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**MULTILATERAL TREATIES IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT  
TO WHICH MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES ARE PARTIES**

## **Introduction**

The Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution (Antalya, Turkey, 12-15 October 1993) urged:

The Contracting Parties that have not yet done so, to ratify the Land-Based Sources protocol (LBS), the Specially Protected Areas protocol (SPA), the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (1973) and its related protocol (1978) (MARPOL 73/78), the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation (OPRC) (1990), the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage (1969), the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil pollution Damage (1971) and the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (1989).

Furthermore, the Antalya Meeting invited the Contracting Parties to review their position with respect to the international conventions, protocols and agreements and if possible to ensure the early signature of these instruments which may have a positive influence on the Mediterranean basin.

Accordingly, and with a view to assisting the Contracting Parties to implement these decisions, the Secretariat has prepared this information paper on various environmental conventions and agreements which have relevance to the work of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) and to which Mediterranean Countries are already parties. For those relevant environmental conventions which have not yet entered into force, the Signatories are also indicated. This paper was first presented to the meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties (Ankara, Turkey, 2-3 February 1994) as document UNEP/BUR/43/Inf.4 and then to the meeting of the Bureau (Paris, 30-31 January 1995) as document UNEP/BUR/46/Inf.7. The present paper has been modified in order to reflect the today status of participation in these conventions and agreements, on the basis of available information at the Co-ordinating Unit of the Mediterranean Action Plan as at 28 February 1995.

MULTILATERAL TREATIES IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT  
TABLE OF PARTICIPATION BY THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES

	Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution	Barcelona 16. 2.1976	Protocol for the prevention of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft	Barcelona 16. 2.1976	Protocol concerning cooperation in combating pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency	Barcelona 16. 2.1976	Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Sub-soil	Geneva 3. 4.1982	Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Sub-soil
Place/Date Adoption	Barcelona 16. 2.1976	Barcelona 16. 2.1976	Barcelona 16. 2.1976	Barcelona 16. 2.1976	Athens 17. 5.1980	Athens 17. 5.1980	Geneva 3. 4.1982	Madrid 14. 10.1994	
Entry into force	12.02.1978	12. 2. 1978	12. 2. 1978	12. 2. 1978	17. 6.1983	23. 3.1986			
Albania	30.05.1990(AC)	30. 5.1990(AC)	30. 5.1990(AC)	30. 5.1990(AC)	30. 5.1990(AC)	30. 5.1990(AC)	30. 5.1990(AC)		
Algeria	16.02.1981(AC)	16. 3.1981(AC)	16. 3.1981(AC)	16. 3.1981(AC)	2. 5.1983(AC)	2. 5.1983(AC)	16. 5.1985(AC)		
Bosnia-Herzegovina	22.10.1994(AC)*	22.10.1994(AC)*	22.10.1994(AC)*	22.10.1994(AC)*	22.10.1994(AC)*	22.10.1994(AC)*	22.10.1994(AC)*		
Croatia	12.10.1993(AC)*	12.10.1993(AC)*	12.10.1993(AC)*	12.10.1993(AC)*	12.10.1993(AC)*	12.10.1993(AC)*	12.10.1993(AC)*	14.10.1994 (S)	
Cyprus	19.11.1979 (R)	19.11.1979 (R)	19.11.1979 (R)	19.11.1979 (R)	28. 6.1988(AC)	28. 6.1988(AC)	28. 6.1988(AC)	14.10.1994 (S)	
European Community	16. 3.1978(AP)	16. 3.1978(AP)	16. 3.1978(AP)	16. 3.1978(AP)	12. 8.1981(AP)	7.10.1983(AP)	30. 6.1984(AP)		
Egypt	24. 8.1978(AP)	24. 8.1978(AP)	24. 8.1978(AP)	24. 8.1978(AP)	24. 8.1978(AP)	18. 5.1983(AC)	8. 7.1983 (R)		
France	11. 3.1978(AP)	11. 3.1978(AP)	11. 3.1978(AP)	11. 3.1978(AP)	11. 3.1978(AP)	13. 7.1982(AP)	2. 9.1986(AP)		
Greece	3. 1.1979 (R)	3. 1.1979 (R)	3. 1.1979 (R)	3. 1.1979 (R)	3. 1.1979 (R)	26. 1.1987 (R)	26. 1.1987 (R)	14.10.1994 (S)	
Israel	3. 3.1978 (R)	1. 3.1984 (R)	1. 3.1984 (R)	3. 3.1978 (R)	3. 3.1978 (R)	21. 2.1991 (R)	28.10.1987 (R)	14.10.1994 (S)	
Italy	3. 2.1979 (R)	3. 2.1979 (R)	3. 2.1979 (R)	3. 2.1979 (R)	3. 2.1979 (R)	4. 7.1985 (R)	4. 7.1985 (R)	14.10.1994 (S)	
Lebanon	8.11.1977(AC)	8.11.1977(AC)	8.11.1977(AC)	8.11.1977(AC)	8.11.1977(AC)	1994 (AC)*	1994 (AC)*		
Libya	31. 1.1979 (R)	31. 1.1979 (R)	31. 1.1979 (R)	31. 1.1979 (R)	31. 1.1979 (R)	6. 6.1989(AP)	6. 6.1989(AP)		
Mali	30.12.1977 (R)	30.12.1977 (R)	30.12.1977 (R)	30.12.1977 (R)	30.12.1977 (R)	2. 3.1989 (R)	11. 1.1988 (R)	14.10.1994 (S)	
Monaco	20. 9.1977 (R)	20. 9.1977 (R)	20. 9.1977 (R)	20. 9.1977 (R)	20. 9.1977 (R)	12. 1.1983 (R)	28. 5.1989 (R)	14.10.1994 (S)	
Morocco	15. 1.1980 (R)	15. 1.1980 (R)	15. 1.1980 (R)	15. 1.1980 (R)	15. 1.1980 (R)	9. 2.1987 (R)	22. 6.1990 (R)		
Slovenia	15.3.1994 (AC)	15.3.1994 (AC)	15.3.1994 (AC)	15.3.1994 (AC)	15.3.1994 (AC)	15.3.1994 (AC)	15.3.1994 (AC)		
Spain	17.12.1976 (R)	17.12.1976 (R)	17.12.1976 (R)	17.12.1976 (R)	17.12.1976 (R)	6. 6.1984 (R)	22.12.1987 (R)	14.10.1994 (S)	
Syria	26.12.1978(AC)	26.12.1978(AC)	26.12.1978(AC)	26.12.1978(AC)	26.12.1978(AC)	1.12.1993 (AC)	11.9.1992 (AC)		
Tunisia	30. 7.1977 (R)	30. 7.1977 (R)	30. 7.1977 (R)	30. 7.1977 (R)	30. 7.1977 (R)	29.10.1981 (R)	26. 5.1983 (R)	14.10.1994 (S)	
Turkey	6. 4.1981 (R)	6. 4.1981 (R)	6. 4.1981 (R)	6. 4.1981 (R)	6. 4.1981 (R)	21. 2.1983(AC)	6.11.1986(AC)		

