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Introduction

1. The meeting was convened to consider the main document of the Bureau Meeting held in Istanbul on 25-26 March 1987, "Alternative methods of calculating contributions to the Mediterranean Trust Fund" (UNEP/BUR/28, Working Paper 6). The Meeting was held in Madrid, Spain, from 19 to 22 June 1987.
2. Participants from 9 Mediterranean coastal States and from the European Economic Community took part in the meeting. A complete list of participants is attached as Annex I.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

3. The meeting was opened by the representative of the Spanish Government, Mr. F. Martínez-Salcedo, the Director-General of Environment, who welcomed the participants to Madrid.

Agenda item 2: Rules of procedure

4. The meeting noted that the rules of procedure for conferences and meetings of the Contracting Parties, contained in document UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI, would apply mutatis mutandis to its deliberations.

Agenda item 3: Election of officers

5. The meeting unanimously elected the following officers:

Chairman: Mr. Luis González-Calvo, Spain
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Giovanni Falchi, Italy
 Mr. M. Farouk Bedewi, Egypt
Rapporteur: Mr. Loizos Loizides, Cyprus

Agenda item 4: Alternative methods of calculating contributions to the Mediterranean Trust Fund

6. The secretariat presented the main document summarizing the existing alternatives for calculating the contributions. The first and second alternatives introduce a minimum and a maximum contribution and apportion the balance on the basis of the UN scale of assessment. The third and fourth proposals consider also other pollution parameters, for which different weights are assigned. The secretariat clarified that the parameters used were based on data which was not intended to have financial or fiscal value. The secretariat stressed the importance of reaching a consensus on the scale of assessments, as this was essential for the implementation of the Action Plan which is entirely financed by the MTF. Such a scale should be used exclusively for the MTF and should not constitute a precedent for any other activities. The secretariat's preference was for the introduction of 0.5% or 1.0%, as practiced in other Regional Seas Programmes, such as the Caribbean and the West African regions.

7. The Chairman asked the participants to express the views of their governments regarding the contribution.
8. In the course of the discussion the following points were made:
There was general agreement on the desirability to amend the existing scale in order to achieve a better balance in sharing the cost of the MAP programme. The meeting also agreed that the transition should be made gradually, over a period of 4 years, 1988-1991. In response to a question, the secretariat informed the meeting that the Executive Director intended to propose to the Contracting Parties an increase of 15% in contributions for the next biennium.
9. Many participants stressed the fact that the parameters were not acceptable as presented because they did not reflect accurately the prevailing situation. As a result, alternatives 3 and 4 of the working document did not have to be considered.
10. Several participants indicated that the option of a 1% limit would not be acceptable as it increased their present contribution by 10 to 15 times. On this basis, the alternatives presented in tables I and II of the working document were also rejected.
11. The meeting then considered a new proposal that introduces a minimum contribution ranging from 0.1% to 1.0%, to be increased from the first to the second biennium. The balance of the contribution was apportioned among the countries on the basis of the UN scale of assessment.
12. A second proposal was also introduced, based on the reduction of the highest contribution from 44.57 to 40.00 and 35.00 for the first and second biennium respectively.
13. After further discussion the meeting agreed that the scale of assessment reproduced in Annex II seemed a reasonable and viable one for the next four years. An agreement was reached for the biennium 1988-1989.
14. The meeting submitted the proposed scale to the Bureau for its consideration and onward transmission to the Contracting Parties.

Agenda item 5: Adoption of the report

15. The meeting adopted the report on 22 June 1987.

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PROPOSAL OF THE MEETING TO THE BUREAU OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

Algeria	1.48
Cyprus	0.16
Egypt	0.74
France	37.01
Greece	4.00
Israel	2.33
Italy	26.95
Lebanon	0.10
Libya	2.75
Malta	0.10
Monaco	0.11
Morocco	0.53
Spain	15.00
Syria	0.42
Tunisia	0.32
Turkey	4.00
Yugoslavia	4.00
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