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RECOMMENDATIONS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES RELEVANT TO
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT SINCE
THE LAST MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES**

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Introduction

The present consolidated brief report covers the progress achieved and encountered problems in the implementation of the various activities carried out by the Coordinating Unit and its Regional Activity Centres (RAC'S) since the Ninth Ordinary meeting and the Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the Contracting Parties (Barcelona, 5-10 June 1995). As decided by the Bureau at its previous meeting, this progress report also contains proposals for recommendations in relation to various activities to be reviewed and adopted by the present meeting of the Bureau.

A. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BARCELONA CONVENTION

(i) Programme Coordination

1. The report of the last meeting of the Bureau convened in Paris on 30-31 January 1995 (UNEP/BUR/46/3) was published and distributed to all members of the Bureau, the MAP Focal Points, RAC'S Centres, UN Agencies, Intergovernmental organizations, as well as to UNEP Headquarters.
The report was also made available as one of the documents of the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Barcelona, June 1995).
 - (a) MAP budget and the status of Contributions to the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF)
2. After long delays, the contributions of Italy to the Mediterranean Trust Fund for the years 1992 to 1995 inclusive were received on 19 June 1995, in total (\$ 4,828.065).
3. It is worthy to note that the Bureau of the Contracting Parties has played a very constructive role during the years 1993-1995, in exercising its good offices on Italy and other Contracting Parties for the purpose of early payment of their contributions to the MTF.
4. As announced by the Secretariat during the last Joint Committee Meeting held in Athens (April 1995), and during the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties held in Barcelona (June 1995), the following decisions were taken concerning the use of the above mentioned amount:
 - a. reimbursement to UNEP of the amount of US\$ 689,000 representing the last portion of the funds borrowed from the Fund Programme Reserve allocation to cover 6 months salaries within MAP in 1994.
 - b. to allocate an amount of US\$ 1,788,700 representing the provision for the Revolving Fund, as decided by the Contracting Parties during the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (see Annex XIII, p.38 of document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/16).
 - c. to allocate the full amounts approved by the Contracting Parties during their 8th Ordinary Meeting for the activities and operative costs in 1995.

The table in Annex I shows the status of the Mediterranean Trust Fund, as at 4 October 1995, as a result of the above. The surplus of US\$ 789,394 will be allocated in 1996, in accordance with the table of the sources of financing approved during the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (see UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/16, p. 38 of Annex XIII).

5. The delayed payment of the Italian contribution has deeply affected the full implementation of the activities approved by the Contracting Parties in 1995. The MAP Regional Activity Centres, as well as the Cooperating Agencies, have been requested to provide during the month of November 1995, an estimated status of their financial commitments, until the end of the year, as well as the progress on the implementation of their activities.

Upon receipt of this information, the Secretariat will indicate, according to the priorities, the activities originally approved of by the Contracting Parties for the year 1995, which will require to be rephased into the 1996 budget and the Secretariat will inform the Bureau accordingly.

6. An updated status of the contributions of the Mediterranean Trust Fund is also attached in Annex II.
7. A meeting of RAC Directors was held on 25-27 September 1995 in order to agree on the priority activities that will be undertaken in 1997, in accordance with the MAP Phase II, and the Priority Fields of Activities for the environment and development in the Mediterranean as adopted in Barcelona during the Conference of Plenipotentiaries last June.
8. During the months of November and December a proposal for a 1997 budget will be finalized and presented to the Bureau at a later stage for its consideration. Subsequently, the 1997 Programme budget will be reviewed and finalized by the meeting of National Focal Points (Athens, May 1996) for submission to the Extraordinary Meeting (France, June 1996) for final approval.

Recommendations

- (a) **The Bureau is requested to authorize the Secretariat to finalize the 1997 Programme Budget for submission to the Extraordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties, through the meeting of National Focal Points.**
- (b) **The Programme Budget should be drafted in the light of the priorities assigned to MAP by the Ninth Ordinary Meeting (Barcelona, June 1995).**
- (c) **The Secretariat will present the draft 1997 Programme Budget to the next meeting of the Bureau (February-March 1996) for its consideration and indication of the percentage of increase of contributions for the 1997 Programme Budget.**

(b) Conference on Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation (Barcelona 27-28 November 1995)

9. The Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation Conference will be convened in Barcelona on 27-28 November 1995. As part of the Agenda of the Conference will be allocated to the issue of environment with a subsequent programme budget, the Mediterranean Countries Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention should utilize this opportunity by presenting to the Conference the new phase of the Mediterranean Action Plan with its Priority Fields of Activities for the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean Basin (1996-2005).

Recommendations

The Bureau may express its wishes that MAP be invited to the Euro-Mediterranean Conference, in that case, it is recommended that the Bureau should authorize its president H.E. Mr Nouridine Benomar Alami, Mr Joaquin Ros (Spain) and Mr L. Chabason, MAP Coordinator to represent MAP in the Conference and to present the Priority Field of Activities (1996-2005) with a view to seeking endorsement of the role of MAP in the implementation of environmental and development activities in the Mediterranean region within the framework of the decisions of the Contracting Parties.

(c) Cooperation with the World Bank (METAP)

10. Intensive consultations are being conducted with the World Bank with a view to strengthening and coordinating MAP/WB cooperation, especially through the METAP Programme. In this connection, MAP Coordinator and Blue Plan Director attended the METAP Donor Retreat (Virginia, 19-21 July 1995), during which an exchange of ideas and overall discussion were undertaken. The Donor Retreat Consultation provided positive and constructive input to the ongoing process of consultation with donors, beneficiary countries and regional organizations.
11. MAP was also present at METAP meeting on "preparation of a Country portfolio for METAP Assistance" which was held in Belek, Turkey, on 18-26 September 1995. The proposals for Country portfolio were reviewed. A first exchange of views on the coordinating mechanisms related to METAP III and the role of each partner was conducted. The proposals for Country portfolio were in line with the general objectives and priority of MAP II since they covered e.g. pollution of hot spots, freshwater management and capacity building for the creation of national observatories.
12. At the end of the meeting, it was agreed that each country should revise the proposal according to the comments and resubmit them to the METAP Secretariat. MAP will receive copies of the final proposals from the World Bank.
13. During the several MAP/WB consultations, it was agreed that METAP and MAP will join UNDP to form a steering Committee to plan the capacity building programme for the next phase of METAP, which will be launched in early 1996. Moreover METAP and MAP will jointly complete preparation of the terms of

reference for an assessment of experience in the region in the area of integrated coastal zone management and will jointly supervise its implementation and METAP and MAP/Blue Plan will jointly host a regional seminar to launch a Regional Environmental Monitoring Network.

Recommendation

The Bureau may wish to request the Secretariat to continue its consultations with the World Bank with a view to strengthening cooperation and partnership with the World Bank during the coming crucial period of MAP history.

(d) Coordination Meeting of MED UNIT/RAC

14. A meeting of MED UNIT and Regional Activity Centres (RAC) on MAP Programme was convened on 25-27 September 1995. The purpose of the brainstorming meeting was to conduct an in depth consultation between all MAP bodies on the implementation of MAP Phase II, Priority Fields of Activities on Environment and Development, as well as other important decisions of the Ninth Ordinary Meeting (Barcelona, 5-8 June 1995) and the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (Barcelona, 9-10 June 1995).
15. Another objective of the meeting was to utilize the momentum prevailing in the area with the positive development of the Middle East peace process and the Convening of the Amman Economic Conference on 29-31 October 1995 and the Euro-Mediterranean Conference on 27-28 November 1995 and introduce concrete proposals to the financial institutions for funding within the framework of these important and far reaching developments.
16. At the end of its deliberations the MEDU/RAC meeting reviewed a MAP strategy in relation to:
 - the main actions to be undertaken with regard to the various components of the Action Plan, the Convention and its Protocols;
 - actions to be undertaken with regard to the Coastal Areas Management Programme (CAMP);
 - actions to be undertaken with regard to the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD);
 - organizational and coordination aspects with regard to restructuring of internal MAP system, including decentralization of activities and responsibilities of MAP with a view to ensuring more integration and involvement of RACs in the preparation and implementation of MAP Programme, and a clear coherence of roles, purpose and priorities among all MAP bodies.
 - One of the decisions of the RAC meeting is related to the convening of an expert meeting, just before the meeting of SPA national focal points

(March 1996), to review and finalize the Annex to the new SPA and Biodiversity Protocol concerning Guidelines and Criteria for SPAMI List. As there was no budgetary allocation to this expert meeting, it was suggested that the Secretariat raises this issue with the Bureau at its Rabat meeting with a view to securing its approval.

It was agreed to convene a second meeting of MEDU/RAC in December 1995, with a view to finalizing the MAP strategy in this respect.

Recommendation

The Bureau is requested to take note of the decisions of the meeting and may suggest any additional input which would strengthen the process of coordination and implementation of the MAP Programme.

(e) Extraordinary meeting of the Contracting Parties (France, June 1996)

17. As decided by the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Barcelona, June 1995), the Extraordinary Meeting will be hosted by France in the city of Montpellier during the month of June 1996 (the tentative dates are 24-28 June). The objective of the meeting is to review and approve the 1997 Programme Budget and to tackle any other pertinent issues related to MAP.
18. The Extraordinary Meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the national focal points on 6-10 May 1996 with a view to preparing the draft Programme Budget for 1997.
19. The Secretariat is engaged in an intensive negotiation with the French authority with the aim of finalizing the Host Government Agreement relevant to the Extraordinary Meeting.

(f) Establishment of a new Regional Activity Centre (RAC) for Cleaner Production (CP/RAC)

20. At their Ninth Ordinary Meeting (Barcelona, 5-8 June 1995), the Contracting Parties accepted the request of the Government of Spain that the Centro de iniciativas para la producción limpia of the City of Barcelona become a Regional Activity Centre for Cleaner Production Initiatives in the Mediterranean region under the umbrella of MAP. The meeting noted that the Centre would be wholly financed by Spain, which undertook to provide detailed information concerning the Centre to the Contracting Parties for their information, and to the present Bureau meeting for its consideration.
21. It is expected that the member of the Bureau from Spain will brief the Bureau on developments concerning this issue. Information on the background, objectives, functions, organizational, administrative and financial matters were provided to the Secretariat by Spain and is attached as Annex IV to this report.

Recommendation

The Bureau may take note of these information and request the Secretariat to prepare the following steps for the official establishment of the Centre.

