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Introduction

1. The XV meeting of MED Unit and Regional Activity Centres on MAP programme was held in Athens at MAP premises, on 3-4 February 1998. All RAC Directors were present. All professional staff of MEDU were also present. The list of participants is contained in Annex I to this report.

Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting

2. The meeting was opened by Mr. L. Chabason, MAP Coordinator, who welcomed the participants. Mr. Chabason especially welcomed Mr. G. Benoit, the new Director of Blue Plan/RAC who replaced Mr. Glass as of January 1998. He also congratulated Mr. I. Trumbic who was appointed as of November 1997 Director of the Priority Actions Programme/RAC, replacing Mr. P. Reic.
3. Mr. Chabason announced to the meeting that he was just officially informed from the Headquarters in Nairobi of the appointment of Mr. Arab Hoballah, as Deputy Coordinator of MAP and of Mr. Francesco Saverio Civili, as MED POL Coordinator. Mr. Chabason, on behalf of all participants congratulated the two officials for their appointments.

Agenda item 2. Adoption of the Agenda

4. Mr. I. Dharat introduced the revised Agenda appeared in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.137/1/Rev.1. Following a proposal of the Director of the SPA/RAC, the meeting decided to add a sub item under item 3 entitled "1997 budget rephasing". Following a discussion the meeting approved the revised agenda which appears in Annex II to this report. The meeting also decided to conclude its work on 4 February 1998 at noon, in order to give time for individual contacts.

Agenda item 3. Review of the recommendations and programme budget for 1998-1999 as approved by the 10th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties

- a. Implementation of the recommendations and the programme budget
5. The discussion of this agenda item started with a tour de table during which all participants gave a briefing on the work of their Centre or programme:

REMPEC

6. Mr. J.C. Sainlos, the Director of REMPEC referred to the issue of the amendments to the Emergency Protocol. He stated that a discussion on this issue with IMO will take place at the end of March 1998. He suggested to prepare to this end a legal experts' meeting followed by the meeting of REMPEC focal points. The results will be presented to the next meeting of MAP focal points and then to the 10th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in Malta in October 1999.

7. Mr. Chabason informed the Director of REMPEC that the MAP Legal Advisor Mr. Raftopoulos would be at the disposal of the Centre for legal advice, and should be present from the beginning of this exercise.
8. The Director of REMPEC added that a project on port reception facilities will be launched this year, and he referred to the necessity of bilateral cooperation between the centres and the countries to enhance cooperation. In this regard, he mentioned the sub-regional cooperation of REMPEC with Italy and Slovenia and expressed the wish that the same be done with the Magreb countries. He added that the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation between Malta and REMPEC is imminent. This will set an example of cooperation on the policies to be followed for medium and long-term programme on bilateral cooperation.
9. On this subject Mr. Chabason stressed the importance of undertaking studies on oil activity risks (offshore, drilling, increased transport, pipelines,..) which is a very important issue for the region. As small countries have no resources to undertake these studies and to have an assessment of risks, therefore, the promotion of regional cooperation in this field becomes more acute. He also added that it is important that bilateral operational agreements are signed, and he particularly mentioned sensitive areas in Mediterranean in case of accidents, like the Aegean Sea. Operational studies, analyzing the problems should be undertaken by REMPEC and BP in order to validate the interventions of MAP in future and in order to assist countries to prevent and control potential risks.
10. The REMPEC director pointed out that risks associated with transport are covered by other multilateral and bilateral agreements and not within the mandate of the Centre. The Centre's main role is to help countries to develop their capabilities.
11. Mr. Sainlos also informed the meeting that the transfer of REMPEC offices to new premises is in progress and hopes that the inauguration could take place during the 11th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Blue Plan

12. The new full-time Director of Blue Plan Mr. Guillaume Benoit, an Agronomist and Forestry Expert, introduced himself, and expressed the wish that efficient cooperation among the centres will be strengthened especially with PAP/RAC. He informed the participants that a Scientific Director Ms. Aline Comeau, also seconded by the French Government, has taken up her duties as from January 1998. He particularly referred to the organisation of workshops, during 1998 especially on tourism. Other fields that he wishes to be enhanced is the dissemination of information. At this point he referred to the problem of the translation of the various Blue Plan brochures, studies and fascicules addressed to the public.
13. A discussion followed and various ideas were expressed on the best way to have good quality of translations with the most economically way. Different proposals were made by the participants, such as to have a translation pool or to have translations done in countries with lower cost. All agreed to investigate more on this subject. The Coordinator

stressed the need for rapid production of BP material in different languages in order to encourage discussion on the level of the Mediterranean region.

14. The Blue Plan Deputy Director Mr. A. Hoballah, pointed out that fascicules were generally prepared by former experts at a very low cost. A new fascicule on Agriculture will be launched soon whereas the former ones on Forest and on Water will be reviewed and re-edited.
15. On the activity relevant to observatory and indicators, the Deputy Director of Blue Plan mentioned that additional funds from LIFE programme were provided. Funds from METAP for environmental performance indicators and the organisation of a workshop were also provided. A workshop on tourism within the framework of the MCSD is planned for next September, as well as two sub-region workshops on indicators during 1998.

PAP/RAC

16. The Director of PAP/RAC Mr. I. Trumbic informed the meeting that a Guidelines on rain fall induced erosions processes in the Mediterranean coastal areas has been produced. A document on "Integrated approach to develop, manage and use of water resources" has been also produced. He added that preparation of guidelines is a very important but costly activity (water resources guidelines, legal guidelines for coastal areas, guidelines for rehabilitation of historic sites). He referred to the activities concerning the assessment of carrying capacity for tourism, to water resources management, and to the collaboration of METAP/MAP on coastal management in the Mediterranean.
17. He also informed the meeting on the Centre's contribution to the MCSD as far as tourism is concerned, in collaboration with Spain, and referred to the review meeting held last month in Israel concerning the CAMP project.

SPA/RAC

18. The Director of the SPA/RAC Mr. Mohamed Saied referring to the activities of his Centre, pointed out that within the preparation of the two main experts meetings one on the implementation of the action plan for the threatened species adopted within MAP, and the second on classification of marine habitat types in Mediterranean to be convened by RAC/SPA in 1998, several documents are under preparation.
19. He informed the meeting that a fourth action plan on marine vegetation will be prepared for submission to the next focal point meeting as well as the other outputs of the two experts meetings. He added that in order to enhance public awareness, a mobile exhibition presenting technical material will be developed. A home page for a web site is being prepared.
20. Moreover he noted that field activities will be developed in 1998 (missions, cruises and specific training sessions) and assistance to Contracting Parties will be provided, taking into account the marine biology in the establishment of the national strategies in the field of biodiversity.

ERS/RAC

21. The Director of the ERS/RAC Mr Michele Raimondi referred to the activities of his Centre and in particular to the good progress of its intervention in the Israeli CAMP, as well as to the capacity building initiative and the related meeting to be held in Egypt on 8 March 1998, which has been planned with the aim of laying the foundations for future cooperation with Egypt, applying possibly to MEDA for financing. Moreover he mentioned that the Centre is committed to the setting up of synergies with the European Commission, Joint Research Centre Directorate, for submitting projects for funding on crop monitoring, coastal areas observation, desertification assessment, dissemination of information, and with the RAMOGE Agreement's countries and with the European Space Agency for oil spill monitoring. He stressed that the euro-mediterranean strategy and MEDA seem to be the most promising programme for funding new initiatives and that they should be primarily taken into consideration.
22. Finally he expressed the wish that in order to avoid duplication of work, in particular in the CAMPS, a better coordination and a more frequent exchange of information and reports should be pursued with the other RACs and MEDU.

CP/RAC

23. The Director of the CP/RAC Mr. Victor Macià referred to the activities of his Centre, underlining the two experts meetings held in Barcelona and the launching of a newsletter called CPNews as a tool to keep all the CP/RAC National Focal Points informed about the activities carried out by the others.
24. He also referred to the recommendations issued from those two experts meetings that denote the interest of most countries in promoting cleaner production among industrial sectors and the expectations they have on the CP/RAC role that go far away from the scheduled activities of the centre. Same comments were also expressed about some of the recommendations addressed to the CP/RAC in the recent Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties, mainly the ones referred to the collaboration of the centre with the MCSD, the implementation of LBS Protocol, the SAP, as well as the activities that would be convenient to be developed out of Spain.
25. In accordance with these comments, he asked the Coordinator to fix and agree with the Spanish Government on the activities to be financed by the host country, the limits of the CP/RAC role and the ways to reach the objectives agreed upon.

MED POL

26. Mr. F.S. Civili introduced this item and in particular gave detailed information on the activities related to trend monitoring, compliance monitoring, biological effects monitoring and in the GEF project which will represent a big boost for MAP activities, and in particular for the implementation of the SAP. In the new phase of MED POL, close cooperation with CP/RAC will be pursued. Concerning cooperation with other donors, he informed the meeting that MAP will try to get funds

from the EU to organize a meeting of national experts for the adoption of guidelines, for the management of dredged material in line with the new Dumping Protocol.

