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**MINUTES OF THE SECOND CONSULTATION MEETING ON THE
EVALUATION OF THE MED POL PROGRAMME**

The second Consultation meeting on the evaluation of the MED POL Programme was held at the MAP Co-ordinating Unit's office in Athens from 17 to 19 May 1993.

The Meeting was attended by four experts/Consultants and by the MAP's officers involved in the co-ordination and implementation of MED POL. The list of participants appears as Annex I of this minutes.

The Meeting was opened by Mr L. Jeftic, MAP Principal Officer, who reminded the experts of the background of the evaluation of MED POL being at present undertaken.

He recalled that during the last meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Cairo, 9-10 November 1992) a decision was made that the scientific component of MAP (MED POL) should be evaluated by scientists/experts external to the MAP office and that similar evaluations should be later carried out for all MAP components.

As a result, a first Consultation meeting was organized at the MAP office in Athens from 7 to 8 January 1993 and was attended by five experts (document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG. 67/1). The meeting agreed on the terms of reference of the evaluation and prepared an outline, workplan and timetable of such evaluation. On the basis of the documents put at the disposal before and during the meeting, in the course of the first Consultation meeting the participants generally felt that the amount of work produced and the data obtained by MED POL were very impressive and that the programme had greatly improved the scientific capability of the developing countries of the Mediterranean in pollution monitoring and evaluation. Consequently, this important aspect of MED POL had to be considered as a success. Much less successful MED POL seemed to have been when the link between the scientific results of the programme and the governments' decision makers was analyzed. In fact, if the implementation of the Protocol on Land-based Sources of Pollution is examined, and in particular the Quality Criteria adopted by the Governments - which are proposed on the basis of the MED POL results - very little seemed to have been done by the Mediterranean Governments. In other words, it seemed that the MED POL could not change or at least substantially influence the Governmental policy as to the marine environment protection. The Experts therefore felt that the evaluation would have to examine this problem, assess the reason for this failure and make recommendations for the future.

Mr Jeftic informed that, after the first Consultation meeting, a discussion on the scientific component of MAP (MED POL) was held during the informal meeting on the Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean (Malta, 11-13 February 1993) and that a short report on the progress of implementation of the evaluation was presented at the Joint Meeting of the Scientific and Socio-economic Committees (Athens, 3-7 May 1993).

As to the work being done by the experts, Mr Jeftic explained that the need was felt to enlarge the group of experts involved in the evaluation and that as a result two additional scientists were called in, one from northern Europe involved in other programmes similar to MED POL (Paris/Oslo Commissions and Baltic Commission), and one from the south of the Mediterranean.

The second Consultation meeting therefore jointly analyzed a first preliminary draft of the evaluation which was expanded and modified. Several additional documents were also made available during the meeting.

The group of experts decided to meet again from 3 to 5 July 1993 for a last meeting in order to finalize the evaluation document in time to allow the MAP Co-ordinating Unit to present it at the Eighth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention to be held in Antalya in October 1993.

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