(ii) Legal component

(a) Status of the legal instruments approved by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries (Barcelona, June 1995)

22. The Final Act of the Conference of the Plenipotentiaries on the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its Protocols (Barcelona, 9-10 June 1995) was distributed in the four MAP languages to all MAP focal points, participants in the Conference and Intergovernmental and Non-Governmental Organizations (UNEP (OCA) MED IG.6/7)
23. During the preparation of the new booklet which will include the full texts of the Action Plan with the Barcelona Resolution and the Priority Action Fields, the Barcelona Convention and five Protocols (Dumping, Emergency, LBS, Specially Protected Areas and Offshore), the Secretariat noticed a number of discrepancies among the texts in the four languages. The discrepancies found are due to typing and grammar mistakes (including some parts missing in the Spanish text) or are due to questionable translation.
24. After consulting the legal advisor of MAP as well as the legal department of UNEP Headquarters on the subject, the Secretariat reached the conclusion that only minor typing mistakes can be corrected (such as comas and spelling mistakes) and that no corrections due to questionable translation can be operated after the signature of the Final Act. For possible disputes, article 33 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties would be applied.
25. As to the Spanish texts, the Spanish government is at present undertaking a full review of the possible mistakes and discrepancies and after the review is completed, the Secretariat will make the appropriate recommendations.

Recommendations

The Bureau may urge the Contracting Parties to speed up the process of ratification and accession to the new MAP legal instruments approved by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries (Barcelona, June 1995). The Secretariat is of the opinion that the members of the Bureau may start this process by speeding up their ratifications of these instruments, in order to give an example to the other Contracting Parties.

Offshore Protocol:

26. With regard to the Offshore Protocol which was approved by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries (Madrid, 13-14 October 1994), only nine Contracting Parties have signed the Protocol (Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Israel, Italy, Malta, Morocco, Spain and Tunisia). No ratification received yet as at 15 October 1995.

27. The Secretariat has already reminded the Contracting Parties to speed up the process of ratification of the Offshore Protocol.

Recommendation

- (a) **The Bureau may urge the Contracting Parties to speed up the process of ratification of the Offshore Protocol.**
- (b) **During the coordination meeting of MEDU and RAC on MAP Programme (Athens, September 1995), it was agreed to recommend to the Contracting Parties that REMPEC should be the responsible centre to follow up the implementation of the Offshore Protocol. The Bureau may take note of this proposal.**
- (b) Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the draft protocol on the Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal in the Mediterranean (Hazardous Waste Protocol)
28. In accordance with the various decisions of the Contracting parties, two meetings of experts were convened in Italy in April 1993 and in September 1994, during which a draft text of the Hazardous Wastes Protocol was prepared. The Second Experts meeting was able to solve most of the pending issues. However, few reservations were expressed by some countries (Article 2-Scope of the Protocol, Article 4(4)-General Obligations, and Annex I-Categories of Wastes which are hazardous wastes)
29. As decided by the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting parties (Barcelona, 5-8 June 1995), a third meeting of experts will be convened early 1996 in Turkey, with a view to solving the few pending issues. The experts meeting will be immediately followed by a Conference of Plenipotentiaries to approve and sign the draft protocol.
30. The third meeting of experts will be held in Izmir (Turkey) on 16-17 April, to be followed by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries in Izmir on 19-20 April 1996. All the preparatory arrangements have been taken for the convening of the two meetings.

Recommendation

The Bureau may decide to take note of these information and urge the Contracting Parties to actively participate in these meetings and do their utmost to solve the pending issues.

- (c) Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the amendments to the protocol concerning Land-Based Sources of Pollution (LBS Protocol)
31. As decided by the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Barcelona, June 1995), a meeting of experts will be convened in Siracusa, Italy on 4-5 March 1996 to finalize the amendments to the LBS Protocol. The meeting will be followed immediately by a Conference of Plenipotentiaries to approve and

sign the amendments (Siracusa, 7-8 March 1996).

32. Intensive consultation is being conducted with the host Government on the preparation for the two meetings.

Recommendation

The Bureau may decide to take note of these information and urge the Contracting Parties to actively participate in the meetings.

(d) Terms of Reference of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties

33. With a view to streamlining of the work of the Bureau by taking into account all developments occurred within the Mediterranean Action Plan, the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties approved the draft Terms of Reference of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties which has been prepared by the Secretariat and thoroughly reviewed and amended by the Bureau during its 1994-1995 meetings.
34. The text of the Terms of Reference is attached as Annex V to this report.

Recommendation

The Bureau is requested to apply henceforth the new terms of Reference to its meetings and work.

(iii) **Sustainable Development**

(a) Mediterranean Policy Workshop on Sustainable Development of Coastal Areas

35. In order to develop policies for sustainable development of coastal areas in the Mediterranean, the Greek Government, in cooperation with MAP and with financial contribution of the Ministry of Environment of France, will convene a Mediterranean Policy Workshop on Sustainable Development of Coastal Areas, on 26-27 April 1996, in Santorini Island, Greece.
36. The purpose of the Policy Workshop is to exchange experiences on practices, strategies and policy measures at the local, national, regional and international level towards sustainable development of Mediterranean Coastal Areas. Background national reports will be prepared by each participating country and a few key issue papers by invited experts will form the basis for the two-day workshop.
37. It is expected that the outcome of the workshop would be a preliminary set of guidelines for applying sustainable development policies in Mediterranean Coastal Areas, which could be an important input to the Mediterranean Commission on Environment and Development.

Recommendation

The Bureau may urge the Contracting Parties to actively participate in the workshop with a high level representation.

(b) Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD)

38. The efforts of the Mediterranean Countries in the field of environmental protection and sustainable development were culminated with the approval of the new MAP phase II and the amendments to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols. The main objective of this process was to ensure sustainable development of natural marine and land resources and to integrate the environment in social and economic development and land-use policies.
39. The Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) created by the Barcelona meetings (5-10 June 1995) was considered as the functional body within the framework of MAP which would ensure the effective follow-up to the various decisions of the meetings of the Contracting Parties in relation to sustainable development and Agenda MED 21, and monitor and enhance the regional cooperation and rationalize the intergovernmental decision-making capacity in the Mediterranean basin for the integration of environment and development issues.
40. The Ninth Ordinary meeting of the Contracting Parties (Barcelona, 5-8 June 1995) requested the Secretariat to finalize the draft Terms of Reference of the Commission which has been prepared by the Secretariat with the assistance of small group of Mediterranean experts as well as on the basis of comments of the Contracting Parties. As at 15 October, only three replies were received from the Contracting Parties (Croatia, Israel and Turkey).
41. On the basis of these comments, and the other comments made during the Ninth Ordinary Meeting, the Secretariat has prepared a new version of the text of the Terms of Reference (Annex VII to this report).
42. First meeting of the Commission

With regard to the convening of the first meeting of the Commission (envisaged to be convened immediately after the Extraordinary Meeting), three options could be raised for the consideration of the Bureau:

Option I:

To convene the joint meeting immediately after the Extraordinary Meeting, i.e. Montpellier, 1-3 July 1995. This option has two obstacles:

- (a) there is a remote possibility that the Extraordinary Meeting will not be able to agree on and approve the Terms of Reference of the Commission. Particularly, the issue of the composition of the Commission is an important issue which still requires some time to solve.

(b) in the case that the Terms of Reference is adopted by the Extraordinary Meeting, the time between the Extraordinary Meeting and the first meeting of the Commission is too short for Countries to designate their proper representatives to the Commission and for the Secretariat to prepare the necessary documentation and other logistical issues.

Option II:

That the forthcoming meeting of MAP National Focal Points (Athens, 6-10 May 1996) to review and approve the Terms of Reference of the Commission without sending it to the Extraordinary Meeting. Therefore, each delegate to the meeting must have a mandate from his country to take the necessary decisions. In this case, the first meeting of the Commission could be held in Montpellier on 1-3 July 1996.

Option III:

To convene the first meeting of the Commission during October or November 1996. Thus, a time will be given for the adoption of the Terms of Reference by the Extraordinary Meeting and the Contracting Parties will also have the necessary time to designate their representatives to the Commission and finally for the Secretariat to undertake the necessary preparations. In this event, the first meeting of the Commission could be held in France as decided earlier or in any other interested Mediterranean Country offers to host and cover full costs of the meeting.

Recommendations

- (a) **The Bureau is requested to review and comment on the text of the Terms of Reference of the Commission.**
 - (b) **With regard to the convening of the first meeting of the Commission, the Bureau is requested to decide on the three options prepared by the Secretariat.**
 - (c) Coastal Areas Management Programme (CAMP)
- 43. The gradual reorientation of MAP from a sectorial approach to pollution control to integrated coastal zone management as the key tool through which solutions are being sought has been the main force for the approval and the implementation of the Coastal Areas Management Programme (CAMP).
 - 44. Twelve CAMP projects have been approved by the meetings of the Contracting Parties and they are in different stages of implementation. Three of these projects were completed (Kastella Bay, Izmir Bay and Syrian Coast) and the rest are in progress.
 - 45. As MAP has acquired an extensive experience during the implementation of these projects, the time has come to undertake an evaluation and assessment by independent experts of the results of CAMP projects which were carried out until present, with a view to improving the methodology and procedure for the

preparation and implementation of the new projects.

46. Taking this into consideration, the last meeting of MED UNIT and Regional Activity Centres (RAC) on MAP Programme (Athens, 25-27 September 1995), decided to start the assessment process by independent experts, and in the meantime agreed on steps for immediate improvement of the procedure for the preparation of new CAMPs.
47. It was also realized that the financial resources allocated to CAMP projects, which numbers are in increase, were not adequate.
48. The following is a summary of the progress achieved so far in relation to the individual CAMP projects:

Rhodes Island (Greece):

-The implementation of the various activities being developed within this project, has been developing well. The Second Qualified Report to be submitted to the European Investment Bank (EIB) has been completed for all activities covering the period October 1994-September 1995. Most of the PAP/RAC activities have been completed (Liquid Waste Management, Energy, GIS and EIA). Two more documents are still under preparation on Water Resources Management Study and Liquid Waste Management Plan. They will be integrated in the Integrated coastal Area Management Study of the Island of Rhodes.

-Based on the data collected during the RAC/SPA missions to Rhodes and the comments of the local authorities, a report entitled "Guidelines for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources of the Island of Rhodes" was produced.

-A final report on Microbiological Pollution Monitoring of the Island of Rhodes was prepared on September 1995. The report covers the period from April 1994 to April 1995.

-It is expected that the project which is financed by a grant from the European Investment Bank-EIB will be completed by 31 December 1995. It is envisaged that a final presentation conference will be held early 1996 to present the outputs of the project to the Greek Authorities.