27. Concerning MAP's cooperation with GEF, Mr Chabason pointed out that the SAP document was adopted by the Tunis meeting and the 6 million dollar project will start being implemented after its final approval by the GEF authorities. The project was faced with some difficulties concerning the eligibility of participation to the project of certain countries, namely Libya. The problems were solved and finally Libya is eligible to be part of the project. He continued by stating that GEF requested to include biodiversity and fisheries among the items funded through SAP. After a long discussion during the MAP/GEF Coordinators meeting (Athens, 22-23 January 1998), it was recommended that a complimentary SAP project of \$ 350,000, which finally will be increased to \$ 500/600,000, on biodiversity will be prepared, which will be managed by MEDU(SPA/RAC). The Director of SPA/RAC suggested that a decision on this subject is to be taken during the meeting of SPA focal points, and presented to the next meeting of the Contracting Parties through the Bureau.
28. The Coordinator pointed out that, in restructuring MED POL, the functions of the vacant post of Marine Scientist (P.4) will be redefined, and that the autonomy of MED POL within the framework of MEDU should be discussed. In response, the meeting was informed that by the end of spring of 1998, the restructuring of MED POL will be finalized and a new organigram would be provided.
29. After the general briefings, the meeting had in front of it table (No.4) with the recommendations derived from the 10th Ordinary meeting (Tunis 18-21 November 1997). The table was prepared by the Med Unit and contained tasks assigned to each of the professional staff as well as to RACs. Mr. L. Chabason, MAP Coordinator, referring to this table mentioned that this is a guide for the 1998-1999 biennium. The meeting briefly reviewed the main recommendations as contained in Table (No. 4). See Annex III to this report:
30. On recommendation I, on the issue of the strengthening of MEDU's cooperation with the UNCSD, the Deputy Director of BP/RAC referred to the cooperation between the MCSD and UNCSD. He pointed out that in certain working groups of UNCSD, sustainable development indicators for example, MCSD can fully participate, and he has already been invited to this group. Mr. Chabason informed the meeting that the MCSD would be represented in the UNCSD only through the UNEP delegation. He added that he will officially requests that MCSD participates in the works of the forthcoming sixth meeting of the UNCSD (New York, 20 April - 01 May 1998).
31. On the recommendation 7 requesting MAP to contact UNEP and IMO (for REMPEC) for better utilization of the programme support cost for financing and administration of these structures, the Coordinator pointed out that as MEDU is not managing REMPEC, the possibility for IMO to share the cost of the salary of an administrative officer for REMPEC from their share of the 13% of the programme support costs should be envisaged. The Director of the Centre Mr. Sainlos was of the opinion that IMO was not in a position to share an administrative cost with UNEP

for this purpose. He also referred to the fact that IMO and REMPEC have been trying to persuade countries to second personnel to REMPEC. At the end of the discussion on this part, it was agreed that the matter will be raised by Mr. Sainlos with IMO, and the Coordinating Unit will be informed consequently on the results. The Coordinator pointed out that it is within his duty to follow-up the recommendations of the Contracting Parties and to report back on the results.

32. On the legal component, the subject of recommendation 10, the Coordinator pointed out that the legal structure of MAP will stay as it is now, by using the services of a consultant.

MEDU, MEDPOL and RAC's Structure

33. The Secretariat distributed Table No. 6 on the Tunis Meeting recommendations related to the issue of MEDU, MED POL, and RAC structure (see Annex IV to this report). The Coordinator briefly went through all recommendations explaining what is needed to be done, requesting comments from the participants on these recommendations.
34. On the issue of delegation of responsibility to RAC for representing MAP in other fora, it was stressed that when representing MAP, a clear sign referring to MAP such as "Barcelona Convention" should be requested.
35. On the issue of assessment of the activities of the RACs and other MAP programme, the Coordinator stated that MEDU will start an assessment of the Blue Plan (BP/RAC). The consultant who will do the job should be carefully selected with clear terms of reference and fixed timetable.
36. On the financial auditing of the RACs, MEDU will start the exercise with the Historic Sites programme and PAP/RAC during 1998 and with SPA/RAC during 1999. Mr. F. Tissot will be responsible for this exercise.
37. The issue of signing of country agreements between UNEP and the countries hosting the Regional Activity Centres was discussed. It was pointed out that agreements or formal exchange of letters are to be prepared for all RACs. Some speakers pointed out that the formal exchange of letters does not have the legal status as that of the agreement, and this should be taken into consideration. Therefore, some suggested that it is preferable to have a host country agreement rather than a simple letter. Mr. Chabason said that first we will contact Nairobi to have the view of the Headquarters and if no objection, the solution could be either a host country agreement or just exchanging of letters for particular RACs. Finally, it was agreed to start the preparation of agreements or exchange of letters with the Centres lacking such document (BP/RAC, ERS/RAC and CP/RAC).
38. On the issue of MAP national focal points, it was proposed by ERS/RAC that the secretariat requests the governments to renew the mandate of their national focal points, as sometimes governments are not appropriately represented. The situation is better with other focal points, such BP, PAP, MED POL, SPA and REMPEC. The concept of a "MAP national committee" could be re-explored and proposed to the Contracting Parties. ERS/RAC pointed that while other centres can sustain cost of the meeting of their NFPs, ERS/RAC is not in a position to cover these costs, therefore, a solution must be found.

39. On recommendation concerning the recruitment of a Deputy Director of PAP/RAC, the Coordinator pointed out that for the posts of Deputy Directors of PAP and BP the vacancy announcements should be circulated to all Med countries through the MEDU.

b. Follow-up of CAMP projects

40. A discussion on the follow-up of the closed and the on-going CAMP projects took place as follows:

General Status of CAMP projects

41. Mr. I. Dharat distributed a chart on the status of the various CAMP projects and the responsible liaison officer for each project (Annex V) to this report. He gave a very quick briefing on each of the projects and referred, in particular, to the issue of follow-up to the closed as well as to the on-going projects. He stated that authorities responsible for the CAMP projects of Syria, Greece (Rhodes), Albania and Egypt (Fuka-Matrouh) have repeatedly expressed their interest for a follow-up action to these projects. As the experience of Donors' Conference to deal with this issue, has not been a positive one, therefore, he suggested to take a different approach in the future. The chances are good in collaborating with the newly adopted by the Helsinki Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference (28 November 1997), of the "Short and Medium-Term Priority Environmental Action Programme" (SMAP) within the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership.
42. Concrete project documents could be prepared by MAP and the relevant countries implementing CAMP projects and submitted to the European Commission (MEDA), for financing selected follow-up activities taking into due consideration the five priority fields of action selected by SMAP: integrated water management, waste management, hot spots, integrated coastal zone management and desertification. Biodiversity, having an intersectoral character, is dealt within the framework of these five fields.
43. Finally, he pointed out that the forthcoming Cairo Workshop to assess ICAM activities in the Mediterranean (tentatively, 15-16 April 1998), would be a good opportunity to address the follow-up issue as well as to solicit potential partners to this exercise.
44. A general exchange of views took place on the follow-up of CAMP projects, during which various ideas and proposals were suggested:
- It was pointed out that there exist organizations and programmes which could finance large projects related to CAMP activities in the fields of coastal management, protected areas, training, capacity building and pollution control (SMAP, EIB, GEF, METAP).
 - Setting up of multidisciplinary teams including potential partners, to review closed and on-going CAMP projects for any follow-up activities, particularly CAMP projects in Albania, Syria, Egypt.

- The meeting in Cairo next April on the assessment of ICAM activities in the Mediterranean region could be the starting point for a consolidated future collaboration between MAP and potential partners. This exercise is considered to be a major political challenge for MAP to create a real joint collaboration involving all relevant organizations and programmes, and this what MAP representatives to the Cairo meeting should propose and achieve.
 - It was also suggested that the follow-up issue should be integrated at the outset of any CAMP project, and potential partners should be involved from the beginning of the project.
 - concerning the duration of a CAMP project, it was stressed that a time duration, not exceeding three years is to be followed. Another view was expressed to the effect that CAMP projects could continue for a longer period, because the activities involved could last longer, such as undertaking environmental studies.
 - Need to make careful selection of activities to be covered by any CAMP project and avoid the old check-list procedure.
 - Need to involve all RAC directors in a regular manner.
45. At the end of the discussion on this agenda item, the meeting decided that a one-day meeting of MEDU and RAC Directors should be organized immediately before the Cairo meeting on the assessment of ICAM (April 1998), for the main purpose of reviewing MAP position on the issue of the follow-up of CAMP projects, and define a MAP strategy towards potential donors. A position paper reflecting the MAP experience in this field with suggestions, keeping all options open, would be prepared by PAP/RAC for this one-day meeting. The paper should be ready at least 15 days before the Cairo meeting.
46. The Coordinator of MAP expressed the view that MEDU will not be able to manage all CAMP projects, due to the heavy workload already being shouldered by the office. He proposed and the meeting accepted that PAP/RAC, due to the various relevant subjects it is handling, and to its previous experience in this field, would be the suitable centre to undertake the responsibility of the overall coordination of CAMP projects, under the overall supervision of the Athens Office.
47. The following is a brief status of each individual CAMP project:
- Fuka-Matrouh (Egypt)
48. Mr. Dharat briefed the meeting on his contacts with the Egyptian authorities concerning this project, during his mission to Egypt (December 1997). This project is very important for Egypt and they need concrete recommendations in order to assist them in the enforcement of the 1994 Environmental Law, in that area which is witnessing an uncontrollable and unsustainable development situation. He stated that the Egyptian authorities have insisted that the final Presentation Conference of the Fuka-Matrouh project should take place in May/June 1998 at the latest.

Sfax (Tunisia)

49. The Director of SPA/RAC briefed the meeting on this CAMP. He pointed out that a technical presentation meeting will take place during the second half of April 1998. A final Presentation Conference is to be convened during 1998, with the participation of national and regional authorities.

Algeria

50. Mr. Hoballah informed the meeting that the changes of the government structure was the reason for the delaying in any tangible progress. Nevertheless, a feasibility study has already been prepared by a BP consultant, and it is now in the hands of the Algerian authorities for their comments.

Morocco

51. Mr. Civili pointed out that a report prepared by Moroccan experts on the identification of the potential role of the CAMP in the management of the zone of Al-Hoceima, had been circulated to all RACs for comments. He urged the RACs who had not done so to provide their comments as urgently as possible so that a draft workplan and agreement could be proposed.

Slovenia

52. This project is at its very early stage. PAP/RAC is in contact with the Slovenian authorities on this issue.

Lebanon

53. Mr. I. Dharat informed the meeting that Lebanon is to start with a feasibility study, though it is undefined who will be responsible for this project, a matter which will be solved when the new Deputy Coordinator assumes his duties.

Israel

54. The Director of PAP/RAC informed the meeting on a review mission undertaken last month in Israel. The national strategy on sustainable development is progressing slowly. It is expected that the project will be completed during 1998.

Malta

55. The Director of PAP/RAC stated that the first report on the feasibility study was delayed due to administrative problems (change of government). Now the report is almost ready. It is hoped that by the end of next month an agreement will be ready for signature by MAP and the government of Malta. Now the project is progressing well after the administrative changes.

c. Reporting System

56. A draft of an integrated system on reporting based on legal documents (Convention, MED POL, protocols) has been prepared by Prof. E. Scicluna (Malta). The reporting system deriving from legal obligations of the Contracting Parties was not presented in Tunis as the final forms were not ready on time. It is, therefore, suggested to recruit a consultant to finalize it by proposing certain forms and to send it to the MAP Focal Points for their comments before presenting it to the next meeting of the Contracting Parties in 1999. All RACs would be involved in this exercise in order to have a unified reporting system for all MAP activities.

d. MAP relations with the Secretariats for the Biodiversity and the Desertification Conventions and other Secretariats

Biodiversity Convention

57. The Coordinator pointed out that the Fourth Meeting of the parties to the Biodiversity Convention (CBD) to be held in Bratislava on 4-15 May 1998 will be an opportunity to present MAP and exchange views on future collaboration between MAP and the Biodiversity Secretariat. He added that it should also be examined whether global conventions are willing to associate themselves at regional level.
58. After a brief exchange of views, it was agreed that SPA/RAC would represent MAP and to follow-up the work of Biodiversity Secretariat, under the overall supervision of the Coordinating Unit in Athens.

