 8

Coffee Break: 11.00 hours
16.00 hours