Albania:

-The first part of the Water Resources Management Study for the Erzen and Ishmi Rivers has been completed (the documents were prepared by Albanian experts). PAP/RAC conducted a mission in Albania on 7 November 1995 with the task of agreeing with the local experts on the completion of the second part of the Study. Terms of Reference have been prepared for each local expert, in addition to Technical Specification for the Water Resources Study. Following the two PAP/RAC expert missions sent to Albania in order to launch the drafting of an ICAM Plan for the central coastal region (Durrresi-Vlora), the ICAM Plan is now under way and the draft document (with all graphical annexes) is expected to be completed by the end of October 1995 for presentation to the Albanian authorities. All necessary steps have been made for the preparation of an EIA on the tourist development in Lalzi Bay. A mission of PAP/RAC experts has been

scheduled for November 1995. Meanwhile, Terms of Reference are being drafted for a Carrying Capacity Assessment for tourism for the same area. In collaboration with Dobbin Milus International, PAP/RAC completed the final report of Phase I, and drafted the report on Phase II of the Coastal Zone Management Plan for the North and South Coastal Region. The reports received much acclaim from the World Bank. The majority of proposals contained in these plans have been accepted by the World Bank for funding through its METAP III Programme.

-A letter was sent in July 1995 to the Chairman of the Committee of Environmental Protection, asking for information regarding the possible legal assistance from MAP.

-A final report of the RAC/ERS' intervention in the Albania CAMP - for the monitoring of the coastline changes in time and space - is under way; it comprises several tables on which the satellite images used for the multitemporal analysis of the coastal area changes, including lagoons and rivers are properly reproduced. A meeting with the Albanian Authorities and local experts involved in the work has been planned on 7 November, in Tirana for the preliminary presentation of the work, in anticipation of the final Presentation Meeting to be held tentatively on January 1996. In that occasion, the transfer to the Albanian counterpart of satellites images and relevant database will be set up.

-A mission was carried out to Albania on 9-13 October 1995 by SPA/RAC experts in order to visit interesting sites and contact competent Albanian authorities. The main objectives of this mission are (i) to complete the data collection on the marine and coastal environment for the central part of Albanian coast, (ii) to make proposals for the protection/management of areas of bioecological and aesthetic interest.

-A mission is planned by Historic Sites Centre experts in order to discuss with Albanian authorities the work to be done at the sites of Durres, Apollonia and Butrint. A draft of the integrated planning study for the coastal area of Albania will be issued by the end of October 1995. Final documents on GIS and EIA should be ready by the end of 1995.

-A third Meeting of the Task team on Implications of Climate Change on the Coastal Region of Albania will be held in Durres from 21 to 23 November 1995.

-A final presentation of the results of CAMP Albania for all activities is planned for February/March 1996.

Sfax (Tunisia):

-Based on an MOU signed between PAP/RAC and UNEP-GRID, a computer have been purchased together with the belonging equipment needed to start a GIS programme in Sfax. The first phase of the GIS training course was completed in October 1995. It is expected that the second phase will be completed by the end of 1995.

-Working sessions were held between Blue Plan (BP/RAC) and Tunisian teams in Sophia Antipolis (April) and Tunis (July-October). Two reports were prepared: "Sfax systemic analysis" and "Sfax structural analysis and identification of key parameters". An Interactive decision makers workshop to discuss hypothesis and scenarios is planned by BP/RAC for January 1996.

-Final draft of the study "Implications of Climate Change on the Coastal Region of Sfax" will be ready by mid-November 1995.

-The activities carried out by the RAC/ERS, relevant to the integration of meteorological information and the application of sea circulation patterns to satellite remote sensed information in the studied area in front of Sfax, have been already accomplished and the final presentation is being arranged. The relevant report is being prepared.

Fuka-Matrouh (Egypt):

-The soil erosion and desertification monitoring programme has been carried out throughout 1995 by the University of Alexandria, Faculty of Agriculture. Terms of Reference have been prepared for a soil management study which will be used as an input in the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan for the Fuka-Matrouh area.

-A PAP/RAC expert in GIS visited Marsa Matrouh in May 1995 and conducted a training course on GIS (second phase) addressed to the local and national experts. Furthermore, Terms of Reference have been prepared for a practical GIS application for the needs of the ICAM Plan for the area of Fuka-Matrouh. PAP/RAC experts took part in the presentation of results of CAMP "Fuka-Matrouh" in September 1995. The opportunity was used to talk over and decide on the details of Terms of Reference for other activities within the CAMP for which PAP/RAC is responsible (ICAM Plan, CCA, EIA, Water Resources Management, etc.)

-The Third Meeting of the Task Team on Implications of climate changes for the Control Area of Fuka Matrouh (Egypt) was held in Alexandria from 12 to 14 September 1995. Members of the Task team reviewed the draft final report and agreed on a new text to be finalized by December 1995.

-During the first presentation and consultation meeting which was held in Matrouh on 18-20 September 1995, the following main outputs of SPA/RAC were presented: (i) The marine ecosystems of Fuka-Matrouh Area (Status of species and habitats), (ii) The terrestrial Ecosystems of Fuka-Matrouh area (Status, protection and management measures) and (iii) The cultural Heritage in the Fuka-Matrouh Area. Various reports and studies were also presented by MAP and national experts. Progress achieved and problems encountered were reviewed by participants. It is envisaged that the project will be completed by the middle of 1996.

-A report relevant to the RAC/ERS' intervention in the Fuka-Matrouh CAMP (RAC/ERS/FM/1) for the assessment of natural resources through remote-sensing - was drafted and distributed on occasion of the First Presentation Meeting for the Fuka-Matrouh CAMP held on 18-19 September at Marsa-

Matrouh, Egypt. A Landsat satellite image of the studied area has been transferred to the University of Alexandria, Remote-sensing laboratory of the Institute for Graduated Studies and Research.

Morocco:

-As decided by the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Barcelona, June 1995) to continue work on the five projects approved by the meetings of the Contracting Parties, including CAMP project for Morocco, and with the availability of funds in the Mediterranean Trust Fund, it is expected that a MAP Mission will visit Rabat soon, with a view to preparing the project document for this CAMP, in cooperation with the relevant Moroccan Authorities.

Algeria:

-A MAP mission to Algeria is expected to take place soon, with a view to preparing the project document for the Algerian CAMP, in cooperation with the relevant Algerian Authorities.

Israel:

-A request was received from Israel to launch the CAMP Israel and a mission of the representatives of MEDU is planned for early December 1995.

Malta:

-Preliminary consultations are being conducted with the Maltese authorities. A mission is planned for early December 1995.

-Initial activities have been performed towards the preparation of an Agreement concerning CAMP "Malta". PAP/RAC has been entrusted to coordinate the activities. A review of existing planning documents has been made, and the area has been defined which will be covered by the Coastal Zone Management Plan. The Agreement will be signed, as expected, by the end of 1995.

Lebanon:

-This is the newest CAMP projects. Consultations with the Lebanese Authorities have already been initiated. A MAP mission will visit Lebanon with a view to discussing the relevant activities to be included in the project as well as the selected area for the project.

(iv) Information and training

49. The MEDU library which houses a special collection of scientific and technical publications, offered valuable assistance and reference services to the Mediterranean scientific, professional and student community. During the period of 15 June to 15 October 1995, 28 visitors were received and assisted in the library. Seventy two mail requests were filled for a total of 257 items.
50. One hundred and thirty nine issues of periodicals, 67 technical reports and 25 monographs were received classified and processed
51. Compilation of the documents database (MEDOCK) continued with volume III of the *List of Meetings and Documents* scheduled for publication in January 1996. An NGO database is under development.

52. MAP Technical Reports No. 93, "Epidemiological Studies Related to the Environmental Quality Criteria for Bathing Waters, Shellfish-Growing Waters and Edible Marine Organisms" and No. 94 "Proceedings of the Workshop on application of Integrated Approach to Development, Management and Use of Water Resources" were published. MAP Technical Reports 91, 92 and 93 were sent to 420 MTS recipients while 50 of each report were despatched to UNEP, Nairobi.

A brochure focussed on the presentation of MAP II is being prepared.

53. At the request of WWF International (Athens office), assistance was given on the organisation and management of the library and one staff member, Greek national, was trained.

B. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAND-BASED SOURCES (LBS) PROTOCOL AND THE DUMPING PROTOCOL

(v) LBS and Dumping activities

54. Completed questionnaires on LBS of pollution were received from Turkey.

55. Information contained in questionnaires are being processed with a view to finalizing the document on LBS by the end of 1995. It is planned to convene a small meeting of experts during December 1995, in order to further evaluate the LBS questionnaires already received.

56. Two preliminary meetings have been held in the UNEP Office for Industry and Environment with a view to finalizing the preparations for the expert meeting on industrial pollution to be hosted by France during the first week of October 1996.

C. MONITORING AND RESEARCH OF POLLUTION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN (MED POL)

(vi) Monitoring and research activities

57. During the period of July-October, active consultations were held with MED POL National Coordinators to prepare National Monitoring Programme in view of the availability of funds. As a result, Programmes relative to Albania, Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, Israel, Lebanon, Morocco, Slovenia and Syria were prepared and were ready to be sent to the respective countries for approval and signature. Programmes for Greece, Tunisia and Turkey were finalized and signed. Negotiations continued for the remaining countries. As to the research proposals the UN Cooperating Agencies contacted the principal investigators who had submitted proposals for 1995 in order to finalize the respective contracts.

58. On 10 October 1995, the Agreement on National Monitoring Programme of Greece was signed by H.E. Ms E. Papazoi and Mr L. Chabason. This programme covers the measurements of sources of pollution, quality of bathing waters, coastal waters, reference areas and air-borne pollution.

