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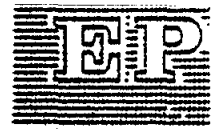
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Introduction

1. At the kind invitation of the Government of Spain the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its related protocols met in Madrid on 22 June 1987.

2. The meeting was chaired by the President of the Bureau, H.E. Mr. Javier Sáenz Cosculluela, Minister of Public Works and Housing of Spain. H.E. Mr. Abderrahmane Boufettas, Vice-President, (Morocco), H.E. Mr. Abdul-Hamid Munajid, Vice-President, (Syrian Arab Republic), and Mrs. Nuran Talu, Rapporteur, (Turkey), were also present.

3. The secretariat was represented by Mr. Aldo Manos, Co-ordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan.

4. The meeting was opened by H.E. Mr. Javier Sáenz Cosculluela, President of the Bureau, who welcomed the participants to the meeting.

5. Mr. Aldo Manos conveyed to the Spanish authorities the gratitude of the Executive Director, Dr. Mostafa K. Tolba, for hosting the Bureau meeting.

Agenda item 1 - Adoption of the agenda

6. The meeting adopted its Agenda as proposed by the secretariat.

Agenda item 2 - Progress report by the Co-ordinator

7. The Co-ordinator presented the report on activities from 1 April to 31 May 1987 (UNEP/BUR/29, Working Paper 3).

8. The Co-ordinator informed the Bureau about the delay in the renewal of the lease agreement for the offices occupied by the Co-ordinating Unit in Athens. The Bureau members requested information on the space occupied and rent paid, which was provided by the Co-ordinator.

9. The Co-ordinator invited the Spanish authorities to facilitate the return to Greece of the diplomatic car plates issued to a former staff member and not yet returned.

10. He informed the Bureau that several delegations at UNEP's Governing Council XIV had made positive reference to the Mediterranean Action Plan.

11. In the course of the discussion the Vice-President from Morocco suggested that a way should be found to fine ships responsible for pollution by toxic waste, for the benefit of the Action Plan. The representative of Turkey informed the meeting that an EEC mission had visited her country in connection with proposed floating reception facilities. She also informed the secretariat that the Turkish contribution for 1987 would be paid soon and that the State Planning Organization had given its support to the regional project on Seismic Risk reduction.

Agenda item 3 - Alternative methods of calculating contributions to the
Mediterranean Trust Fund

12. Upon the recommendation of the "Meeting on alternative methods of calculating contributions to the Mediterranean Trust Fund" (Madrid, 19-22 July 1987) the Bureau decided to recommend to the Contracting Parties to adopt at their forthcoming meeting the revised scale of contributions to the MTF that appears in Annex I.

Agenda item 4 - Date and place of the next meeting of the Bureau

13. Following past practice, the Bureau decided to meet on 6 September 1987 at the seat of the Co-ordinating Unit in Athens in order to review the issues before the Fifth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties. The secretariat will provide the President with the necessary documents and the President will propose an agenda for the next Bureau meeting.

Agenda item 5 - Other business

14. The President read to the Bureau a letter addressed to him by the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Principality of Monaco, thanking the Bureau for the proposal to establish a fellowship to honour the memory of Mr. Alain Vatrican.

15. The President also distributed to the Bureau a note containing some points for inclusion in his opening statement at the Contracting Parties meeting. The subject will be discussed further at the next Bureau meeting.

Agenda item 6 - Report of the meeting

16. The Bureau adopted its report.

PROPOSED SCALE OF ASSESSMENT

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

100.00