Desertification Convention

59. The Director of PAP/RAC gave a briefing on the Desertification Convention and the expected role to be played by his Centre. The meeting agreed that PAP/RAC would be the responsible Centre to follow-up the work of the Desertification Secretariat, under the overall supervision of the Coordinating Unit in Athens.

MAP cooperation with other Secretariats

60. It was pointed out by various participants that Regional Activity Centres should strengthen their relations with other Secretariats in full coordination with the Coordinating Unit. At this point the Coordinator pointed out that he will attend a meeting organized by the Secretariat of the Basel Convention in Malaysia, (Kuching, 23-27 February 1998) on hazardous wastes, which also relates to the Izmir Protocol on Hazardous Wastes. He pointed out that certain countries are not at ease with the hazardous wastes protocol as they expressed the opinion that the Mediterranean hazardous wastes protocol is not compatible with some provisions of the Law of the Sea Convention. He added that the Izmir meeting on the Mediterranean protocol has given rise to positive and negative reactions. There are certain problems of regional protocols linked to Conventions. However, he pointed out that we have to defend the Izmir protocol and see it ratified.

61. As far as the Lugano Convention on liability and compensation is concerned, which is the basis for the Brijuni meeting (September 1997) on Liability and Compensation, Mr. Chabason informed the meeting that the Lugano Convention has not been ratified yet. On this context, MEDU will hold a second meeting of the legal and technical experts, in 1999, on liability and compensation when new elements, such as like the ratification of the Lugano Convention appear.
 62. Concerning cooperation with the Bern Convention, MEDU maintains good relations with the Bern Secretariat which is associated with the activities of SPA/RAC and PAP/RAC. MEDU will also extend its activities and collaboration with the RAMOGE Convention.
 63. The Director of CP/RAC stated that the Oslo and Paris Convention (OSPARCOM) has just come into force and wished to follow the works of this Convention. As the issue of participation requires financial resources, Mr. Macia informed the meeting that the Spanish government will assist financially the CP/RAC to undertake this collaboration.
 64. The Senior Programme Officer Mr. G.P. Gabrielides briefed the meeting on MEDU's cooperation with the European Environment Agency noting especially the preparation of the Mediterranean Report and MAP's participation in the Inter-Regional Forum. He pointed out that cooperation will be enhanced in the future in the field of biomonitoring, assessment tools, joint organization of workshops and that an MOU will be signed to formalize the cooperation.
 65. Mr. Chabason informed the meeting that the field of information will be an issue that the new Deputy Coordinator will be dealing with. The Coordinating Unit will try to solicit funds from the EC (around \$ 60,000) for a brochure in order to promote environmental issues. The brochure on the style of the World Bank publications, with "success stories" will be launched in cooperation with countries and the RACs to present success activities having positive results on the Mediterranean region.
 66. The First Officer, Marine Scientist, Mr. Civili also informed the meeting that a special issue of MEDWAVES on "The Year of Oceans" will be published, with the support of RACs. He also referred to the home page of MEDU in the Internet is gradually improved.
- e. MAP policy towards recruitment of Consultants
67. The Coordinator reminded the meeting that during their 10th Ordinary Meeting, the Contracting Parties adopted a decision requesting that consultants and experts recruited by RACs shall be selected in full consultation with MEDU and the principle of diversification of nationalities of the recruited consultant should be duly observed.
 68. There was a long discussion on the subject of the selection of consultants by MEDU and the centres. One point that was stressed was that of the geographical representation. The Coordinator emphasized that we should adhere to the recommendations of the meetings of the Contracting Parties concerning the geographical distribution in selecting consultants and also to be careful during the selection process. The experience of the recruitment of consultants for the GEF

latest project should be kept in mind. A list of parameters should be drafted which will take into consideration the geographical representation, qualifications, quality, capability to keep deadlines, previous experience of a centre with the consultant. . Various views were expressed on this point stressing that a consultant should meet the standard of the international organizations. It was suggested that a roster with names of consultants could be advisable. A two speed groups of consultant was also proposed. Others felt it is difficult to apply a unified rules for all centres to follow. However, certain general rules can be accepted for all centres.

69. The Deputy Director of the Blue Plan Mr. Hoballah, mentioned at this point that in preparing the terms of reference we have to provide the consultant with all necessary means to carry out his work and to be specific with our requirements. It is good to refer to "key elements" when preparing a roster. As far as the remuneration is concerned, it is advisable to pay only 1/4 of the fee in advance and the rest upon satisfactory completion of the contract. Also the responsible officer has to spend some time with the consultant before, during and after the assignment.
 70. The Director of Blue Plan Mr. Benoit said consultants should be professionals and not people who currently hold high positions in their countries. The Director of PAP/RAC mentioned that specific rules on the evaluation of the work of the consultant should be established.
 71. The Director of SPA/RAC noted while it would be interesting to have a roster of potential consultants, possibly organized in two levels, it would however be important to maintain some flexibility, particularly for cases where qualified experts are needed at short notice.
 72. Mr. F. Tissot, Fund/Administrative Officer, stated that the United Nations regulations on consultants could be provided and be at the disposal of the responsible officers.
 73. Finally, it was also pointed out that the main objective of recruiting a consultant is to produce an output which would be for the benefit of the countries of the region. The issue of opening the opportunity for young people to be recruited as consultants should also be explored.
- f. Unclosed projects and rephasing of 1997 unspent funds**
74. Mr. F. Tissot briefed the meeting on the status of the 1998-1999 budget and the new format for the new project. He pointed out that only SPA/RAC and PAP/RAC have prepared the requested new project document with a duration of 24 months. He informed the meeting that authorization to spend has been granted, with 50% of funds to be allocated to administration including salaries and 30% to activities. The title and the number of the new project has been also changed.
 75. With regard to the six unclosed projects, he pointed out that some projects are still not closed. He urged the relevant centres to speed up the closing process.

76. On the rephasing of the unspent funds, he pointed out that it is not possible to rephase funds from previous years to 1998 on 31 December 1997, the old project has been formally closed. However requests received before the end of 1997 for rephasing of funds allocated to activities that could not be implemented due to unforeseen reasons, have been granted.
77. A discussion on this issue took place, during which it was stated that some centres are facing difficulties with this situation and they have to do some rephasing from 1997 unspent funds. They recommended that a flexible approach should be envisaged to deal with this issue. An authorization, therefore, is needed. All speakers stressed that these funds should not be lost for the centres.
78. At the end of the debate on this issue, it was agreed that the unspent funds can be used for activities in 1998. A supplementary project, in addition to the new 1998-1999 project, will be prepared to cover the unspent funds.
79. Mr. Tissot informed the meeting that a fax has been received from Headquarters expressing its concern about the long delay in submitting the six-monthly progress reports. This issue need to be taken into due consideration by all RAC centres and MEDU professionals as the auditors have in the recent audits pointed out the lack of submission or delays of receipt by UNEP of progress reports. The meeting took note of this request.

Agenda item 4: Relations between MAP and the EC, Euro-Mediterranean partnership, METAP, GEF

80. Mr. F. S. Civili informed the meeting that there was an interest of DG XII to cooperate with MAP concerning research. DG XII had in fact asked for a list of MAP subjects on which research is needed, to identify how it could assist MAP in this respect.
81. Mr. Hoballah informed the meeting that during a METAP meeting in Slovenia, which was attended by few countries, many delegations commented about the future role of METAP, due to its reduced budget, since it was initially started.
82. With regard to MAP relations with the Euro-Mediterranean partnership, the report of the Helsinki conference, which includes the SMAP, was distributed to participants. The Coordinator pointed out that he represented MAP in the Conference. A good chance for collaboration with EC on this matter is available. SMAP could be considered a good financing programme for MAP. He suggested to launch, during the Cairo meeting on ICAM assessment, a dialogue with all Mediterranean partners with a view to improve communications and strengthen coordination with them. MAP is now, in good position to enter in such a dialogue with all relevant partners.
83. With regard to cooperation with the European Union, Mr. F.S. Civili, pointed out that EU is ready to finance (around \$ 60,000) the preparation and production of a booklet on MAP, on the style of the World Bank publications.

Agenda item 5: Preparation for the Consultation Meeting of the Task Managers of the MCSD (Athens, 5 February 1998)

84. At the outset of the discussion of this agenda item, a general exchange of views on the conceptual framework and the method of work of the Task Managers and the Thematic Working Group took place. In this regard, various points were raised. It was stated that the objective of the whole exercise is not very clear in the mind of some task managers and their supporting organizations and the main objective of the Task Managers meeting should be the clarification of this point. An added-value with realistic recommendations and with defined target dates would be the main target of the work of these groups.
85. As we can see in some cases, there are more than a single Task Manager, a matter which created confusion and lacked coordination. Therefore, it was suggested that in future, there should be no more than one or two Task Managers for any selected theme. Moreover, Task Managers should be competent in their field of competence.
86. A well defined programme document with targets and deadlines on each theme should be prepared at the very beginning of the exercise.
87. It was noticed that some Task Managers have not arranged for any meeting of their Thematic Working Group, a matter which could be raised and questioned during the forthcoming meeting of the Commission. Therefore, it was emphasized that at least one general meeting should be organized for each Thematic Working Group, before the meeting of the MCSD, with the participation of all its members and relevant organizations.
88. During the general exchange of views, Mr. I. Dharat identified 13 general conceptual points related to the work of the Task Managers and the Thematic Working Groups. The meeting agreed to include them as an annex to its report for their consideration during a RAC meeting (Annex VI to this report).
89. After the general exchange of views, the meeting heard brief presentations by the supporting RACs concerning each theme.
90. At the end of the discussion, the Coordinator stressed that only technical issues should be discussed during the Consultation Meeting of MAP and Task Managers (Athens, 5 February 1998)
91. A table on the composition of the Task Managers and the Thematic Working Group as approved by the 10th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties was distributed (Annex VII to this report).