59. All National Coordinators were contacted in order to solicit comments on the documents which the Joint Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Committee and the Socio-Economic Committee held in April 1995 (UNEP (OCA)/MED WG.89/12) did not have the time to discuss. In particular, the national Coordinators were asked to provide comments by 15 September 1995 on six documents including the "Programme for the Assessment and Control of Pollution in the Mediterranean Region MED POL-Phase III (1996-2005)" (UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/5) in view of the Meeting of MED POL National Coordinators to be held on 18-22 March 1996.
60. In the framework of the Data Quality Assurance Programme, two samples were distributed to 75 laboratories in the Mediterranean by the IAEA/MEL/MESL Laboratory in Monaco to test the reliability of their analytical procedures related to the determination of trace elements in biota and sediments. By the end of September, 20 laboratories had replied. In addition, samples related to the determination of trace organic contaminants in sea plant homogeneate were sent to 50 labs from 17 Mediterranean Countries.
61. Two training workshops were held during the period July-September 1995. The first one, the IOC/UNEP/WHO/FAO Training Course on Toxic Chemistry and Toxicology related to harmful algae was held at the University of Trieste from 3 to 12 September 1995, and the second one, the ICOD/UNEP/FAO/IOL Training workshop, on the application of ecotoxicology for the monitoring and control of marine pollution was held in Genoa from 11 to 22 September 1995.
62. Preparations were made to hold the third subregional workshop on the monitoring of chemical contaminants in marine biota for trends which will take place in Alexandria from 6 to 9 November 1995. The fourth workshop will be held in 1996 in Rabat for the Maghreb countries. A circular was sent to relevant laboratories inviting them to participate in the pilot phase of the biomonitoring programme which will start at the beginning of 1996.
63. Med Pol National Coordinators were contacted and asked to propose candidates for the training course related to Data Processing, analysis and presentations to be held in Trieste from 11 to 16 December 1995 as part of the project financed by the Government of Italy and currently being carried out jointly with the University of Trieste.
64. An expert meeting for all Mediterranean Countries will be convened in Athens on 29 November-2 December 1995, in order to finalize the trends on microbiological pollution according to the data related to monitoring programmes received from the Countries.

D. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTOCOL CONCERNING COOPERATION IN COMBATING POLLUTION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA BY OIL AND OTHER HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN CASES OF EMERGENCY

(vii) Prevention and Combating Pollution from Ships (REMPEC)

65. Activities organized by REMPEC

-A Subregional joint Training Course on Marine Pollution Emergency Management has been organized in Haifa, Israel from 11 to 15 June 1995. The training course involved participants from Cyprus, Egypt and Israel.

-A National Workshop for Decision Makers has been organized in Libya from 23 to 25 September 1995.

-The Regional Training course on Response to Accidental Marine Pollution has been organized in cooperation with the Black Sea Programme in Istanbul Turkey from 6 to 14 October 1995.

-The Subregional Joint Spill Response Exercise has been organized in Port Said, Egypt from 22 to 25 October 1995.

66. Activities in which REMPEC participated

(a) The Chemical Expert of REMPEC participated in:

-an OECD Workshop on Risk Assessment and Risk Communication, in the context of Chemical Accident Prevention, Preparedness and Response, Paris, 11-14 July 1995;

-GESAMP Meeting at IMO, London, 28 August-1 September 1995.

(b) The Technical Expert of REMPEC participated in :

-an IMO Meeting on the testing of IMO-OPRC Model Training Course, Malmoe, Sweden (World Maritime University), 10-14 July 1995;

-Provided assistance to Israel in their process of selecting pollution combating equipment, Israel, 18-20 October 1995.

(c) The Director participated in :

-37th Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee of IMO, London 11-15 September 1995;

-OECD Meeting of Expert Group on Chemical Accidents, Paris, 19-21 September 1995;

-Black Sea Emergency Response Working Party Meeting, Istanbul, 16-17 October 1995.

E. ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT OF THE MEDITERRANEAN COASTAL ZONE

(viii) Environmentally sound management of the Mediterranean Coastal Zone

(a) Prospective analysis of the relationship between environment and development (Blue Plan-BP/RAC)

67. Institutional meeting

Meeting of Blue Plan Bureau of co-ordination and Synthesis Committee was held on 31 August 1995.

68. Systemic and prospective studies

Follow-up study on "actualisation of scenarios" through "the implications of sustainable development model in the Mediterranean". Seven reports expected. Six already prepared. A synthetic one will then be distributed to Mediterranean partners and used as a key input for next seminar on systemic and prospective approaches (February 1996).

Preparation and publication of BP 8th fascicle on "Tourisme et Environnement en Méditerranée" and of the 9th fascicle on "Transport et Environnement en Méditerranée".

69. Mediterranean Environment and development Observatory (MEDO)

Substantial document prepared for the 9th Contracting Parties Meeting as a major contribution to the preparatory phase on "Observation and evaluation of environment and development in the Mediterranean". Five fascicles were prepared concerning:

- MEDO function
- From problematics to indicators: water as an example
- Environmental institutions in the Mediterranean countries
- Follow-up of Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean countries
- Methods and tools.

Four "Country Profiles: Institutions-Environment-Development" for Albania, Turkey, Tunisia, and Morocco were also prepared.

Mission was carried out on September to European Commission (Brussels) to meet with several DGs concerning the MEDO future financial support. A project document was prepared and submitted to interested European partners.

Project document for Turkish Observatory has been prepared with Turkish counterparts and submitted to EC/DGXI/LIFE for financial support.

Assistance were rendered to the Tunisian Observatory in the identification of consultant, preparation of Terms of Reference and follow-up activities.

A contract was agreed upon with METAP on "Environment Monitoring Indicators and Performance Milestones" as a preparatory phase for METAP III. BP participated in the METAP Meeting, held in Belek, Turkey, during September 1995, which discussed countries and Regional Portfolios, including a proposal for the Blue Plan for the next five years. An important seminar is under preparation (15-18 January 1996, Damascus) involving METAP partners, UNDP, CEDARE, OSS).

Consultation with IPTS (International Prospective Technological Studies) on "Research and Development on Water Management were carried out on: Who is doing what in the Mediterranean countries". Co-operation and consultation were carried out with OSS (Observatoire du Sahara et du Sahel) on water indicator.

Furthermore, co-operation and consultation with MEDWET on "Water resources in wetlands in the Mediterranean region" were carried out.

70. **Miscellaneous**

The BP/RAC participated in seminars on various topics concerning Blue Plan activities, including:

- "Semaine Franco-Libanaise de l'Environnement", Beirut, 13-17 October 1995;

- Seminar on "Global scenarios and strategies for the XX1st Century: Methods and Tools", Paris, 27-29 September 1995;

- Economic and environment statistics-ECE/EUROSTAT/IFEN, Mèze (France), 11-14 September 1995;

- Second Ministerial Meeting on Mediterranean Tourism, Casablanca, 20-22 September 1995.

(b) Coastal Planning and Management (Priority Actions Programme-PAP/RAC)

Integrated Planning and Management of the Mediterranean Coastal Areas

71. A national seminar on sustainable development in coastal areas was held in Jerusalem (Israel) from 10 to 13 September 1995. The seminar was attended by more than 100 reputed Israeli experts from quite a number of ministries, as well as state and private companies. From the side of PAP/RAC, the seminar was led by its Director, and a group of eminent experts from Greece, the Netherlands and Croatia. It was an excellent opportunity to present the Israeli experiences in the implementation of the sustainable development concept, but also a chance

for transferring relevant experiences from other parts of the world, particularly those in which the implementation of the concept had advanced notably with reference to the problems of coastal areas.

72. An expert meeting was held in the offices of PAP/RAC in Split, on 23 June 1995. The meeting discussed and accepted as draft the Guidelines for Carrying Capacity Assessment for Tourism. The document is now being graphically worked out for publishing and distribution to interested Mediterranean countries. A proposal of a training module on sustainable tourism based on the Guidelines is also being prepared.
73. Preparations are being made for a national training course on GIS in Cyprus, on October 1995. The experts of PAP/RAC will focus on GIS applications, and on Integrated Coastal Area Management. The first presentation of that kind took place in October this year during an international workshop organized in Malta where the experts of PAP/RAC had been invited to participate.
74. Preparations have been also made for the development of other ICAM tools and techniques PAP/RAC is entrusted with. Among others, terms of Reference have been drafted for a classification system to be developed for the narrow coastal strip (on a case study from Croatia) taking into consideration all its advantages for various types of use. In addition to GIS, other forms of decision support systems will be also used in developing the classification system, the objective being a simple management of coastal areas.
75. UNEP-OCA/PAC has published the Guidelines for ICAM in English and the document has been widely disseminated (Regional Seas Technical Report, No. 161). PAP/RAC has translated it into French. This version of the Guidelines will also be published by UNEP-OCA/PAC very soon. Presently, the document is being translated into croatian with a financial support of the Croatian Government.

Environmental Impact Assessment

76. Preparations have been made for the organization of a short national training course on the application of EIA in Syria. At the suggestion of the Syrian authorities, the course will be held in Homs, in December 1995. The course will be held by PAP/RAC experts.
77. Initial activities have been completed for the adaptation and presentation of successful cases of EIA in Mediterranean countries, the objective being a critical review of such cases and their presentation to the Contracting Parties. The requests to select such case studies for publishing have been addressed to Spain, France, Turkey, Israel and Croatia.

Water Resources Management

78. The Guidelines for Integrated Planning, Management and use of Water Resources are in preparation, in consistency with the conclusions adopted at a PAP/RAC workshop held in Marseille in November 1994. An expert meeting

which was held in Malta at the beginning of July this year had the task to define the content of the Guidelines and Terms of Reference for their preparation.

79. A training course on integrated approach to water resources planning, management and use will be organized by RAP/RAC also in Malta, in December this year. The course will be attended by 15 trainees. The experts of PAP/RAC will prepare a set of training papers, on the basis of relevant Terms of Reference.
80. PAP/RAC has completed the Proceedings of the Workshop on integrated Water Resources Planning, Management and Use (Marseille, November 1994). All the papers presented at the workshop have been edited, and the Proceedings have been added a foreword in English and French. The document is being published as MAP Technical Report Series No.94.

Aquaculture

81. Following an expert meeting held in Montpellier, a team of experts engaged by PAP/RAC is now drafting the Guidelines on the Selection of Sites Suitable for Aquaculture. The Guidelines will be discussed at a workshop to be held in Iraklio-Crete (Greece) on 1-4 November this year. In addition to the Guidelines, the workshop will also discuss the national reports on the problems of the selection of sites for aquaculture.

Soil Erosion

82. PAP/RAC is carrying on its programme on the monitoring and mapping of erosion processes in Turkey and Tunisia, as well as the activities concerning the preparation of Guidelines for erosion mapping. The Guidelines are expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Other activities

83. PAP/RAC has put much effort into improving the flow of information on its activities. To this end, a promotional brochure is being prepared which will present, in a simple way, the activities of PAP/RAC. Furthermore, a compendium of selected documents issued by PAP/RAC over the period 1985-1995. Under the title of each publication, there is a brief summary in English and French.
84. On numerous occasions, the Director and other experts of PAP/RAC have been invited to present their experience and approach to the management and planning of coastal areas. Their presentations have been received with great interest in Genoa, Tampa, Ankara, Malta, Tarragona, etc.
85. PAP/RAC has continued to assist OCA/PAC in the implementation of activities on integrated management of coastal areas (others than the Mediterranean).
86. Cooperation of PAP/RAC with the Croatian Government, other authorities and institutions has been excellent. The Government has provided full support to the Centre, thus enabling its smooth operation. Furthermore, the Government has adopted the Statute of the Centre conditional for its registration in accordance

with the new Croatian law on public institutions.