S = Signature R = Ratification AC = Accession AP = Approval \* pending confirmation from the Depository State (Spain)

MULTILATERAL TREATIES IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT  
TABLE OF PARTICIPATION BY THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES

Place/Date Adoption Entry into force	Agreement for the Establishment of a General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean (as amended)	International Convention for the Protection of Birds	Convention for the Establishment of the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (as amended)	International Plant Protection Convention	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil (as amended in 1962 and 1969)
Rome 6.12.1949 20.2.1952	Paris 18.10.1950 17.1.1963	Paris 18.4.1951 18.4.1951	Rome 6.12.1951 3.4.1952	London 12.5.1954 26.7.1958	
Albania *					
Algeria *					
Bosnia-Herzegovina					
Croatia					
Cyprus *					
Egypt *					
European Community					
France *					
Greece *					
Israel *					
Italy *					
Lebanon *					
Libya *					
Malta *					
Monaco *					
Morocco *					
Slovenia					
Spain *					
Syria *					
Tunisia *					
Turkey *					

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	Amendments to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, Concerning the Protection of the Great Barrier Reef	Amendments to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, Concerning Tank Arrangements and Limitation of Tank Size	Convention on the Continental Shelf	Convention on the High Seas	Convention on Fishing and Conservation of the Living Resources of the High Seas
Place/Date Adoption	London 12.10.1971	London 16.10.1971	Geneva 29.4.1958	Geneva 29.4.1958	Geneva 29.4.1958
Entry into force	not yet in force	not yet in force	10.6.1964	30.9.1962	20.3.1966
Albania			*	*	
Algeria	*	*			
Bosnia-Herzegovina					
Croatia					
Cyprus			*	*	
Egypt					
European Community					
France	*	*	*		*
Greece	*	*	*		
Israel				*	
Italy	*	*		*	
Lebanon	*	*			
Libya					
Malta	*	*	*		
Monaco					
Morocco					
Slovenia					
Spain			*		*
Syria	*	*			
Tunisia	*	*			
Turkey					