Agenda item 6: Calendar of meetings during 1998 and 1999

92. The Secretariat distributed a draft Calendar of meetings to be organized within the framework of MAP during 1998 and requested comments and inputs. The calendar as amended is contained in Annex VIII to this report.
93. The Secretariat also distributed for information a calendar of other relevant regional and international meetings (Annex IX to this report).

Agenda item 7: Any other matters

94. The Coordinator informed the participants that a draft report of the meeting will be sent to all participants for comments before its finalization and distribution.
95. No other issues were raised during the discussion.

Agenda item 8: Closure of the meeting

96. The Coordinator thanked all RAC Directors and MEDU staff for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 13.30 hrs on 4 February 1998.

ANNEX I

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ANNEX II

AGENDA

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Review of the recommendations and programme budget for 1998-1999 as approved by the 10th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties:
 - a. Implementation of recommendations and programme budget
 - b. Follow-up of CAMP projects
 - c. Reporting system
 - d. MAP relations with the Secretariats for the Biodiversity and the Desertification Conventions and other Secretariats
 - e. MAP policy towards recruitment of consultants
 - f. Unclosed projects and 1997 budget rephasing
4. Relations between MAP, EC, the Euro-Mediterranean partnership, METAP and GEF
5. Preparation for the Consultation meeting of the Task Managers of the MCSD (Athens, 5 February 1998).
6. Calendar of MAP meetings during 1998 and 1999
7. Any other matters
8. Closure of the meeting

**TASKS DERIVING FROM THE RECOMMENDATIONS (to the Secretariat)
OF THE 10TH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES
(as of 30 January 1998, Fourth Version)**

NO.	TASK	REFERENCE	QUOTE	RESPONSIBILITY	NOTES
1.	MEDU will strengthen its cooperation with: a) UNCSD b) FAO c) UN Dept. of the Law of the Sea d) EU e) Euro-Med. Partnership f) Research (DG XII/MAST and ICSEM) g) GEF h) METAP i) IUCN	I. MEDUNIT, 1	To invite the Secretariat (MEDU) to further strengthen its cooperation with relevant United Nations Agencies and other intergovernmental organisations, especially with EU, GEF, METAP and IUCN, for the benefit of the environment and sustainable development in the Mediterranean.	a) ID (UNCSD) b) GPG (FAO) c) ID (UN Dept. of the Law of the Sea) d) FSC (EU) e) LC/AD (Euro-Med. Partnership) f) FSC (Research -DG XII/MAST and ICSEM) g) FSC (GEF) h) LC/AH (METAP) i) LC/SPA (IUCN)	
2.	MEDU will strengthen its cooperation and coordination with NGOs and support them in the field of public information and participation.	I. MEDUNIT, 2	To invite the Secretariat (MEDU) to further strengthen its cooperation and coordination with relevant non-governmental organisations, providing them with the necessary support, in particular in the field of public information and participation.	ID	
3.	MEDU will strengthen its cooperation and coordination with: a) Convention on BioDiversity b) Basel Convention c) Lugano Convention d) Meetings of Convention Secretariats e) Bern Convention f) Bonn Convention g) Black Sea Secretariat h) OSPARCOM i) HELCOM j) RAMOGE ? k) Desertification Convention	I. MEDUNIT, 3	To invite the Secretariat (MEDU) to strengthen its cooperation and coordination with the relevant Secretariats of environmental Conventions with a view to avoiding overlapping and duplication of work, and benefiting from their programmes.	a) ID/SPA (Conv. on BioDiversity) b) ID/FSC (Basel Conv.) c) ID (Lugano Conv.) d) LC/GPG (Meetings of Conv. Secretariats) e) LC/SPA (Bern Conv.) f) LC/SPA (Bonn Conv.) g) FSC (Black Sea Sec.) h) FSC (OSPARCOM) i) FSC (HELCOM) j) FSC (RAMOGE) k) ID/PAP (Desert. Conv.)	

NO.	TASK	REFERENCE	QUOTE	RESPONSIBILITY	NOTES
4.	MEDU will strengthen its cooperation with the CE and the UN/ECE in the framework of the Environment for Europe process: a) Developments on the coastal zones b) Strategy on biodiversity and landscape c) Activities of the Bureau	I. MEDUNIT, 4	To invite the Secretariat (MEDU) to further strengthen its cooperation with the Council of Europe and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE), especially in the framework of the Environment for Europe process.	a) LC/IT (Dev. on the coastal zones) b) LC/SPA (Strategy on biodiversity and landscape) c) LC (Activities of the Bureau)	
5.	MEDU will strengthen its relationships with the EEA on the issue of the state of the Mediterranean Environment.	I. MEDUNIT, 5	To invite the Secretariat (MEDU) to strengthen relationships with the European Environment Agency (EEA), in particular on the issue of the state of the Mediterranean environment.	GPG/FSC/BP	
6.	MEDU will initiate cooperation and coordination with the Secretariat of the Arab League Council of Ministers in charge of the environment.	I. MEDUNIT, 6	To invite the Secretariat (MEDU) to initiate cooperation and coordination with the Secretariat of the Arab League Council of Ministers in charge of the environment.	ID	
7.	MEDU will assist the CPs to incorporate MAP legal instruments in their national regulations.	I. MEDUNIT, 8	To invite the Secretariat (MEDU) to assist the Contracting Parties to incorporate, as relevant as possible, MAP legal instruments in their national regulations:	ID	
8.	MEDU will develop its work towards assisting the MCSD to smoothly discharge its work.	I. MEDUNIT, 9	To invite the Secretariat (MEDU), acting as the Secretariat for the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development, to further develop its work towards assisting the Commission to smoothly discharge its work.	ID/AH	
9.	MEDU will elaborate and present to the Bureau a concrete action programme in the field of information within the MAP system.	I. MEDUNIT, 10	To invite the Secretariat (MEDU) to elaborate and present to the Bureau of the Contracting Parties a concrete action programme in the field of information within the MAP system.	FSC/AA	Pending arrival of the Deputy Coord.; some money from EU is available.
10.	MEDU will take the necessary action to make MAP and its legal instruments better known.	I. MEDUNIT, 11	To invite the Secretariat (MEDU) to take the necessary action to make MAP and its legal instruments better known in the Mediterranean region as well as outside the region.	FSC/AD	
11.	MEDU will finalise the draft system of coherent reporting for the Bureau to review and take the necessary decisions.	I. MEDUNIT, 12	To request the Secretariat (MEDU) to finalise the draft system of coherent reporting, requested by the last meeting of the Contracting Parties (Montpellier, July 1996) and authorise its Bureau to review the revised draft on reporting system to be prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of the various comments made during the debate on this subject and take the necessary decisions.	FSC	

NO.	TASK	REFERENCE	QUOTE	RESPONSIBILITY	NOTES
12.	MEDU will continue to combine information on "liability and compensation", and will hold a second meeting of legal and technical experts.	I. MEDUNIT, 13	In view of the work of the First meeting of Government-designated legal and technical experts on the preparation of appropriate rules and procedures for the determination of liability and compensation for damage resulting from pollution of the marine environment in the Mediterranean Sea Area, held in Brijuni from 23 to 25 September 1997, to request the Secretariat to continue to combine information on international experience in this field and to hold a second meeting of legal and technical experts to identify appropriate innovative approaches for the development of such rules and procedures which could be readily applied in the region.	ID	
13.	MEDU will suggest concrete proposals concerning the follow-up of CAMP projects.	I. MEDUNIT, 14	To invite the Secretariat to suggest concrete proposals concerning the follow-up of existing and completed CAMP projects.	ID/PAP	
14.	MEDU will incorporate the proposals of the MCSD and the activities identified by the CPs in MAP's programme of activities, and will draw up a list of priority projects and activities with a time frame.	I. MEDUNIT, 15	To incorporate the proposals of the MCSD in MAP's programme of activities and to draw up a list of priority projects and activities with, as far as possible, a time frame for actions at the regional, national and local levels in connection with the proposals of the MCSD and in coherence with the activities identified by the Contracting Parties.	-	Come back when the recom. of MCSD are checked.
15.	MEDU will inform the European Union, including its EuroMediterranean Partnership, METAP, the UN bodies, CEDARE and other international actors of MCSD's proposals and the list of priority projects and activities for these to be included in their own programmes and to provide additional financial resources.	I. MEDUNIT, 16	To inform the other international actors and programmes concerned with the Mediterranean region (such as the European Union, including its EuroMediterranean Partnership, and METAP, the United Nations bodies, CEDARE, etc) of MCSD's proposals and the list of priority projects and activities in order to encourage them to take them into account in their own programmes and to provide, if possible, additional financial resources for the implementation of activities included in the MAP framework.	ID	MEDU should publish an activity report on MCSD by the end of Feb. 98. (\$10,000 is available.)
16.	MEDU will identify follow-up and evaluation tools, including indicators, for the selected projects and activities and inform all concerned, including the MCSD.	I. MEDUNIT, 19	To identify appropriate follow-up and evaluation tools, including indicators, for the selected projects and activities and to inform all the actors concerned, including the MCSD.		Come back later.
17.	MCSD meeting immediately preceding the meeting of CPs will be held at least two months before the MAP NFP meeting.	I. MEDUNIT, 20	To ensure that the MCSD meeting immediately preceding the meeting of Contracting Parties is held at least two months before the meeting of MAP Focal Points in order to take full account of MCSD's proposals and the list of priority projects and activities.	ID	