87. The work of the Centre has not been without problems. The main one was the lack of funds in the first half of 1995 which has caused many activities to be postponed. However, regardless of this, a number of activities have kept a continuity and they will be realized in full by the end of the year, that is, in the moment of approval of funds for 1995.

(c) Environment Remote Sensing (ERS/RAC)

88. The collection of questionnaires from the Remote Sensing Centers in the Mediterranean relevant to their activities, technical equipment and professional staff has continued, and the first synthetic information has been produced. Moreover, a proposal has been launched for submitting abstracts dealing with the remote-sensing applications in the Mediterranean to be published in an issue of the Italian remote-sensing magazine Sistema Terra, completely devoted to those items. Some favourable replies have already been received.
89. The first phase of the Daphne project - for the classification and multitemporal observation of vegetation and draught areas in all the mediterranean coastal states - has been accomplished. It concerned the multitemporal analysis of over 2,500 daily NOAA-AVHRR satellite images up to October 1993, on the basis of which a clustering of the Mediterranean region has been realized. In particular, 40 different clusters have been found, each of them characterized by a particular vegetation dynamics, mainly due to different phenological and productive patterns. The project could be implemented in the following years. To this purpose the ERS/RAC has started looking for the setting-up of synergies with partners all over the Mediterranean area, for the validation of the produced clustering of the region. In this context, a meeting with the FAO was arranged on 20 October 1995 in order to present the actual results and discuss the possibility of liaison with the FAO Forest Action Plan.
90. ERS/RAC participated to the meeting of the MED UNIT/RAC during which introduced a synthesis of activities in the framework of the MAP Phase II and Priority Fields of Activities for the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean basin (1996-2005), in which it was available to cooperate. At the end of the meeting, ERS/RAC involvement in Soil Conservation, Forest/Vegetation cover and Urbanization issues has been stated.
91. In occasion of the visit of MAP Coordinator to Palermo on 5 October 1995, ERS/RAC Managing Director expressed the willingness of ERS/RAC to launch in the framework of MAP and accordingly with the Recommendations from the Contracting Parties, the remote sensing programme "Remote-sensing in the Mediterranean". The Managing Director gave expression to the hope that, after comments and possible integrations, it would be submitted to the Bureau Meeting in view of its presentation to the Contracting Parties next June 1996. In the same occasion, it was agreed on the convenience to arrange a meeting of the MEDU and RACs in Rome next December to analyze the best homogeneization of the RACs' activities, in particular as far as the observatory and other activities at Mediterranean scale are concerned.

F. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTOCOL ON SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS AND HISTORIC SITES

(ix) Protection of the common Mediterranean heritage

Specially Protected Areas (SPA/RAC)

92. A survey of the Eastern Libyan coast has been carried out from 19 June to 5 July 1995, during which about 1000 km of the coastline were prospected for nesting occurrence. The survey allowed to discover important nesting areas, for Caretta caretta located between the city of Syrte and the Egyptian border. The survey was organized by SPA/RAC in collaboration with WWF, MEDASSET and the Libyan authorities. The final report of the survey is expected by the end of October 1995. SPA/RAC is preparing a follow up programme in collaboration with the Nation Focal Point for SPA.
93. SPA/RAC organized from 23 to 30 July 1995 in Dalyan (Turkey) a training session on the conservation of marine turtles. This training session was organized in collaboration with the Turkish Ministry of Environment and WWF International. Trainees from the following countries attended the training session: Algeria, Croatia, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Morocco, Slovenia, Tunisia and Turkey.
94. Within the framework at the Coordinated marine turtles tagging Campaign launched by SPA/RAC, a manual on tagging technics was prepared. It constitutes a technical support for the tagging teams identifies in the countries participating in this tagging campaign.
95. In collaboration with the Fisheries Department (Cyprus) and the Cyprus Wild life Society, SPA/RAC supported the participation of two trainees from Israel and Tunisia to the Course in Marine Turtles nesting beaches management. The course was held at Lara (Cyprus) from 28 July to 8 August 1995.
96. SPA/RAC has received the draft report concerning the feasibility study on the establishment of protected areas in eight marine and coastal sites in Algeria. The main objective of the study is to propose measures to improve the protection of these sites and to evaluate when necessary the extension of the already existing nature reserves and Parks.
97. Following a request from the Tunisian National Focal Point, SPA/RAC supported and participated in a field mission to the Galite Island from 18 to 22 August 1995. A preliminary report was produced underlining the main recorded threats. The report also proposes measures to reinforce the control of and to improve the management of the marine reserve.
98. SPA/RAC is organizing with the Bern Convention Secretariat an Expert Meeting

on Endangered Species in the Mediterranean. The main expected outputs of the meeting are (i) list of endangered or threatened species, (ii) list of species whose exploitation is regulated. These lists will be proposed to be adopted as annexes to the New Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean.

99. Within the framework of its training activities, SPA/RAC is organizing the following training sessions:
- Training session on Marine vegetation (Tunis, 30 October - 4 November 1995)
 - Training session on the management of protected areas (Miramre marine reserve, Italy, from 4 to 9 December 1995)

Agreement on Conservation of Cetaceans in the Mediterranean and Black Seas:

100. A meeting on the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Mediterranean and Black Sea was held in Monaco from 26 to 30 September 1995. The Agreement is intended to serve as the international legal framework for the conservation of cetaceans of the maritime waters of the Mediterranean and Black Seas, and to provide a basis for comprehensive, concerted action among the States concerned.
101. The preparation of this Agreement has been undertaken by the UNEP/CMS Secretariat for the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) in close cooperation and consultation with MAP.
102. With a view to coordinating activities, a Joint Consultation Meeting concerning the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Mediterranean and the Black Seas, was hosted by MAP in Athens, on 26-27 October 1992 (DOC:UNEP (OCA)/MED WG.36/6). The Joint Meeting adopted proposals concerning mechanisms for cooperation and coordination among MAP-SPA/RAC and CMS Secretariat.
103. During the Monaco Meeting (Sept 95), it was not possible to reach a consensus on the whole text of the Agreement, therefore, the signature of the Agreement was postponed until a later date. The main points remained in abeyance were the geographical coverage and the accession by other countries not riparian to the Mediterranean or the Black Sea.
104. However, the participants agreed on using existing structures for the implementation of the Agreement. It was proposed that the function of the Secretariat would be undertaken by the CMS Secretariat. Two coordination units would be set up within existing bodies (one for the Mediterranean sub-region through MAP and another one for the Black Sea that could be attached to the Convention for the protection of the Black Sea against pollution).
105. It is the opinion of the Secretariat that the necessary cooperation and coordination are being undertaken between MAP and CMS, with a view to avoiding and minimizing any duplication of work.

**STATUS OF TRUST FUND FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA
AGAINST POLLUTION
STATUS AS AT
4th OCTOBER 1995**

	U.S. \$
<u>INCOME:</u>	
Balance available as at 01.01.1994	818,759
Contributions received in 1994/95	11,893,408
Interest accrued in 1994/95	198,214
A. TOTAL INCOME OF TRUST FUND AS AT 04/10/95	12,910,382
<u>COMMITMENTS:</u>	
1994/95 allocation issued by the Executive Director	
<u>APPROVED COMMITMENTS:</u>	
Approved commitments for 1994/95	10,926,027
* Approved provisions for programme support costs for 1994/95	1,187,853
B. TOTAL APPROVED 1994/95 COMMITMENTS/PROVISIONS	12,113,880
C. BALANCE AVAILABLE (A-B)	796,502
<u>PROPOSED COMMITMENTS:</u>	
Proposed commitments for 1994/95	6,289
Proposed provisions for programme support costs for 1994/95	820
D. TOTAL PROPOSED COMMITMENTS/PROVISIONS AS AT 04/10/95	7,109
E. TOTAL APPROVED/PROPOSED COMMITMENTS/PROVISIONS (B+D)	12,120,988
F. SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) OF TRUST FUND (A-E)	789,394

* The 13% programme support cost is not charged on US\$ 1,788,700 being revolving fund approved by the 9th COP.

REGIONAL TRUST FUND FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE
MEDITERRANEAN SEA AGAINST POLLUTION
Status of Contributions as at 30 September 1995
(in United States Dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid pledges as at 31 Dec. 1994	Adjustments for prior years	Pledges for 1995	Collections during 1994 for 1994 and fut years	Collections during 1995 for prior years	Collections in 1995 for 1995 & fut. years	Unpaid pledges for prior years	Unpaid pledges for 1995
Albania	5,525.00	0.00	2,830	0	0	0	5,525	2,830
Algeria	0.00	0.00	42,446	0	0	0	0	42,446
Bosnia Herzegovina	12,128.00	0.00	12,128	0	0	0	12,128	12,128
Croatia	0.00	0.00	39,212	0	0	0	0	39,212
Cyprus	0.00	0.00	5,660	0	0	5,660	0	0
Egypt	19,808.00	0.00	19,808	0	19,808	19,808	0	0
France	0.00	0.00	1,534,937	0	0	1,534,937	0	0
Greece	0.00	0.00	113,594	136,406	0	0	0	(22,812)
Israel	0.00	0.00	59,425	0	0	59,425	0	0
Italy	3,559,933.00	0.00	1,268,132	0	3,559,933	1,268,132	0	0
Lebanon	0.00	0.00	2,830	0	0	0	0	2,830
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	336,920.00	0.00	79,637	0	0	0	336,920	79,637
Malta	0.00	0.00	2,830	2,830	0	2,830	0	(2,830)
Monaco	0.00	0.00	2,830	0	0	2,830	0	0
Morocco	0.00	0.00	11,319	0	0	0	0	11,319
Slovenia	27,085.00	0.00	27,085	0	27,085	0	0	27,085
Spain	0.00	0.00	605,971	0	0	605,971	0	0
Syrian Arab Republic	11,319.00	0.00	11,319	0	0	0	11,319	11,319
Tunisia	60.00	0.00	8,489	0	60	8,429	0	60
Turkey	0.00	0.00	90,956	0	0	90,956	0	0
Yugoslavia	469,975.00	0.00	0	0	0	0	469,975	0
European Commission	0.00	0.00	101,063	0	0	101,063	0	0
Total	4,442,753.00	0.00	4,042,501	139,236	3,606,886	3,700,041	835,867	203,224
EC Voluntary Contribution	0.00	0.00	568,984	0	0	0	0	568,984
Total	4,442,753.00	0.00	4,611,485	139,236	3,606,886	3,700,041	835,867	772,208

Total collections during 1995 as at 30 September 1995: USD 7,306,927.00.

