



## **Introduction**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (Malta, 27-30 October 1999) accepted the offer of the Government of the Principality of Monaco to host the 12<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in Monaco from 14 to 17 November 2001.

The following annotations to the proposed agenda for the meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations. The opening session will be preceded, as per usual practice, by an informal Meeting of the Bureau, elected in Malta in 1999, at 08.30 a.m., and will be followed by informal consultations among the heads of delegations beginning at 09.00 a.m. It is hoped that these consultations will facilitate the smooth organization of the meeting.

The two first days of the meeting will be devoted to the review and approval of the budget and programme of work, as well as to the discussion of items 6.2 to 6.7 and, if possible, part of item 6.9. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of November there will be a Ministerial segment, where four items of the agenda will be discussed. The report of the meeting will be approved during early afternoon of the 17<sup>th</sup> of November. The detailed programme of the meeting is attached as Annex to this document.

### **Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting**

As requested by the Rules of Procedure of meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties, the meeting will be opened at 10.00 hrs on Wednesday, 14 November 2001, at the Grimaldi Forum, 10, Princess Grace, Avenue, Monaco, Tel. (377) 9999 2100, Fax (377) 9999 2101. The President elected by the 11<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting, the Minister of Environment of Malta H.E. Mr Francis Zammit Dimech will officially open the meeting. It is expected that the Monaco authorities will also welcome the Contracting Parties. The Executive Director of UNEP, Dr Klaus Töpfer, or on his behalf, the Coordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan, Mr Lucien Chabason will deliver an opening statement.

### **Agenda item 2: Rules of Procedure**

The Rules of Procedure adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its Protocols, as amended (UNEP/ IG.43/6, Annex XI) will apply to this meeting.

### **Agenda item 3: Election of Bureau**

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, as amended, the meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a President, four Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. It is recalled that *"the principle of equitable geographical distribution shall be observed"* according to Article 19 of the Convention. Also in accordance with Article III of the Terms of Reference of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties *"out of the six members, one or two members may be re-elected for one further consecutive term in order to ensure continuity"*

### **Agenda item 4: Adoption of the Agenda and organisation of work**

The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat in agreement with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties (Rule 10) was distributed as document UNEP(DEC) MED IG. 13/1.

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

Simultaneous Arabic, English, French and Spanish interpretation will be available in all plenary sessions throughout the meeting.

**Agenda item 5: Credentials of representatives**

Each Contracting Party shall be represented by an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternates and advisers as may be required (Rule 18). The credentials of the representatives and the names of the alternate representatives should be submitted to the Executive Director before the opening sitting of the meeting. In accordance with Rule 19, the Bureau shall examine the credentials of representatives and submit its report to the meeting.

**Agenda item 6. Report by the Secretariat on recommendations, programme and budget for the 2002-2003 biennium**

6.1 Review and approval of the budget and programme of work

The recommendations (Annex I) and budget (Annex II) as reviewed by the Meeting of the MAP National Focal Points will be submitted for approval as a whole. In addition the Secretariat, following MAP Focal points' request, will present two financial documents. The first one "UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.13/inf.4" related to Arrears together with the Evolution of the Trust Fund since 1994 and a discussion about the Euro issue. The second one "UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.13/inf.5" is pertaining to the implementation of the activities for the biennium 2000-2001 as well as a presentation of project accounts for previous biennium "1998-1999"

6.2 Legal issues

- Status of ratifications
- Revision of the Emergency Protocol

The representatives of the Contracting Parties will be informed on the status of the progress of the ratification process and on the recommendations approved by the National Focal Points during their recent meeting, which will be proposed with the aim of speeding up this process.

The draft revised protocol will be submitted for consideration in view of the Experts' meeting and the Conference of Plenipotentiaries to be held in Malta, January 2002. The annex to resolution 7 of the Barcelona Convention (objectives and functions of REMPEC) will also be submitted for approval.

6.1 Evaluation and development of MAP structure

The Secretariat will present an overview of the evaluation process and its follow-up as well as new developments in MAP structure.

6.4 Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme to address Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea from Land-based Activities

The Secretariat will introduce the major policy and operational aspects related to the implementation of the SAP. The present status of the activities, the major outputs expected

during the coming biennium as well as the long-term perspectives will be presented and discussed, including the aspects related to the financial sustainability of the Programme. The presentation will focus on the major commitments and action to be taken both at the regional and the national level during the biennium –summarized in a number of recommendations- which are expected to create a solid basis for the long-term implementation of the SAP. The progress of the implementation of the multi-donors GEF Project will also be discussed as a contribution to the over-all implementation of SAP.