NO.	TASK	REFERENCE	QUOTE	RESPONSIBILITY	NOTES
18.	MED POL. will give priority to the capacity-building activities on pollution trend monitoring, biological effects monitoring and compliance monitoring programmes .	II. MED POL, 1	To request the Secretariat (MED POL) to give priority to the implementation of capacity-building activities related to the design and implementation of pollution trend monitoring, biological effects monitoring and compliance monitoring programmes in line with the decisions of the MED POL Coordinators.		
19.	MED POL. will finalize the work on the identification of sources and pollution loads related to hot spots, and work on the formulation and implementation of action plans, programmes and measures on the control of pollution from land-based activities.	II. MED POL, 2	To request the Secretariat (MED POL) to complete and finalize the work on the identification of sources and pollution loads related to pollution hot spots and to work on the formulation and implementation of action plans, programmes and measures related to the control of pollution from land-based activities.		
20.	MED POL will work on the processing and analysis of the data from the trend monitoring activities, and explore ways of strengthening the analytical and statistical capabilities of MED POL.	II. MED POL, 3	To request the Secretariat (MED POL) to work on the processing and analysis of the data resulting from the trend monitoring activities and to explore ways of strengthening significantly the analytical and statistical capabilities of MED POL in order to assist the participating national institutes accordingly.		
21.	MED POL will finalise the Guidelines for the Management of Dredged Spoils, and transmit them, once approved by the Government-designated experts, to the CPs for a written procedure of adoption to be examined by the Bureau.	II. MED POL, 4	To invite the Secretariat (MED POL) to finalise, with the help of Mediterranean experts, the preparation of Guidelines for the Management of Dredged Spoils as part of the implementation of the revised Dumping Protocol and to transmit them, once approved by the Government-designated experts, to the Contracting Parties for a written procedure of adoption to be examined by the Bureau.		
22.	REMPEC will be charged with implementing the strategy on the prevention of pollution of the marine environment by ships, and supplement its action concerning preparedness for and response to accidental marine pollution.	III. REMPEC, 1	To request the Secretariat (REMPEC), pending the adoption and entry into force of the amendments to the Emergency Protocol, to be charged with implementing the strategy on the prevention of pollution of the marine environment by ships, as regards cooperation among the Mediterranean States, supplementing in this way its action concerning preparedness for and response to accidental marine pollution.		
23.	BP/RAC will continue developing, prospective analysis and evaluation of development-environment interactions at the Mediterranean and the coastal regions levels, ensuing also training of specialists and dissemination of information and results.	IV. BP, 1	To invite the Secretariat (BP/RAC) to continue developing, in cooperation with relevant national institutions and appropriate NGOs, prospective analysis and evaluation of development-environment interactions at the global Mediterranean level and at the coastal regions level, ensuing at the same time appropriate training of specialists and dissemination of information and results.		

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24.	BP/RAC will pursue and strengthen the activities of the Mediterranean Observatory , and promote, with technical extra budgetary assistance, the development of national observatories and regional networking.	IV. BP, 2	To invite the Secretariat (BP/RAC) to pursue and strengthen the activities of the Mediterranean Environment and Development Observatory, in close cooperation with MEDU, RACs and concerned regional and international organizations, and by promoting, with appropriate technical extra budgetary assistance as required, the development of corresponding national observatories and appropriate regional networking.		
25.	BP/RAC will provide support to MCSD activities related to the management of water demand, sustainable management of coastal zones, indicators, sustainable tourism, and the management of urban and rural zones.	IV. BP, 3	To invite the Secretariat (BP/RAC) to provide necessary support to MCSD activities, its working groups and workshops, especially those related to the management of water demand and sustainable management of coastal zones, as well as preparatory activities related to indicators, sustainable tourism and the management of urban and rural zones.		
26.	BP/RAC will integrate the results of its activities into strategic and policy recommendations to produce a global Mediterranean prospective output by year 2000 focusing on coastal regions, together with a report on the State of the Mediterranean Environment and Sustainable Development.	IV. BP, 4	To invite the Secretariat (BP/RAC) to integrate the results of its activities into strategic and policy recommendations towards sustainable development decision making with a view to produce a global Mediterranean prospective output by year 2000 with a special focus on coastal regions, together with a report on the State of the Mediterranean Environment and Sustainable Development, in close cooperation with MAP components.		
27.	BP/RAC will strengthen its cooperation with EUROSTAT, METAP, national institutions, and other partners for joint activities on sustainable development in Mediterranean coastal regions.	IV. BP, 5	To invite the Secretariat (BP/RAC) to strengthen its cooperation with partner institutions (EC/EEA/EUROSTAT, METAP, national institutions, etc..) for joint analytical and prospective activities related to sustainable development in Mediterranean coastal regions in conformity with MAP priorities.		
28.	BP/RAC will improve its capacity-building and communication activities through workshops and wider dissemination of its results and products, in French and English (as far as possible).	IV. BP, 6	To invite the Secretariat (BP/RAC) to improve its capacity-building and communication activities with a series of appropriately focused workshops and wider dissemination of its results and products, as far as possible in French and English (fascicles, country profiles, position papers, data and indicators sheets, etc..).		
29.	PAP/RAC will increase the efficiency of programme implementation, capacity building, and institutional strengthening, including collaboration with NGOs and local authorities, within the integrated management of Mediterranean coastal zones.	V. PAP/RAC, 1	To invite the Secretariat (PAP/RAC) to pay particular attention to increasing the efficiency of programme implementation, capacity building, and institutional strengthening, including collaboration with NGOs and local authorities, within the integrated management of Mediterranean coastal zones.		

NO.	TASK	REFERENCE	QUOTE	RESPONSIBILITY	NOTES
30.	PAP/RAC will offer full support to the MCSD, giving priority to the implementation of the recommendations of the working groups dealing with sustainable management of coastal zones, and with water resources.	V. PAP/RAC, 2	To invite the Secretariat (PAP/RAC) to offer full technical and professional support to the MCSD and its working groups, giving priority to the implementation of the recommendations of the working groups dealing with sustainable management of coastal zones, and with water resources (such as regional guidelines for ICAM and urban water demand strategies).		
31.	PAP/RAC will continue implementation of the CAMP, and improve the quality of activities.	V. PAP/RAC, 3	To invite the Secretariat (PAP/RAC) to continue implementation of the Coastal Areas Management Programme (CAMP), taking into account efforts to improve the quality of activities.		
32.	PAP/RAC will search for methods and techniques, as well as capacity building and institutional strengthening activities for integrated coastal area planning and management, water resources management, solid waste management, sustainable tourism, aquaculture, and soil erosion management.	V. PAP/RAC, 4	To invite the Secretariat (PAP/RAC) to continue its search for the most appropriate methods and techniques, as well as capacity building and institutional strengthening activities in the fields of integrated coastal area planning and management, water resources management, solid waste management, sustainable tourism, aquaculture, and soil erosion management.		
33.	SPA/RAC will establish cooperation with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and take note of comparative study among the SPA Protocol, the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the other legal instruments or cooperation processes covering wholly or partially the Mediterranean region.	VI. SPA/RAC, 1	To invite the Secretariat (SPA/RAC) to take steps for the establishment of cooperative linkages with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, taking note of comparative study among the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the other legal instruments or cooperation processes covering wholly or partially the Mediterranean region.		
34.	SPA/RAC will consult the Interim Secretariat of the ACCOBAMS, and define the practical modalities in order to provide the function of sub-regional Coordination Unit for the Mediterranean.	VI. SPA/RAC, 2	To invite the Secretariat (SPA/RAC) to define, in consultation with the Interim Secretariat of the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS), the practical modalities allowing it to provide the function of sub-regional Coordination Unit for the Mediterranean, as defined in Article V of the Agreement.		
35.	Secretariat will pursue consultations with MEDPAN on the participation of SPA/RAC in its revised structure.	VI. SPA/RAC, 3	To take note of the proposal of the Mediterranean Protected Area Network (MEDPAN) for SPA/RAC to participate in the revised structure of the network and to invite the Secretariat (SPA/RAC) to pursue consultations with MEDPAN on this issue, keeping in mind MAP's rules and procedures.		

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36.	SPA/RAC will assist the CPs in the assessment of the status of the species listed in the annexes to the SPA Protocol, and will assess the status of those species at the regional level.	VI. SPA/RAC, 4	To invite the Secretariat (SPA/RAC) to assist the Contracting Parties in the assessment of the status of the species listed in the annexes to the SPA Protocol, and to assess the status of those species at the regional level.		
37.	SPA/RAC will assist to the CPs in the preparation of National Strategies for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking into account marine biodiversity.	VI. SPA/RAC, 5	To invite the Secretariat (SPA/RAC) to pursue its assistance to the Contracting Parties in the preparation of National Strategies for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, duly taking into account marine biodiversity in those strategies.		
38.	SPA/RAC will prepare guidelines for dealing with the introduction and reintroduction of marine species in the Mediterranean.	VI. SPA/RAC, 6	To invite the Secretariat (SPA/RAC) to prepare guidelines for dealing with the issues of introduction and reintroduction of marine species in the Mediterranean.		
39.	SPA/RAC will work on the elaboration of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a model classification of marine and coastal habitat types for the Mediterranean region; - reference lists of habitat types and species to be annexed to the criteria; - a standard data form for the compilation of information concerning the sites included in the national inventories. 	VI. SPA/RAC, 7	To invite the Secretariat (SPA/RAC), in conformity with para. 3 and 7 of the criteria for the preparation of national inventories of natural sites of conservation interest (see Appendix IV to this Annex), to work on the elaboration of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a model classification of marine and coastal habitat types for the Mediterranean region; - reference lists of habitat types and species to be annexed to the criteria; - a standard data form for the compilation of information concerning the sites included in the national inventories. 		
40.	SPA/RAC will develop criteria for the establishment of inventories of elements of biological diversity in the Mediterranean region.	VI. SPA/RAC, 8	To invite the Secretariat (SPA/RAC) to continue to process the development of criteria for the establishment of inventories of elements of biological diversity in the Mediterranean region, taking into account the Meeting of Experts held in Athens from 8 to 10 September 1997.		
41.	SPA/RAC will assist Libya in reviewing the second phase of the survey of Libyan coasts for marine turtle nesting, between Syrthe and Mistrata, and provide technical support for launching the third phase of the survey, between Mistrata and Ras Jedir.	VI. SPA/RAC, 9	To invite the Secretariat (SPA/RAC) to assist the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in reviewing the second phase of the survey of Libyan coasts for marine turtle nesting, between Syrthe and Mistrata and in providing technical support for launching the third phase of the survey, between Mistrata and Ras Jedir.		
42.	ERS/RAC will contribute to CAMP by applying remote sensing and its integration with other sources of information, and cooperate with and assist national experts and institutions.	VII. ERS/RAC, 1	To invite the Secretariat (ERS/RAC) to contribute to the implementation of the ongoing and planned Coastal Areas Management Programme (CAMP) by applying remote sensing and its integration with other sources of information, in cooperation with and assisting national experts and Institutions.		