ANNEX III

**CALENDAR OF MEETINGS
ORGANISED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK
OF THE MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN
AS AT 1 OCTOBER 1995**

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
	1995			
Second Meeting of the Steering Committee for the Fuka CAMP project (Egypt)	17-18 January Cairo	UNEP-MEDU (EGYPT)	L. Chabason* I. Dharat*	Mission Report by MEDU
Meeting of the Bureau (BUR/46)	30-31 January Paris	UNEP-MEDU (FRANCE)	L. Chabason* I. Dharat*	UNEP/BUR/ 46/3
Meeting of Legal and Technical Experts to examine Amendments to the Barcelona Convention and its related Protocols and the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP)	7-11 February Barcelona	UNEP-MEDU (SPAIN)	L. Chabason* L. Jetic*	UNEP(OCA)/ MED WG.82/4
Workshop for Decision Makers (Albania)	13-15 February Albania	REMPEC	J-C Sainios* D. Domovic*	Issued by REMPEC
Training on the job on Methodology for the Development of the Project on Coastline Changes in Albania in CAMP Albania	6-11 March Palermo	RAC/ERS	M. Raimondi	Issued by RAC/ERS
Training Course on Soil Erosion and Desertification Monitoring and Mapping in CAMP "Fuka"	11-25 March Matrouh Egypt	PAP/RAC	I. Trumbic	Issued by PAP/RAC
National Training Courses on Oil Pollution Response (Cyprus/ Egypt/Israel)	12-17 March Cyprus 19-23 March Egypt 26-30 March Israel	REMPEC/EU	D. Domovic*	Issued by REMPEC

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Second Meeting of the Task Team on Implications of Climatic Changes on Albanian Coast	21-23 March Tirana	UNEP-MEDU	L. Jeftic*	UNEP(OCA)/ MED WG.94/2
Consultation Workshop on Biomonitoring	24-25 March Maita	ICoD/FAO (UNEP-MEDU)	G.Gabrielides*	Issued by ICoD
Joint Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Committee and the Socio-economic Committee	3-8 April Athens	UNEP-MEDU	L. Chabason L. Jeftic I. Dharat	UNEP(OCA)/ MED WG.89/12
Training session: "Accueil du Public dans les ASP"	10-15 April Hyeres France	SPA/RAC (FRANCE)	M. Saied* C. Rais*	Issued by SPA/RAC
Fourth Meeting of the Steering Committee for Eastern Mediterranean Subregional Agreement	11-13 April Jerusalem	REMPEC	J-C Sainlos* D. Domovic*	Issued by REMPEC
Workshop "Application of Remote Sensing over the Mediterranean Sea"	20-22 April Palermo	RAC/ERS SOS, UK (ESRIN JRC ISPRA)	M. Raimondi	Issued by SOS
Meeting of Legal and Technical Experts to examine Amendments to the Land-based Sources Protocol	4-6 May Siracusa	UNEP-MEDU (ITALY)	L. Chabason* L. Jeftic* F.S. Civili*	UNEP(OCA)/ MED WG.92/4
Review Meeting on the Fungicide Pilot Survey	11-13 May Milano	FAO/IAEA (UNEP-MEDU)	G.Gabrielides*	FIR/MEDPOL/ MIL/2

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Consultation Meeting for the Implementation of the RAC/ERS Intervention in SFAX CAMP	14-16 May	RAC/ERS	M. Viel	Mission Report by RAC/ERS
Second Phase of the Training Course on GIS in CAMP "Fuka"	25 May-10 Apr. Matrouh Egypt	PAP/RAC	I. Trumbic	Issued by PAP/RAC
Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties- Conference of Plenipotentiaries for the Revision of MAP Instruments	5-8 June Barcelona 9-10 June Barcelona	UNEP-MEDU (SPAIN)	L. Chabason*	UNEP(OCA)/ MED IG.5/16 UNEP(OCA)/ MED IG.6/7
Sub-regional Joint Training Course on Oil Pollution Responce (Cyprus/Egypt/ Israel)	11-16 June Israel	REMPEC	J.C. Sainios* D. Domovic*	to be issued by REMPEC
Training Course on "Remote Sensing and Natural Resources Assesement" in CAMP Fuka	3-26 June	RAC/ERS (EGYPT)	S. Carnemolla*	Issued by RAC/ERS
Expert Meeting on Guidelines for Carrying Capacity Assessment for Tourism	23 June Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Training Session on the Conservation of Marine Turtle	24-29 July Dalyan (Turkey)	SPA/RAC	M. Barbieri*	to be issued by SPA/RAC

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Training Session on the Management of Marine Turtle Nesting Beaches	28 Jul.-8 Aug. Lara (Cyprus)	SPA/RAC (CYPRUS)	M. Barbieri*	to be issued by SPA/RAC
Meeting of BP Co-ordination and Synthesis Committee	August Sophia Antipolis	BLUE PLAN (UNEP-MEDU)	B. Glass	to be issued by BP/RAC
IOC/UNEP/WHO/FAO Training Course on Toxin Chemistry and Toxicology related to Harmful Algas	4-11 Sept. Trieste	IOC (FAO/UNEP-MEDU)	H. Ravn*	to be issued by IOC
Third Meeting of Task Team on Climatic Changes for Fuka-Matrouh	12-14 Sept. Alexandria	UNEP-MEDU	L. Jeftic*	UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.97/3
ICoD/FAO/UNEP Training Course on Applications of Ecotoxicology in the Mediterranean	12-22 Sept. Genoa	ICoD (FAO/UNEP-MEDU)	G.Gabriellides*	to be issued by ICoD
2nd National Training Course and Intercalibration Exercise in Microbiological Methods for Marine Pollution Monitoring	17-22 Sept. Rabat	WHO (UNEP-MEDU)	G. Kamizoulis*	to be issued by WHO
Presentation and Consultation Meeting on Fuka-Matrouh CAMP	18-20 Sept. Matrouh	UNEP-MEDU	I. Dharat*	UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.96/2
National Training Course on Determination of Microbiological Pollution	18-23 Sept. Rabat	WHO (UNEP-MEDU)	G. Kamizoulis*	to be issued by WHO

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
National Workshop in Libya	23-25 Sept. Tripoli	REMPEC (LIBYA)	D. Domovic*	to be issued by REMPEC
Meeting of MEDU and RAC Directors	25-27 Sept. Athens	UNEP-MEDU	L. Chabason I. Dharat	UNEP(OCA)/ MED WG.101/2
National Workshop on Guidelines for ICAM	September Jerusalem	PAP/RAC	I. Trumbic	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Regional Training Course on Oil Pollution Responce MEDIPOL 95	6-14 October Istanbul	REMPEC (TURKEY)	J.C. Sainlos* D. Domovic* S. Micallef*	to be issued by REMPEC
Joint Exercise between Cyprus/Egypt/ Israel	22-25 October Egypt Cyprus Israel	REMPEC	J.C. Sainlos* D. Domovic*	to be issued by REMPEC
Third Training Session on the Mediterranean Marine Vegetation	30 Oct.-4 Nov. Tunis	SPA/RAC	M. Saied C. Rais	to be issued by SPA/RAC
GIS Training Course for National Experts	October Cyprus	PAP/RAC	I. Trumbic*	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Presentation of Intermediate Results of the RAC/ERS Intervention in the Albania CAMP	Last week of October 1995 Tirana (tentative)	RAC/ERS	M. Raimondi*	to be issued by RAC/ERS
National Training Course on the Application of EIA	October Damascus	PAP/RAC	A. Baric	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Regional Workshop on Siting of the Aquaculture (EAM Network)	1-4 November Iraklion (Greece)	PAP/RAC	I. Trumbic*	to be issued by PAP/RAC

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Fifth Steering Committee Meeting for Eastern Mediterranean	6-8 November Brussels	CEC/REMPEC	J.C. Sainlos D. Domovic	to be issued by REMPEC
Third Sub-regional Workshop on the Monitoring of Chemical Contaminants in Marine Biota for Trends	6-9 November Alexandria	FAO (UNEP-MEDU)	G. Gabrielides*	to be issued by FAO
Meeting of the Bureau (BUR/47)	9-10 November Rabat	UNEP-MEDU	L. Chabason* I. Dharat*	to be issued by MEDU
Third Meeting of Task Team on Climatic Changes for Albania	21-23 Nov. Durrës	UNEP-MEDU	L. Jeftic*	to be issued by MEDU
Meeting of Experts on Mediterranean Endangered Species	22-25 Nov. Montpellier	SPA/RAC	C. Rais*	to be issued by SPA/RAC
National Training Course on Determination of Microbiological Pollution	23-28 Nov. Split (tentative)	WHO (UNEP-MEDU)	G. Kamizoulis*	to be issued by WHO
Training Course on the Application of Integrated Approach to Water Resources Management	27 Nov.-2 Dec. Valetta	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	J. Margeta	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Consultation on Microbiological Monitoring of Recreational and Shellfish-growing Waters	29 Nov.-2 Dec. Athens	WHO (UNEP-MEDU)	G. Kamizoulis	to be used by WHO
Evaluation of the LBS Survey	November (tentative)	WHO (UNEP-MEDU)	G. Kamizoulis	to be issued by WHO

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Regional Training Course on Solid Waste Management	November Tel Aviv	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	S. Tedeschi	to be issued by PAP/RAC
National Training Course on the Application of EIA	November Tirana	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	A. Baric*	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Regional Training Course on Reuse of Urban Waste Waters	November to be decided	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	S. Tedeschi	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Regional Training Course on Crisis Management	November (tentative) Malta	REMPEC	J-C Sainlos D. Domovic S. Micallef	to be issued by REMPEC
First Technical/Policy mission for the launching of the CAMP Morocco	November (tentative)	UNEP-MEDU RACs	F.S. Civili	to be issued by MEDU
Training Session on the Management of Marine and Coastal SPA	4-9 December Trieste	SPA/RAC	N. Saied* M. Barbieri*	to be issued by SPA/RAC
Training Course on Handling, Processing Interpretation and Presentation of Mediterranean Marine Pollution Data	11-16 Dec. Trieste	UNIVERSITY OF TRIESTE/ UNEP-MEDU	F.S. Civili* A. Aksel*	to be issued by MEDU
3rd National Training Course and Intercalibration Exercise in Microbiological Methods for Marine Pollution Monitoring	11-16 Dec. Athens (tentative)	WHO UNEP-MEDU	G. Kamizoulis	to be issued by MEDU