#### 6.5 Implementation of the Protocol on Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean

The process of implementation of the new SPA and Biodiversity Protocol creates new activities (establishment of SPAMIs, protection of species...) which will be presented to the meeting. This process will be supported through the preparation of the Strategic Action Plan on biodiversity (SAP/BIO), and through further collaboration with other international institutions in the region.

#### 6.6 Management of coastal zones in the Mediterranean – The White Paper

The White Paper on Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean outlines the need for a proactive policy option and a strategic vision for the Mediterranean. The key issues will be presented followed by the actions countries are undertaking at national and regional levels. The recommendations that will facilitate the implementation of actions towards a more integrated coastal zone management in the region will be proposed.

#### 6.7 Data and Information for sustainable development

Information is a key input to the decision making process towards sustainable development, notably through indicators. After a presentation of related strengths and gaps in the Region, a series of orientations for action will be proposed together with recommendations in view of improving national and regional information systems.

#### Ministerial segment

#### 6.8 Summary of the budget for 2002-2003

Summary of the 2002-2003 programme budget (UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.13/3, Annex II from page 1 to page 12) will be presented to the High Level Segment for confirmation;

#### 6.9 Review of the activities of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) and related recommendations and proposals for action

Due to the recent international major events, the 7<sup>th</sup> MCSD meeting was postponed until early next year; however, a one-day extraordinary meeting of the MCSD will be organized on 12 November 2001; from this meeting as well as from the 6<sup>th</sup> MCSD meeting, several issues will be presented for consideration by the Contracting Parties. After a brief presentation of MCSD activities, the Contracting Parties decide on or approve the following:

- “Selection of new MCSD Members” as representatives of the three major groups, “Implementation and follow-up of MCSD Recommendations”, “Industry and

Sustainable Development” and “Urban Management and Sustainable Development”, on 15 November, and

- “Free Trade and Environment in the Euro-Mediterranean Context”, and “Strategic Review for Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean Region”, on 16 November.

#### 6.10 Preparation of the Johannesburg Summit, including the adoption of a Declaration

The Secretariat will present the activities scheduled for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD). A draft declaration for submission to the 2<sup>d</sup> Earth Summit, based on the MCSD Tunis Declaration has been prepared, to be reviewed and finalized by the meeting. In case the Contracting Parties feel the need for improving it, a drafting group could be established to this end.

#### 6.11 MAP involvement in the Euro-Mediterranean partnership and other intergovernmental processes

As requested by the Meeting of MAP National Focal Points, the Secretariat prepared an introduction to be further discussed, focusing on the cooperation between the Euro-Mediterranean partnership and MAP.

### **Agenda item 7: Date and place of the 13<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2003**

The meeting will be invited to consider the exact dates and place of the 13<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to be convened during 2003.

### **Agenda item 8: Other business**

Other subjects relevant to the Mediterranean Action Plan which might be brought to the attention of the meeting by the participants or by the Secretariat will be discussed under this agenda item.

### **Agenda item 9. Adoption of the Report**

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

### **Agenda item 10: Closure of the Meeting**

The meeting is expected to be closed by the President at 18.00 hrs on Saturday, 17 November 2001.

**ANNEX**

**SUGGESTED TIMETABLE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Morning: 09.30-13.00</b>	<b>Afternoon: 14.30-17.30</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, 14 NOV 2001</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  1. Opening of the Meeting (10.00) 2. Rules of Procedure 3. Election of Bureau 4. Adoption of the Agenda 6.1 Review and Approval of the Budget and Programme of Work	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  6.2 Legal Issues 6.3 Evaluation and Development of MAP Structure  General Discussion
<b>THURSDAY, 15 NOV 2001</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  6.4 Implementation of SAP 6.5 Implementation of the SPA and Biodiversity Protocol	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  5. Credentials of Representatives  6.6 Management of Coastal Zones In the Mediterranean : The White Paper 6.7 Data and Information for Sustainable Development 6.9 MCSD
<b>FRIDAY, 16 NOV 2001 (MINISTERIAL SEGMENT)</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  6.9 MCSD 6.8 Summary of the Budget for 2000-2003  General Discussion	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  6.10 Preparation for the WSSD  Declaration  General Discussion
<b>SATURDAY, 17 NOV 2001</b>	<b>FREE</b>  (In Order that the Secretariat prepares the Report of the Meeting)	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  7. Date And Place of the 13 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties  8. Other Business 9. Adoption of the Report 10. Closure of the Meeting

**COFFE BREAKS:** AT 11.00 – 11.30 AND 16.00 – 16.30 HRS

**LUNCH BREAK:** AT 13.00 – 14.3 HRS