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43.	ERS/RAC will strengthen capacity building on the setting-up of information systems supported by remote sensing, and promote a Mediterranean network for an effective use of these techniques.	VII. ERS/RAC, 2	To invite the Secretariat (ERS/RAC) to strengthen capacity building for the setting-up of information systems supported by remote sensing, also by promoting a Mediterranean network for an effective use of these techniques.		
44.	ERS/RAC will assist Mediterranean Countries in setting up activities for monitoring the state of, and changes in desertification, coastal changes and urbanization, and seek external sources for funding.	VII. ERS/RAC, 3	To invite the Secretariat (ERS/RAC) to assist Mediterranean Countries in setting up activities for monitoring the state of, and changes in, priority environmental issues (i.e. desertification, coastal changes, urbanization), seeking external sources for funding.		
45.	ERS/RAC will plan, promote and develop use of remote sensing for the observation and surveillance of oil pollution in the Mediterranean sea, support MEDPOL activities for assessing coastal vulnerability to marine pollution.	VII. ERS/RAC, 4	To invite the Secretariat (ERS/RAC) to plan, promote and develop the use of remote sensing for the observation and surveillance of oil pollution in the Mediterranean sea, as well as for supporting MEDPOL activities, also in order to assess coastal vulnerability to marine pollution.		
46.	ERS/RAC will fully support the MCSD in the preparation of programmes of priority activities to be implemented.	VII. ERS/RAC, 5	To invite the Secretariat (ERS/RAC), also in cooperation with other MAP components, to fully support the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development in the preparation of programmes of priority activities to be implemented in the framework of the MAP.		
47.	CP/RAC will hold the Second Experts Meeting on Surface Treatment and Coating Sector in 1998.	VIII. CP/RAC, 1	To invite the Secretariat (CP/RAC) to call for the Second Experts Meeting on Surface Treatment and Coating Sector in 1998.		
48.	CP/RAC will hold the Second National Focal Points Meeting in 1999, and a meeting on leather tanning and finishing sector again in 1999 (in cooperation with Spain). If needed, an extraordinary NFP meeting will also be held in 1998.	VIII. CP/RAC, 2	To invite the Secretariat (CP/RAC) to call for the Second National Focal Points Meeting in 1999 and for a meeting on leather tanning and finishing sector to be held in 1999 in cooperation with the Spanish Government. An extraordinary National Focal Points Meeting should be called in 1998, if required.		
49.	CP/RAC will continue publishing and disseminating cleaner production success stories in MedClean, and show real examples of pollution prevention and cleaner production achieved by different companies.	VIII. CP/RAC, 3	To request the Secretariat (CP/RAC) to continue publishing and disseminating cleaner production success stories on the new collection called MedClean, to show real examples of pollution prevention and cleaner production achieved by different companies from MAP countries, mainly on the priority sectors (metal plating and leather).		
50.	CP/RAC will launch a periodical information system with news about programmes, achievements, etc. from the different NFP.	VIII. CP/RAC, 4	To request the Secretariat (CP/RAC) to launch a periodical information system with news about programmes, achievements, etc. from the different NFP.		

NO.	TASK	REFERENCE	QUOTE	RESPONSIBILITY	NOTES
51.	<p>CP/RAC will prepare a questionnaire and start the collection and systematization of data on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - legal and statutory framework of cleaner production in the countries about possibilities and difficulties of cleaner production implementation for presentation to the CPs; - inventory of agents dealing with cleaner production in each MAP country; - tools and methods used in the MAP countries to approach cleaner production to the industrial sectors. 	VIII. CP/RAC, 5	<p>To invite the Secretariat (CP/RAC) to prepare a questionnaire and to start the collection and systematization of data on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - legal and statutory framework of cleaner production in the different countries about possibilities and difficulties of cleaner production implementation in the Region to be presented to the Contracting Parties; - inventory of agents dealing with cleaner production in each country; - tools and methods used in the MAP countries to approach cleaner production to the industrial sectors. 		
52.	<p>CP/RAC will distribute collected and systemized information through NFPs and MEDU.</p>	VIII. CP/RAC, 6	<p>To request the Secretariat (CP/RAC) to distribute collected and systemized information through National Focal Points and the Coordinating Unit.</p>		
53.	<p>CP/RAC will cooperate in Best Available Technology (BAT) and Best Environmental Practice (BEP) definitions and, initiate the elaboration of guidelines of BAT and BEP for the priority sectors.</p>	VIII. CP/RAC, 7	<p>To invite the Secretariat (CP/RAC) to cooperate in Best Available Technology (BAT) and Best Environmental Practice (BEP) definitions and, when possible, to initiate the elaboration of guidelines of BAT and BEP for the priority sectors.</p>		
54.	<p>CP/RAC will seek funding and act as intermediary body in coordinating and monitoring of a training programme to facilitate regional multilateral contact and access to know-how.</p>	VIII. CP/RAC, 8	<p>To invite the Secretariat (CP/RAC) to seek funding and act as intermediary body in coordinating and monitoring of a training programme to facilitate regional multilateral contact and access to know-how, thus accelerating the introduction of cleaner production techniques and practices.</p>		
55.	<p>CP/RAC will give its support to small and medium-sized enterprises, cooperate in implementing the LBS Protocol and effective operation of MEDPOL, and provide all support for the MCSD thematic working group on industry and sustainable development</p>	VIII. CP/RAC, 9	<p>To invite the Secretariat (CP/RAC) to give its support to small and medium-sized enterprises by encouraging the dissemination of practical tools intended to make more widely known appropriate procedures for encouraging the enterprises to improve their production systems, and also to invite the Secretariat (CP/RAC) to cooperate with the relevant MAP structures in implementing the LBS Protocol, in the effective operation of MEDPOL and in providing all necessary support for the MCSD thematic working group on industry and sustainable development</p>		

**TASKS DERIVING FROM THE REPORT OF
THE 10TH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES**

APPENDIX I : Recommendations on MED UNIT, MED POL and RACs Structure

(as of 30 January 1998, Second Version)

Acronyms:

GENERAL = General recommendations
MEETINGS = Meetings of the Contracting Parties and MAP National Focal Points
RAC = Regional Activity Centres (RACs)

NO.	TASK	REFERENCE	QUOTE	RESPONSIBILITY	NOTES
1.	a) The work of MAP (MEDU, MED POL, and RACs) should be well-coordinated; b) The Secretariat work should be streamlined and made transparent; c) The managerial process at the Secretariat and its synergy should be improved.	GENERAL, 1	... a more holistic and well coordinated approach is needed in the work of MEDU, MED POL and RACs. Streamlining of the Secretariat work, improving its managerial process, synergy and transparency in its work, have to be enhanced in order to be able to shoulder the new responsibilities.		Streamlining, improving, enhancing the MAP.
2.	MEDU will act as the main administrative body in the MAP system.	GENERAL, 2	The Coordinating Unit is the main administrative body in the MAP system.		Administrative body.
3.	MEDU should act as ultimate responsible for implementing the protocols.	GENERAL, 3	Ultimate responsibility for implementing the protocols lies with the Coordinating Unit of MAP. The relevant centres implement the technical aspects of the protocols.		Responsibility in implementing the protocols.
4.	Implementation of certain activities (such as the coordination of a few CAMP projects, the coordination of biodiversity action programmes, and the representation of MAP in outside fora) will be delegated to the RACs.	GENERAL, 4	However, the implementation of certain activities should be delegated from the Athens MEDU office to the RAC Centres, such as the coordination of a few CAMP projects, the coordination of biodiversity action programmes, and the representation of MAP in outside fora, keeping the overall responsibility of the Coordinator of MAP.		Work delegation.
5.	The principle of equitable geographical distribution will be respected whenever vacant or new internationally recruited posts are to be filled.	GENERAL, 5	The principle of equitable geographical distribution within the Mediterranean region should be respected whenever vacant or new internationally recruited posts are to be filled.		Recruitment of international posts.

NO.	TASK	REFERENCE	QUOTE	RESPONSIBILITY	NOTES
6.	a) MAP will strengthen relations with the financial and development institutions and programmes in order to solicit additional finance, human resources and expertise; b) MEDU will present concrete and well-prepared projects to these organisation.	GENERAL, 6	As MTF funds are considered as seed money, it is recommended that MAP relation with relevant financial and development institutions and programmes be strengthened, in order to solicit additional finance, human resources and expertise. Concrete and well prepared projects should be presented to these organisations by the Coordinating Unit.		Relations with the financial and development institutions.
7.	MEDU will contact UNEP and IMO (for REMPEC) for better utilization of the programme support cost for the financing and administration of these structures.	GENERAL, 7	UNEP Headquarters (and IMO for REMPEC) should augment its support to MAP, in particular through a better utilization of the programme support cost for the financing and administration of these structures.	FT (visited REMPEC already)	Programme support cost of the UNEP and IMO.
8.	Seek ways of strengthening the MEDU capability on the legal component of MAP.	GENERAL, 8	MEDU capability to manage the legal component of MAP should be strengthened.		MEDU capability on the legal component.
9.	a) Try to ensure the attendance of the Ministers to the meetings of the CPs; b) CP Meetings should concentrate on the general policy, strategic, and general political issues relevant to MAP as a whole.	MEETINGS, 1	Meetings of the CPs are held at the Ministerial level, in order to deliberate on the general policy, strategic, and general political issues relevant to MAP as a whole.		Meetings of the CPs.
10.	The Meetings of the MAP NFPs should: a) review and finalize the MAP draft programme budget; and b) prepare a framework strategy for approval by the Meetings of the CPs.	MEETINGS, 2	The meetings of the MAP NFPs would be mandated to thoroughly review and finalize the MAP draft programme budget and prepare a framework strategy for subsequent approval by the Meetings of the CPs.		Meetings of the MAP NFPs.
11.	Each RAC (other than REMPEC) will conform, as much as possible, to a unified status.	RAC, 1	A unified approach concerning the status of RACs other than REMPEC, which has United Nations status, should be pursued, as much as possible.		Unified status for RACs.
12.	Host country agreements will be prepared for all RACs.	RAC, 2	Agreements or formal exchange of letters are to be prepared for all RACs taking into account the diversity of the administrative systems and the prevailing circumstances in the host country.		Host country agreements.
13.	Ensure that the CPs hosting RACs simplify the visas procedures, residence and work permits of internationally recruited staff, as well as granting entry visas to representatives of CPs on official MAP business.	RAC, 3	The CPs hosting RACs are requested to simplify the procedures for issuing entry visas, residence permits, and work permits of internationally recruited staff, as well as granting entry visas to representatives of CPs on official MAP business.		Simplification of procedures by the CPs hosting RACs.
14.	a) Project documents will be signed by UNEP and RACs covering their activities; b) the host countries of national centres will be requested to provide counterpart contribution to cover operational costs.	RAC, 4	Project documents should be signed by UNEP and RACs covering the activities to be carried out by them on the basis of priorities decided by the CPs. Host countries of national centres should provide counterpart contribution to cover operational costs.		UNEP Project documents with RACs, and counterpart contributions.