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Workshop to present Guidelines for Monitoring of Erosion Processes	December Malaga	PAP/RAC (ICONA) * (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Presentation of Final Results of CAMP Rhodes (closing of the project)	Dec. 1995 Jan. 1996 Rhodes (tentative)	UNEP-MEDU	I. Dharat*	to be issued by MEDU
National Training course on Application of Environmental Sound Approach to Planning and Development of Tourism	December Cairo	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Evaluation of the LBS Survey	December Athens (tentative)'	WHO (UNEP-MEDU)	G. Kamizoulis	to be issued by MEDU
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Seminar on Systemic and Prospective Methodologies and Tools in the Mediterranean Basin	February Sophia Antipolis	BLUE PLAN (UNEP-MEDU)	A. Hoballah*	to be issued by BP/RAC
Meeting of Experts on LBS	4-5 March Siracusa	UNEP-MEDU (ITALY)	L. Jeftic* F.S. Civilli*	to be issued by MEDU
Conference of Plenipotentiaries on LBS	7-8 March Siracusa	UNEP-MEDU (ITALY)	L. Jeftic* F.S. Civilli*	to be issued by MEDU
Meeting of MEDPOL Coordinators	18-22 March Athens	UNEP-MEDU	L. Jeftic F.S. Civilli	to be issued by MEDU
Meeting of the Bureau (BUR/48)	March/April (tentative)	UNEP-MEDU	L. Chabason I. Dharat	to be issued by MEDU

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Meeting of Experts on Hazardous Wastes	16-17 April Izmir	UNEP-MEDU	L. Chabason* I. Dharat*	to be issued by MEDU
Conference of Plenipotentiaries on Hazardous Wastes	19-20 April Izmir	UNEP-MEDU	L. Chabason* I. Dharat*	to be issued by MEDU
Meeting of Mediterranean Experts on Coastal Management, including Land Policies	April Santorini (tentative)	UNEP-MEDU (GREECE)	L. Chabason* G. Kamizoulis*	to be issued by MEDU
Meeting of MAP National Focal Points	6-10 May Athens (tentative)	UNEP-MEDU	L. Jeftic I. Dharat	to be issued by MEDU
Extraordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties	24-28 June Montpellier (tentative)	UNEP-MEDU	L. Chabason* L. Jeftic* I. Dharat*	to be issued by MEDU
First Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD)	1-3 July Montpellier (tentative)	UNEP-MEDU	L. Chabason* I. Dharat*	to be issued by MEDU
Final Presentation Conference for Fuka-Matrouh CAMP	Sept./Oct. Matrouh (tentative)	UNEP-MEDU	I. Dharat*	to be issued by MEDU
Meeting of Experts on Liability and Compensation	8-11 October Athens (tentative)	UNEP-MEDU	I. Dharat*	to be issued by MEDU
Meeting on Industrial Pollution	October France (tentative)	UNEP-MEDU (FRANCE)	L. Chabason* G. Kamizoulis*	to be issued by MEDU

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Meeting of Experts on the Presentation of Guidelines for the Dumping of Sewage Sludge and Dredging Spoils	Oct./Nov. Spain (tentative)	UNEP-MEDU (SPAIN)	F.S. Civili*	to be issued by MEDU*
Meeting of the Bureau (BUR/49)	Oct./Nov. (tentative)	UNEP-MEDU	L. Chabason I. Dharat	to be issued by MEDU
National Training Course on GIS in Coastal Zone Management	November Split	PAP/RAC	T. Radelija	to be issued by PAP/RAC

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ANNEX IV

**INFORMATION ON THE REGIONAL
ACTIVITY CENTRE FOR CLEANER PRODUCTION
(CP/RAC)**



CENTRE FOR CLEANER PRODUCTION INITIATIVES (Barcelona)

BACKGROUND

In February 1995, the Spanish Government approved a National Plan for Hazardous Waste (NPHW) for 1995-2000, which integrates and in some cases complements the hazardous waste management plans and programmes of the autonomous communities. The Autonomous Government of Catalonia also approved a Hazardous Waste Management Programme.

The Spanish Department of Public Works, Transport and the Environment and the Catalan Department of the Environment have signed an agreement which defines the outlines of the cooperation between these two bodies in the financing of projects aimed at furthering the objectives of the NPHW.

One of the principal aims of the NPHW is the prevention and source reduction of waste generation and the promotion of cleaner and environmentally sound techniques. Both official bodies have decided to cooperate in the promotion of the best available technologies through the *Centre for Cleaner Production Initiatives (CCPI)* and have signed an agreement to this effect.

The CCPI is part of the Catalonia Waste Agency and was set up by the Catalan Department of the Environment to encourage cleaner production. Thanks to this cooperation agreement, the Centre will





now develop its activities to national and international level.

The Spanish Department of Public Works, Transport and the Environment feels that the CCPI is the appropriate body for the promotion and development of best environmental practises and cleaner production methods amongst the Mediterranean countries and for training and advice on these subjects. It has therefore asked the IX meeting of the contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention to accept the CCPI as Regional Activity Centre for Clean Production with the following aims and functions:

OBJECTIVES

- To spread the idea of clean production, its techniques and practices, and its advantages in the improvement of the manufacturing sector.
- To encourage and cooperate in initiatives and programmes for the minimisation of industrial waste in general and hazardous waste in particular, and the reduction of environmental pollution.
- To be a meeting-point for institutions, organisations, companies and NGO's interested in the precesses, techniques and practices involved in cleaner and environmentally sound production.
- To analyse the technical and economic feasibility of available options and facilitate their uptake.

FUNCTIONS

- To take part in the activities of the Mediterranean Action Plan as





Regional Centre for Clean Production, under the supervision of the Coordinating Unit.

- To gather and catalogue information about tried and tested technologies which favour cleaner production, and to analyse their technical and economic feasibility.

- To develop a Directory of the best available techniques for cleaner production and best environmental practices, easily accessible and free.

- To set up a "forum of exchange of information and experiences".

- To take part in already existing forums in various organisations (in particular the World Bank, UNIDO, UNEP, FAO and WHO).

- To assist the setting-up of a "network of clean technology partners".

- To facilitate transfer of clean technologies, particularly in developing countries.

- To promote and take part in training activities regarding clean production, and to publish appropriate material.

- To give information and advice on subjects related to clean production.

CRITERIA FOR PRIORITISATION OF ACTIONS

The CCPI will define its priority actions in accordance with those





established for the fulfilment of the Barcelona Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea and its protocols and for the development of the Mediterranean Action Plan.

We can already list the following actions:

To assist in the definition of the best available techniques for the reduction and, as far as possible, the elimination of the discharges, emissions and residues of substances which are toxic, persistent and liable to bioaccumulate, in particular the organohalogen compounds.

To identify the best environmentally sound methods and the best environmental practises available, with emphasis on availability, accessibility, cost and efficiency, particularly in:

- energy production and use
- pulp and paper production
- tanneries and derivatives
- cement factories
- the metallurgy
- the agro-industries
- organic and inorganic chemical industry

ORGANISATION AND FINANCING

The CCPI's activities as "R.A.C. for Clean Production", within the framework of the MAP, will be approved and supervised by a Bilateral Control Commission made up of representatives of the central and autonomous administrations of Spanish State.

The CCPI's activities as the R.A.C. for Clean Production must be approved by the meeting of the contracting Parties Barcelona





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Departament de Medi Ambient
**Centre d'Iniciatives
per a la Producció Neta**

Convention. The MAP Coordinating Unit will be responsible for the presentation of the CCPI's activities and for the coordination of its development.

Financing of the actions thus approved will be the responsibility of the Spanish Government.

The centre may receive financing from the MAP and from external sources.

LOCATION

The address of the CCPI is:
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PERSONNEL

The CCPI currently has a staff of:

1 director (Víctor Macià)
5 technicians (2 chemical engineers, 2 industrial engineers and 1 chemist)
2 administrative staff
1 information systems person.



ANNEX V

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE BUREAU OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

ARTICLE I

The Bureau of the Contracting Parties shall be composed of representatives of six Contracting Parties elected by the Ordinary Meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its related protocols.

ARTICLE II

The members of the Bureau shall serve as the President, the four Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur of the meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents designated by him, shall serve as Chairman of the Bureau. The Co-ordinator shall assist the Bureau in its work and shall sit ex-officio on the Bureau. Each Bureau member may be accompanied by an advisor/s

ARTICLE III

Contracting Parties represented on the Bureau in accordance with Article 1 shall hold office until the election of the new Bureau at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties. Out of the six members, one or two members may be re-elected for one further consecutive term in order to ensure continuity.

ARTICLE IV

The Bureau shall meet at least twice a year for a two day period, in regular meetings and in extraordinary meetings, upon one month's notice, as may be necessary for the efficient discharge of its duties upon the summons of its President or upon request by one of its members. Unless decided differently, it shall hold its meetings at the Headquarters of the Coordinating Unit.

ARTICLE V

The Bureau may invite any Contracting Party(ies) which so requests to participate as an observer in its deliberations on any matter of particular concern to that Party(ies).

ARTICLE VI

The Coordinating Unit shall, in consultation with the president of the Bureau, prepare the draft Agenda for each Bureau meeting, which can be completed or amended by the members of the Bureau, giving adequate advance notice to that effect.

ARTICLE VII

The Coordinating Unit shall prepare the documents needed for the discussion of the various agenda items. These documents shall be sent two weeks before the meeting and shall include as a minimum the following:

- draft agenda;
- status of contributions and letters requesting payment or reminders, as appropriate;
- status of funds committed;
- progress reports of the Coordinating Unit and the various Regional Activity Centres on activities carried out;
- recommendations on specific questions;
- identification of the main international and national events contributing to a better knowledge of environmental development and of sustainable development in the region and which may provide a sounder basis for decision making.

ARTICLE VIII

The Bureau shall give an indication on MAP budget and programme for the next biennium to the Coordinating Unit.

ARTICLE IX

The Bureau shall consider the draft work programme and budget proposals prepared by the Coordinating Unit for the next biennium in the light of the proposals of MAP institutional structure. The Executive Director of UNEP shall transmit the Bureau's comments and recommendations to the meetings of the Contracting Parties having regard to the general interest and priorities of the Mediterranean Action Plan.

ARTICLE X

The Bureau shall review the progress in the implementation of the Action Plan, the Convention and its related Protocols. It shall monitor the implementation of the decisions and orientation established by the meetings of the Contracting Parties. The Bureau shall supervise the work of the Coordinating Unit and the Regional Activity Centres (RACs) in the implementation of the programme and budget management adopted by the meetings of the Contracting Parties, within the framework of available resources and priorities.