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Place/Date Adoption	Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water	African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources	European Convention for the Protection of Animals During International Transport	European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage	International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage (as amended)
Entry into force	Moscow 5.8.1963 10.10.1963	Algiers 15.9.1968 16.6.1969	Paris 13.12.1968 20.2.1971	London 6.5.1969 20.11.1970	Brussels 29.11.1969 19.6.1975
Albania					*
Algeria		*			*
Bosnia Herzegovina					
Croatia					*
Cyprus	*		*	*	*
Egypt	*	*			*
European Community					
France			*	*	*
Greece	*		*	*	*
Israel	*				
Italy	*		*	*	*
Lebanon	*				*
Libya	*				
Malta	*			*	*
Monaco					*
Morocco	*	*			*
Slovenia					*
Spain	*		*	*	*
Syria	*				*
Tunisia	*	*			*
Turkey	*		*		*

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Place/date Adoption	International Convention Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Oil Pollution Casualties	Protocol Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Pollution by Substances Other Than Oil	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat	Protocol to Amend the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat	Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-bed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof
Brussels 29.11.1968		London 2.11.1973	Ramsar 2.2.1971	Paris 3.12.1982	London, Moscow, Washington 11.2.1971
6.5.1975		30.9.1983	21.12.1975	1.10.1986	18.5.1972
Albania					
Algeria			*		
Bosnia-Herzegovina					
Croatia	*	*	*		
Cyprus					*
Egypt	*	*	*	*	
European Community					
France	*	*	*	*	
Green	*		*	*	*
Israel					
Italy	*	*	*	*	*
Lebanon	*				
Libya					
Malta			*	*	*
Monaco	*				
Morocco	*		*	*	*
Slovenia	*		*	*	
Spain	*		*	*	*
Syria	*				
Tunisia	*		*	*	*
Turkey					*

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Place/date Adoption	International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage	Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft (as amended)	Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological, Biological and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction	Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage	Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter (as amended)
Brussels 18.12.1971	Oslo 15.2.1972	London, Moscow, Washington 10.4.1972	Paris 23.11.1972	London, Mexico City, Moscow, Washington 28.12.1972	
16.10.1978	7.4.1974	28.9.1975	17.12.1975	30.9.1976	
* Albania			*		
* Algeria			*		
Bosnia-Herzegovina			*		
* Croatia			*		*
* Cyprus		*	*	*	*
Egypt				*	*
European Community					
* France	*	*	*	*	*
* Greece		*	*	*	*
Israel					
* Italy	*	*	*	*	*
Lebanon			*	*	*
Libya				*	*
Malta			*	*	*
Morocco	*		*	*	*
* Morocco				*	*
Slovenia	*			*	*
Spain	*	*	*	*	*
* Syria	*			*	*
Tunisia	*	*	*	*	*
Turkey			*	*	*

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	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships MARPOL	Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships	Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Land-Based Sources	Agreement Concerning the Protection of the Waters of the Mediterranean Shores
Place/date Adoption	Washington 3.3.1973	London 2.11.1973	London 17.2.1978	Paris 4.6.1974	Monaco 10.5.1976
Entry into force	1.7.1975	2.10.1983	2.10.1983	1.9.1989	1.1.1981
Albania					
Algeria	*	*	*		
Bosnia-Herzegovina					
Croatia			*		
Cyprus	*	*	*		
Egypt	*	*	*		
European Community				*	
France	*	*	*	*	*
Greece	*	*	*		
Israel	*		*		
Italy	*	*	*		*
Lebanon			*		
Libya					
Malta	*		*		
Monaco	*	*	*		*
Morocco	*		*		
Slovenia			*		
Spain	*		*	*	
Syria			*		
Tunisia	*	*	*		
Turkey			*		