NO.	TASK	REFERENCE	QUOTE	RESPONSIBILITY	NOTES
15.	RACs will seek additional funds for MAP activities from outside sources, in full cooperation and prior consultation with the MEDU.	RAC, 5	RACs should do their best to solicit additional funds for MAP activities from outside sources, in full cooperation and prior consultation with the MEDU.		Effort for additional funds for RACs in full cooperation and prior consultation with the MEDU.
16.	a) MEDU will undertake the regular assessment of the activities of the RACs) and other MAP programmes. b) These assessments will take into consideration the cost-efficiency ratio.	RAC, 6	An assessment of the activities of RACs and other MAP Programmes should be undertaken on a regular basis by MEDU, taking into consideration the cost-efficiency ratio.	FSC	Assessment of the activities of RACs and other MAP programmes.
17.	Financial auditing of the RACs (financed by the MTF) will be undertaken by UNEP/MEDU on a regular basis.	RAC, 7	Financial auditing of the activities of RACs financed by the MTF should be undertaken by UNEP/MEDU on a regular basis.	FT (IIS/RAC and PAP/RAC in 1998, SPA/RAC in 1999)	Financial auditing of the RACs.
18.	MAP NFPs will act (in one session at the beginning of their meetings) as the NFPs for each of the BP and PAP RAC.	RAC, 8	MAP NFPs should devote one session at the beginning of their meetings to act as the NFPs for each of the BP and PAP Centres.		Meetings of the NFPs for BP/RAC and PAP/RAC.
19.	a) The recruitment of staff paid under the MTF will be based on a vacancy announcement to be circulated by MEDU to all CPs. b) The appointment of the Director of a RAC will be undertaken in consultation between the responsible authority and MEDU. c) In the case when a Director of a RAC is paid by MTF, a vacancy announcement shall be jointly prepared by the host country and MEDU.	RAC, 9	The recruitment of staff paid under the MTF should be based on a vacancy announcement to be circulated by MEDU to all CPs. The appointment of the Director of a Centre is to be undertaken in consultation between the responsible authority and MEDU. In the case when a Director of a Centre is paid by MTF, a vacancy announcement shall be jointly prepared by the host country and MEDU.		Recruitment of the RAC staff (including RAC Directors).
20.	a) Consultants and experts recruited by RACs in the framework of MAP shall be selected in full consultation with MEDU. b) The principle of diversification of nationalities of the recruited consultants should be observed.	RAC, 10	Consultants and experts recruited by RACs in the framework of MAP shall be selected in full consultation with the MEDU. The principle of diversification of the nationalities of the recruited consultants should be observed.		Recruitment of the RAC consultants.

ANNEX V

STATUS OF CAMP PROJECTS

Distribution of responsibilities

A. Regional Activity Centres (RACs)	<u>Liaison Officer</u>
PAP/RAC	I. Dharat
SPA/RAC	I. Dharat
REMPEC	F.S. Civili
BP/RAC	F.S. Civili
ERS/RAC	F.S. Civili
CP/RAC	G. Kamizoulis
B. Coastal Areas Management Programme (CAMP)	
I. <u>Closed projects</u>	<u>Liaison Officer</u>
1. Kastella Bay (Croatia)	PAP/RAC - (MEDU-MEDPOL)
2. Izmir Bay (Turkey)	PAP/RAC - (MEDU-MEDPOL)
3. Syrian Coast (Syria)	PAP/RAC - (MEDU-ID)
4. Rhodes Island (Greece)	MEDU-ID
5. Albanian Coast (Albania)	PAP/RAC - (MEDU-MEDPOL)
II. <u>On going projects</u>	
6. Fuka-Matrouh (Egypt)	MEDU-ID
7. Sfax (Tunisia)	SPA/RAC - (MEDU-FSC)
8. Israel	PAP/RAC - (MEDU-GG)
III. <u>Projects in preparation</u>	
9. Algeria	BP/RAC - (MEDU-FSC)
10. Al-Hoceima (Morocco)	MEDU-FSC
11. Malta	PAP/RAC - (MEDU-GG)
12. Slovenia	PAP/RAC - (MEDU-FSC)
13. Lebanon	-

ANNEX VI

GENERAL CONCEPTUAL COMMENTS ON MCSD

1. The final objectives of the exercise is not very clear in the minds of many Task Managers and Thematic Working Groups representatives.
2. The issue of whether the recommendations adopted or to be adopted will take the form of practical costed programmes or strategic and policy orientations has to be carefully addressed.
3. Need to clarify more the relation between MCSD and its steering Committee (BUR) and other MAP structures (MEDU, RAC's, ...) to avoid duplication and strengthen complementarity between them.
4. The method of work of the Task Managers and the Thematic Working Groups needs to be more elaborated and defined.
5. The MCSD could play a major role in establishing a regional common vision for all MAP activities.
6. RAC's needed more and adequate funds through MTF and other outside sources in order to be able to support the MCSD and its Task Managers and Thematic Working Group.
7. Risk of changing the MCSD status from a task force to a merely research institute.
8. Need to involve specialists from all fields, in the work of the Thematic Working Groups.
9. Need to involve professional organizations (Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Trade associations)
10. During the last two decades of MAP' life, most of the expertise required for its work were in the field of marine environment. Now, with the MCSD, there is a need to establish a roster for experts in other field relative to environment and sustainable development (political, economic, social, cultural, etc).
11. In few MCSD themes, especially Free-Trade, Mediterranean Specific Studies on the issue are rare. There is a need to start this exercise in collaboration with the appropriate partners (WTO, UNCTAD,...)
While other issues (water, industry) require huge investments.
12. Need to closely follow-up the various recommendations of the MCSD (we have already two sets on water and Coastal Zone Management).
Coordinating Unit should take lead in assisting Mediterranean countries to implement these recommendations.
13. Need to look to the duration period for the work of the MCSD on each selected priority theme. The time allocated to each T.M. and W.G. is very short comparing to the importance of the various priority themes selected by the MCSD.

TABLE
THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS
(Second revision)

as of 30 October 1997

Themes	Task managers	Members of the group	Support from MAP ¹
Short-term (over about a one-year period)			
- Sustainable management of coastal zones	Morocco and MEDCITIES	CREE, European Community, Greece, City of Rome, Spain, EcoMediterrania, Monaco, WWF, Italy, EOAEN, Cyprus, France, Tunisia, MIO-ESCDE, Egypt, Malta, Albania, Lebanon, Algeria	RAC/Priority Actions Programme, RAC/Blue Plan, RAC/Environment Remote Sensing and RAC/Specially Protected Areas
- Management of water demand	Tunisia and Morocco	Libya, WWF, APNEK, European Community, Egypt, Italy, France, CEFIC, MIO-ECSDE, Malta, Spain, EcoMediterrania, CEDARE, Cyprus, Israel, Lebanon, Algeria	RAC/Blue Plan and RAC/Priority Actions Programme
Medium-term (until 1999 Contracting Parties meeting and beyond)			
- Sustainable development indicators	France and Tunisia	European Community, Morocco, EcoMediterranean, Greece, Israel, Spain, Slovenia, Turkey, Lebanon, Algeria	RAC/Blue Plan
- Sustainable Tourism	Spain, EOAEN and Egypt	Malta, Monaco, Cyprus, Croatia, European Community, Greece, EcoMediterrania, WWF, MIO-ECSDE, ASCAME, Slovenia, Libya	RAC/Blue Plan and RAC/Priority Actions Programme
- Information, awareness, and participation	MIO-ECSDE and CREE	European Community, WWF, France, APNEK, Croatia, Egypt, Morocco, MEDCITIES, EcoMediterrania, Albania, Algeria, Libya	MED Coordinating Unit
- Free trade and environment in the Euromediterranean context (strategic impact assessment)	Lebanon	Tunisia, France, European Community, APNEK, Morocco, MIO-ECSDE, Algeria, ASCAME	MED Coordinating Unit
- Industry and sustainable development (cultural, economic, technical and financial aspects of progressive elimination of land-based pollution)	Italy, Algeria	WWF, Israel, EOAEN, ASCAME, CEFIC, Spain, European Community, Turkey	MED POL, RAC/Clean Production
- Management of urban/rural development	Egypt	MEDCITIES, FIS, MIO-ECSDE, Spain, Morocco, France, Malta (Turkey, Bosnia and Herzegovina), Algeria, CEDARE, EC, Slovenia	RAC/Blue Plan and RAC/Priority Actions Programme

¹ The Coordinating Unit and the Regional Activity Centres will each provide the necessary support to the different working groups according to their expertise.

ANNEX VIII

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED IN THE FRAMEWORK
OF THE MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN

(as of 1 March 1998)

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
	1998			
Review Meeting for CAMP Israel	8-9 Jan. Tel Aviv	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic*	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Meeting of Government- designated Experts to review and approve a GEF Project for the Implementation of the SAP	22-23 January Athens	UNEP-MEDU	F.S. Civili	UNEP(OCA)/ MED WG.138/2
Meeting of MEDU and RAC Directors	3-4 February Athens	UNEP-MEDU	L. Chabason I. Dharat	UNEP(OCA)/ MED WG.137/2
Technical Consultation Meeting of MAP and Task Managers of MCSD	5 February Athens	UNEP-MEDU	L. Chabason I. Dharat	UNEP(OCA)/ MED WG.141/2
National Training Course on Carrying Capacity Assessment for Tourism in Mediterranean Coastal Areas	7-11 Feb. Tartous	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic*	Issued by PAP/RAC
National Training Course on ICAM	9-12 Feb. Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic	Issued by MEDU
Fourth Meeting of MOIG	25-26 Febr. Cyprus	REMPEC (UNEP-MEDU/ MOIG)	J-C Sainlos* G. Salessy*	to be issued by REMPEC
Expert Meeting to Discuss Guidelines for the Preparation of National Legislation for ICAM	26-27 Feb. Nicosia	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic*	Issued by PAP/RAC

