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MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS
FOR THE BLUE PLAN AND THE
PRIORITY ACTIONS PROGRAMME
IN 1987

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1. The Intergovernmental Meeting of Mediterranean Coastal states held in Split, Yugoslavia, 31 January - 4 February 1977, discussed and adopted the objectives and the programmes for the Blue Plan (BP) and the Priority Actions Programme (PAP) as two parts of the integrated planning component of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP).
2. During the first few years of their existence, the two programmes were developing independently from each other. The NFPs for the PAP convened only one meeting (Split, 6-8 December 1982). The NFPs for the BP convened five meetings, the last being on 24-27 January 1984. It was felt during the last few years that there was a need to re-integrate the activities of the two programmes as originally intended.
3. To achieve this purpose and upon a decision of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, a joint meeting of the national focal points for the BP and the PAP was convened in Athens from 6 to 9 May 1985, with an objective of reviewing the progress of these two activities and to advise on their future development, as well as on their interrelationship.
4. Furthermore, the Genoa Meeting (Sep. 85) decided to convene two joint meetings of the NFPs for the BP and the PAP during 1986 and 1987. The 1986 joint meeting was held in Athens from 28 to 30 April during which participants discussed the question of convening separate meetings for the NFPs of BP and PAP, with the objective:

For BP:

- to review the first draft of the report on Mediterranean Scenarios due to be completed in April/May 1987.
- to prepare recommendations to the next meeting of the Contracting Parties (September 1987).

For PAP:

- to review in detail the concept and objectives of each priority action being undertaken by PAP, bearing in mind that PAP has no Steering Committee as is the case with BP.
- to prepare recommendations to the next meeting of the Contracting Parties (September 1987).

5. Budget:

The Genoa Meeting decided to allocate US \$ 30,000 for a joint meeting of BP/PAP in 1987 (UNEP/IG.56/5). These funds will be divided between the two programmes to cover the convening of two separate meetings in Sophia Antipolis and in Split. Any additional funds needed will be covered from resources under the BP/PAP budgets.

6. Recommendations:

After consultation with the Directors of the BP/RAC and the PAP/RAC, the secretariat suggests the following:

- A. To convene a separate meeting for the National Focal Points for Blue Plan and Priority Actions Programme.
- B. The Blue Plan meeting is to be convened in Sophia Antipolis between June-August 1987. (After the preparation of the report on MED Scenarios due to be ready by April/May 1987 and prior to the next meeting of the Contracting Parties in September 1987).
- C. The Priority Actions Programme meeting is to be convened from 18 to 20 March 1987 in Split, Yugoslavia.