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	Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)	European Convention for the Protection of Animals for Slaughter	Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats	Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution
Place/date Adoption	Geneva 18.5.1977	Bonn 23.6.1979	Strasbourg 10.5.1979	Berne 19.9.1979	Geneva 13.11.1979
Entry into force	5.10.1978	1.1.1983	11.6.1982	1.6.1982	16.9.1983
Albania					
Algeria					
Bosnia-Herzegovina					*
Croatia					*
Cyprus	*			*	*
Egypt	*	*			
European Community		*		*	*
France		*		*	*
Greece	*		*	*	*
Israel		*			
Italy	*	*	*	*	*
Lebanon					
Libya					
Malta				*	
Monaco		*		*	
Morocco		*			
Slovenia					*
Spain	*	*		*	*
Syria					
Tunisia	*	*			
Turkey				*	*

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	Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Long-term Financing of the Co-operative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP)	Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on the Reduction of Sulphur Emissions or their Transboundary Fluxes by at least 30 per cent	Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution Concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or their Transboundary Fluxes	Regional Convention for the Conservation of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment	Protocol Concerning Regional co-operation in Combating Pollution by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency
Place/date Adoption	Geneva 28.9.1984	Helsinki 8.7.1985	Sofia 1.11.1988	Jeddah 14.2.1982	Jeddah 14.2.1982
Entry into force	28.1.1988	2.9.1987	14.2.1991	20.8.1985	20.8.1985
Albania					
Algeria					
Bosnia-Herzegovina	*				
Croatia	*				
Cyprus	*				
Egypt				*	*
European Community	*		*		
France	*	*	*		
Greece	*				
Israel					
Italy	*	*	*		
Lebanon					
Libya					
Malta					
Monaco					
Morocco					
Morocco					
Slovenia	*				
Spain	*		*		
Syria					
Tunisia					
Turkey	*				

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	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea	Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer	Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (1987)	Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal
Place/date Adoption	Montego Bay 10.12.1982	Vienna 22.3.1985	Montreal 16.9.1987	London 29.8.1990	Basel 22.3.1989
Entry into force	16.11.1994	22.9.1988	1.1.1989	10.8.1992	6.6.1992
Albania					
Algeria	*	*	*	*	
Bosnia-Herzegovina	*				*
Croatia		*	*		*
Cyprus	*	*	*		*
Egypt	*	*	*	*	*
European Community		*	*	*	*
Finland		*	*	*	*
Greece		*	*	*	*
Israel		*	*	*	
Italy		*	*	*	*
Lebanon		*	*	*	
Libya		*	*		
Malta	*	*	*		
Montaco		*	*	*	*
Morocco		*			
Slovenia		*	*	*	*
Spain		*	*	*	*
Syria		*	*		*
Tunisia	*	*	*	*	*
Turkey		*	*		*

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	International Convention on Salvage	International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness Response and Cooperation (OPRC)	Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa	Convention for the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution	Protocol on Cooperation in Combating Pollution of the Black Sea Marine Environment by Oil & Other Harmful Substances in Emergency Situations
Place/date Adoption	London 28.4.1989	London 30.11.1990	Bamako 30.1.1991	Bucharest 21.4.1992	Bucharest 21.4.1992
Entry into force	not yet in force	not yet in force	not yet in force	April 1994	April 1994
Albania					
Algeria			#		
Bosnia-Herzegovina					
Croatia					
Cyprus					
Egypt	*	*	#		
European Community		*			
France		#			
Greece		#			
Israel		#			
Italy	#	#			
Lebanon		#			
Libya			#		
Malta		#			
Monaco					
Morocco		#			
Slovenia					
Spain	#	*			
Syria					
Tunisia			#		
Turkey				*	*

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	Protocol on the Protection of the Black Sea Marine Environment Pollution by Dumping	Protocol on Protection of the Black Sea Marine Environment Against Pollution from Land-based Sources	Convention on Biological Diversity	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
Place/date Adoption	Bucharest 21.4.1992	Bucharest 21.4.1992	Rio de Janeiro 5.6.1992	New York 9.5.1992
Entry into force	April 1994	April 1994	29.12.1993	21.3.1994
Albania			*	*
Algeria				*
Bosnia-Herzegovina				
Croatia				
Cyprus				
Egypt				*
European Community				*
France				*
Greece			*	*
Israel				
Italy				*
Lebanon				*
Libya				
Malta				*
Monaco			*	*
Morocco				
Slovenia				
Spain			*	*
Syria				
Tunisia			*	*
Turkey	*	*		

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