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Seminar on Contingency Plan	February Malta	REMPEC (UNEP-MEDU/ MALTA)	J-C Sainlos D. Domovic S. Micallef	to be issued by REMPEC
Subregional Training Course on Oil Spill Modelling	1-3 March Egypt	REMPEC (UNEP-MEDU/ IMO/EU)	J-C Sainlos* D. Domovic*	to be issued by REMPEC
Steering Committee Meeting Combined with the Meeting of National Operational Authorities	4-6 March Egypt	REMPEC (UNEP-MEDU/ IMO/EU)	J-C Sainlos* D. Domovic*	to be issued by REMPEC
National Forum on Support of Remote Sensing Techniques to Planning and Decision Making Processes in Sustainable Development in Egypt	8 March Cairo	ERS/RRAC (EGYPT)	M. Raimondi*	to be issued by ERS/RAC
Training Course in French on Presentation and Application of the Guidelines for Integrated Approach to Development, Management and USE of Water Resources	9-13 March Tunis	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic*	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Training Course Sfax Project	9-21 March Tunisia	REMPEC (UNEP-MEDU)	J-C Sainlos* S. Micallef*	to be issued by REMPEC
Workshop on Invasive Caulerpa Species in the Mediterranean	18-20 March Crete	UNEP-MEDU	G.Gabrielides*	to be issued by MEDU

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties	27 March Tunis	UNEP-MEDU (TUNISIA)	L. Chabason* A. Hoballah* I. Dharat*	to be issued by MEDU
Meeting of the Working Group on the Conservation of Mediterranean Marine Turtles	March Tunis	SPA/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	M. Saied M. Barbieri	to be issued by SPA/RAC
Working Group and Expert Meeting on Sustainable Development Indicators/MCSD	March France or Tunisia (tentative)	BP/RAC with Task Manager	A. Hoballah A. Comeau J.P. Giraud	to be issued by BP/RAC
Meeting on the Preparation of Guidelines for the Management of Dredged Material	March/April (tentative) Malta	UNEP-MEDU (MALTA)	F.S. Civili*	to be issued by MEDU
Meeting of MEDUNIT and RAC Directors	14 April Egypt (tentative)	UNEP-MEDU (RACS)	L. Chabason* I. Dharat*	to be issued by MEDU
Workshop to Assess ICAM Activities in the Mediterranean: Experiences from METAP and MAP (1988-1996)	15-16 April Egypt (tentative)	PAP/RAC UNEP-MEDU	L. Chabason* I. Trumbic* I. Dharat*	to be issued PAP/RAC
Port Reception Facilities Launching Meeting	9-10 April (tentative) Cyprus or Malta	REMPEC (UNEP-MEDU/ EU/MEDA)	J-C Sainlos D. Domovic	to be issued by REMPEC
National Training Course on Communication and Reporting	13-16 April Israel	REMPEC (UNEP-MEDU/ EU)	D. Domovic*	to be issued by REMPEC
Presentation Meeting on CAMP SFAX	April Sfax	SPA/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	M. Saied* C. Rais*	to be issued by SPA/RAC

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Training Session on Scientific Monitoring Programmes in Protected Areas	26-31 May Croatia	SPA/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	C. Rais*	to be issued by SPA/RAC
Working Group on Indicators (MCS D)	28-29 May France/Tunisia	BP/RAC with Task Manager, FRANCE	A. Hoballah	to be issued by PB/RAC
Second Survey Cruise on Cetaceans	May	SPA/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	C. Rais	to be issued by SPA/RAC
Expert Meeting for Preparation of Guidelines for Urban Water Resources Management in Mediterranean	May Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Workshop on MPLs on Chemical Contaminants in Seafood	May (tentative) Cyprus	UNEP-MEDU (WHO-FAO)	G.Gabrielides*	to be issued by MEDU
Presentation Meeting of the Oum Toyour Reserve Project	21-23 June Syria (tentative)	SPA/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	C. Rais*	to be issued by SPA/RAC
National Training Course Croatia/Slovenia	29 June-3 July Croatia or Slovenia	REMPEC	J-C Sainlos* D. Domovic*	to be issued by REMPEC
Meeting of Experts on Marine Habitats in the Mediterranean	June France	SPA/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	M. Barbrieri*	to be issued by SPA/RAC
Expert Meeting to Discuss the First Draft of the Guidelines for Integrated Coastal Area and River Basin Management	June Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic	to be issued by PAP/RAC

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Meeting of CP/RAC National Focal Points	Second half of June (tentative) Barcelona	CP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	V. Macià G. Kamizoulis*	to be issued by CP/RAC
Workshop on Environmental Performance Indicators	June Maghreb	BP/RAC METAP	A. Hoballah* A. Comeau*	to be issued by BP/RAC
GEF Donors Meeting	June (tentative)	UNEP-MEDU	F.S. Civili	to be issued by MEDU
Workshop on Sustainable Development Indicators	July Tunisia (tentative)	BP/RAC with Task Manager	A. Hoballah* A. Comeau*	to be issued by BP/RAC
National Training Course Libya	14-17 Sept. Libya	REMPEC	J-C Sainlos* D. Domovic*	to be issued by REMPEC
Workshop on Sustainable Tourism/MCSD	second week September Turkey	BP/RAC with Task Manager, SPAIN	G. Benoit* E. Coudert*	to be issued by BP/RAC
Working Group on Industry and Sustainable Development (MCSD)	end Sept. Massa Carrara (Italy)	MEDPOL/ CP/RAC with Task Manager, ITALY	V. Macià* F.S. Civili*	to be issued by MEDU (MEDPOL)
Working Group on Free Trade and Environment (MCSD)	end Sept. Lebanon	BP/RAC with Task Manager, LEBANON	A. Hoballah*	to be issued by BP/RAC
Workshop on Environmental Performance Indicators	September North-East Mediterranean	BP/RAC METAP	A. Hoballah A. Comeau	to be issued by BP/RAC
Regional Training Course MEDIPOL 98	28 Sept.-4 Oct. (tentative) Spain	REMPEC	J-C Sainlos* D. Domovic* S. Micallef*	to be issued by
Working Group on Information (MCSD)	October MONACO (immediately before the 4th MCSD)	UNEP-MEDU with Task Manager, MIO-ECSDE	L. Chabason*	to be issued by MIO-ECSDE

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Fourth Meeting of MCSD	October Monaco	UNEP-MEDU (MONACO)	L. Chabason* A. Hoballah*	to be issued by MEDU
Working Group Meeting on Management of Urban and Rural Development/ MCSD	October Monaco (tentative)	BP/RAC with Task Manager, EGYPT "in parallel with the 4th Meeting of MCSD"	A. Hoballah* E. Coudert*	to be issued by BP/RAC
National Training Course on ICAM (training)	October Morocco	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic*	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Meeting of Experts on the Implementation of the Action Plans for threatened Species (monk seal, marine turtles and cetaceans) in the Mediterranean	October Greece	SPA/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	C. Rais* M. Barbieri*	to be issued by SPA/RAC
Meeting of Experts on the Electroplating Industry	First half of October (tentative) Barcelona	CP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	V. Maciá G. Kamizoulis*	to be issued by MEDU
Meeting of National Experts, Amendment to the Protocol	23-24 Nov. Malta	REMPEC	J-C Sainlos D. Domovic S. Micallef	to be issued by MEDU
Session de formation sur le choix, la création et la gestion des aires protégées marines	24-29 Nov. Morocco	SPA/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	C. Rais*	to be issued by SPA/RAC
Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points	25-28 Nov. Malta	REMPEC	J-C Sainlos D. Domovic S. Micallef	to be issued by REMPEC

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
National Training Course on the Application of Environmentally Sound Approach to planning and Development of Tourism Activities Using the Guidelines for Carrying Capacity for Tourism	November Turkey	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic*	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Meeting of the Steering Committee of MCSD	Nov./Dec.	UNEP-MEDU	L. Chabason A. Hoballah*	to be issued by MEDU
Workshop on Prospective Tools for Coastal Management	December in a next CAMP country	BP/RAC	A. Hoballah E. Coudert A. Bourahla	to be issued by BP/RAC

ANNEX IX

CALENDAR OF OTHER RELEVANT MEETINGS

Meeting	Date & Place	Notes
Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention	23-27 February Kuching (Malaysia)	LC (MEDU)
MEDCOM-1 First Meeting of Mediterranean Committee	15-17 March Thessaloniki (Greece)	RAMSAR Convention SPA
International conference on "Water and Sustainable Development"	19-21 March Paris (France)	Office International de l'eau LC French Contribution to RIO+5
Workshop (Tourism)	29 April-5 May Rhodes	Mr Scoullos
The Monaco Economic Summits "protecting the Mediterranean"	19-22 March Monaco	Crans Montana Forum in Monaco LC
Sixth Meeting of UNCED	20 April-01 May New York (USA)	LC
The Monaco Economic Summits "Yearly Mediterranean Forum"	24-26 April Beirut (Lebanon)	Crans Montana Forum in Monaco LC
Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Biological Diversity Convention (CBD)	4-15 May Bratislava (Slovak Republic)	Mr Saied (SPA/RAC)
International Conference "Education and Training in ICAM - The Mediterranean prospect"	25-29 May Genoa (Italy)	ICCOPS PAP

Meeting	Date & Place	Notes
Coastal and Marginal Seas	1-4 June Paris (France)	UNESCO
Bridging the Gap International Conference on Environmental Monitoring	3-5 June London (UK)	Environment Agency A. Hoballah
Fourth Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe"	23-25 June Arhus (Denmark)	LC
ECO PROCURA 98 "Saving money and the environment"	24-25 June Hannover (Germany)	ICLEI (NGO) LC
7th Annual Conference on Women and Work in the Mediterranean	8-12 July Gallipoli (Italy)	Association of Women of the Mediterranean Region (AWMR)
Oslo-Paris (OSPAR) Commission Ministerial Conference	20-24 July Lisbon (Portugal)	
8th Stockholm Water Symposium	10-13 August Stockholm (Sweden)	Stockholm Int. Water Institute (SIWI)
Third Annual Meeting Global Water Partnership (GWP)	13-14 August Stockholm (Sweden)	SIWI
Second Seminar of the Conference of Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification	24 August-4 September Dakar (Senegal)	PAP/RAC
"Ocean 98" IEEE Conference & Exhibition	28 Sep.-01 Oct. Nice (France)	IFREMER
5th Pan-Mediterranean Marine Wildlife Conference	29 Sep.-03 Oct. Gozo (Malta)	MEDMARAVIS

Meeting	Date & Place	Notes
International Symposium on Marine Pollution (1998 UN Year of the Ocean)	5-9 Oct. Monaco	The new premises of IAEA-Marine Environmental Laboratory in Monaco will be officially inaugurated
The Monaco Economic Summits "The World Infrastructure Forum"	09-13 Oct. Monaco	Crans Montana Forum in Monaco LC
EXPO 98	Lisbon (Portugal)	