ARTICLE XI

The Bureau may, in periods between the meetings of the Contracting Parties, review the relations with similar regional Action Plans, International financial institutions and programmes and relevant Intergovernmental and Non-Governmental Organizations. In cooperation with the Coordinating Unit, the Bureau may submit to the meetings of the Contracting Parties policy proposals concerning such a relationship.

ARTICLE XII

The Bureau shall decide, during its meetings or through correspondence with the Coordinating Unit, on response of the Mediterranean Action Plan, in case of emergency situations not covered by the Emergency Protocol and shall take emergency measures within the functions and financial resources of the Mediterranean Action Plan to deal with events requiring immediate action.

ARTICLE XIII

The reports and recommendations of the Bureau meetings drafted by the Rapporteur shall be distributed as soon as possible, but no later than two months after the meeting, to the focal points of the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE XIV

The Bureau shall review and give its opinion on all matters that the meetings of the Contracting Parties may decide to delegate to it.

Note: This text has been approved by the Contracting Parties at their Ninth Ordinary Meeting, held in Barcelona on 5-8 June 1995

ANNEX VI

STATUS OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS OF THE CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA AGAINST POLLUTION AND ITS RELATED PROTOCOLS
Status as at 31 July 1995

	Convention ^{1/}		Dumping ^{2/}		Emergency ^{3/}		Land-based Sources ^{4/}		Specially Prot. Areas ^{5/}		Offshore ^{6/}	
	Sign/ro	Ratification	Sign/ro	Ratification	Sign/ro	Ratification	Sign/ro	Ratification	Sign/ro	Ratification	Sign/ro	Ratification
Albania	-	30.5.90/AC	-	30.5.90/AC	-	30.5.90/AC	-	30.5.90/AC	-	30.5.90/AC	-	-
Algeria	-	16.2.81/AC	-	16.3.81/AC	-	16.3.81/AC	-	2.5.83/AC	-	16.5.85/AC	-	-
Bosnia & Herzivina *	-	22.10.94/AC	-	22.10.94/AC	-	22.10.94/AC	-	22.10.94/AC	-	22.10.94/AC	-	-
Croatia *	-	12.10.93/AC	-	12.10.93/AC	-	12.10.93/AC	-	12.10.93/AC	-	12.10.93/AC	14.10.94	-
Cyprus	16.2.76	19.11.79	16.2.76	19.11.79	16.2.76	19.11.79	17.5.80	28.6.88/AC	-	28.6.88/AC	14.10.94	-
European Community	13.9.76	16.3.78/AP	13.9.76	16.3.78/AP	13.9.76	12.8.81/AP	17.5.80	7.10.83/AP	30.3.83	30.6.84/AP	-	-
Egypt	16.2.76	24.8.78/AP	16.2.76	24.8.78/AP	16.2.76	24.8.78/AC	-	18.5.83/AC	16.2.83	8.7.83	-	-
France	16.2.76	11.3.78/AP-R	16.2.76	11.3.78/AP-R	16.2.76	11.3.78/AP-R	17.5.80	13.7.82/AP-R	3.4.82	2.9.86/AP-R	-	-
Greece	16.2.76	3.1.79	11.2.77	3.1.79	16.2.76	3.1.79	17.5.80	26.1.87	3.4.82	26.1.87	14.10.94	-
Israel	16.2.76	3.3.78	16.2.76	1.3.84	16.2.76	3.3.78	17.5.80	21.2.91	3.4.82	28.10.87	14.10.94	-
Italy	16.2.76	3.2.79	16.2.76	3.2.79	16.2.76	3.2.79	17.5.80	4.7.85	3.4.82	4.7.85	14.10.94	-
Lebanon *	16.2.76	8.11.77/AC	16.2.76	8.11.77/AC	16.2.76	8.11.77/AC	17.5.80	19.94/AC	-	19.94/AC	-	-
Libya	31.1.77	31.1.79	31.1.77	31.1.79	31.1.77	31.1.79	17.5.80	6.6.89/AP	-	6.6.89/AP	-	-
Malta	16.2.76	30.12.77	16.2.76	30.12.77	16.2.76	30.12.77	17.5.80	2.3.89	3.4.82	11.1.88	14.10.94	-
Monaco	16.2.76	20.9.77	16.2.76	20.9.77	16.2.76	20.9.77	17.5.80	12.1.83	3.4.82	29.5.89/R	14.10.94	-
Morocco	16.2.76	15.1.80	16.2.76	15.1.80	16.2.76	15.1.80	17.5.80	9.2.87	2.4.83	22.6.90	-	-

	Convention ^{1/}		Dumping ^{2/}		Emergency ^{2/}		Land-based Sources ^{4/}		Specially Prot. Areas ^{4/}		Offshore ^{4/}	
	Sign/re	Ratification	Sign/re	Ratification	Sign/re	Ratification	Sign/re	Ratification	Sign/re	Ratification	Sign/re	Ratification
Slovenia	-	15.3.94/AC	-	15.3.94/AC	-	15.3.94/AC	-	15.3.94/AC	-	15.3.94/AC	-	-
Spain	16.2.76	17.12.76	16.2.76	17.12.76	16.2.76	17.12.76	17.5.80	6.6.84	3.4.82	22.12.87	14.10.94	-
Syria	-	26.12.78/AC-R	-	26.12.78/AC	-	26.12.78/AC	-	1.12.93/AC	-	11.9.92/AC	-	-
Tunisia	25.5.76	30.7.77	25.5.76	30.7.77	25.5.76	30.7.77	17.5.80	29.10.81	3.4.82	26.5.83/R	14.10.94	-
Turkey	16.2.76	6.4.81	16.2.76	6.4.81	16.2.76	6.4.81	-	21.2.83/AC	-	6.11.86/AC-R	-	-

* Pending confirmation from the depositary state (Spain)

1/ Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution
Adopted (Barcelona): 16 February 1976
Entry into force: 12 February 1978

2/ The Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft
Adopted (Barcelona): 16 February 1976
Entry into force: 12 February 1978

3/ The Protocol concerning Co-operation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and other Harmful Substances in cases of Emergency
Adopted (Barcelona): 16 February 1976
Entry into force: 12 February 1978

4/ The Protocol for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-based Sources
Adopted (Athens): 17 May 1980
Entry into force: 17 June 1983

5/ The Protocol concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas
Adopted (Geneva): 3 April 1982
Entry into force: 23 March 1986

6/ Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil
Adopted (Madrid): 14 October 1994
Entry into force:

Accession: AC Approval: AP Reservation: R

ANNEX VII

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

MEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
(MCSD)

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MEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
(MCSD)

I. Assumptions, Objectives and Constraints

1. The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED, 3-14 June 1992), adopted various important decisions including Agenda 21, which is considered as a basic framework and a guide for the world community to deal with environment and development in a integrated, comprehensive and balanced manner for the benefit of the present and future generations.
2. Chapter 38 of Agenda 21 entitled "International Institutional Arrangements", contains a set of important recommendations on institutional arrangements to follow up the Conference, particularly those on the establishment of a high-level Commission on Sustainable Development.
3. At its Forty-Seventh Session (Sep.- Dec. 1992), the General Assembly of the United Nations considered the report of UNCED and decided, by its resolution 47/190, *inter alia* to establish a United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) as a functional Commission of the Economic and Social Council, in order to ensure the effective follow-up of the UNCED Conference, as well as to enhance International Co-operation and rationalise the intergovernmental decision-making capacity for the integration of environment and development issues and to examine the progress of the implementation of Agenda 21 at the national, regional and international levels, in order to achieve sustainable development in all countries.
4. Chapter 38 of Agenda 21 reaffirmed the mandate of the United Nations Environment programme (UNEP) and the general direction of the efforts pursued in the environment programme, and affirmed also that regional and sub-regional co-operation would be an important part of the Conference outcome, particularly in promoting regional and sub-regional capacity building and promoting the integration of environmental concerns in regional and sub-regional development policies, as well as in helping Governments to take co-ordinated action in solving environment issues of regional significance.
5. Based on the above mentioned considerations, the Ministerial Conference "MED 21" on Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean, held in Tunis, on 1 November 1994, which was attended by Mediterranean Coastal States, the European Community, and several international organisations, determined to strengthening regional partnership and solidarity and to give full effect to, and ensure the total respect for the implementation at the Mediterranean level of the recommendations of the UNCED Conference.

As a starting point the Conference decided to develop a Mediterranean strategy including objectives and a calendar of actions, through an Agenda MED 21 and the priorities set up by the Contracting Parties, and agreed in this context on the principle of setting up a Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) within the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) to monitor and review the implementation of this strategy.

6. Recognizing that the experience of the last two decades of Mediterranean cooperation through the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP), has shown that the MAP Coastal Areas Management Programme (CAMP) is an action-oriented demonstration of an environmentally sustainable development programme in the Mediterranean region, the Tunis Conference outputs, particularly Agenda MED 21, provide a significant opportunity to strengthen this trend through the integration of development and environmental considerations into a Mediterranean strategy which includes objectives and a calendar of actions for the support of sustainable development in the Mediterranean region.
7. In order to initiate this process, the Conference invited the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and the Coordinating Unit of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) to prepare concrete suggestions on the Commission's terms of reference, while bearing in mind the activities and the mandate of other inter-governmental and regional organisations, notably the important role of the European Community in promoting sustainable development in the Mediterranean region through its various environment and development programmes.
8. The following is a draft proposal relevant to the terms of reference of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD). The proposal is based on **two assumptions**: that the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Barcelona, June 1995) **will approve** the recommendation of the Tunis Conference related to the establishment of a Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development within the framework of MAP, and that it **will take note** of Agenda MED 21 as a *reference tool for the Contracting Parties as well as for the proposed Commission on Sustainable Development.*

II. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

A. Status and purpose of the Commission

1. A Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) is hereby established as a functional commission within the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan of UNEP (UNEP/MAP);

2. The purpose of the Commission is:
- (a) **to ensure** the effective follow-up to the decisions of the meeting of the Contracting Parties and of actions by the Contracting Parties in relation to Agenda MED 21 and provide appropriate recommendations thereon;
 - (b) **to enhance** regional cooperation and rationalise the inter-governmental decision-making capacity in the Mediterranean basin for the integration of environment and development issues;
 - (c) **to examine** the progress in the implementation of Agenda MED 21 at the national and regional levels, fully guided in its endeavour by the principles of the RIO Declaration on Environment and Development and all other aspects of the UNCED Conference, in order to contribute to and consolidate building-up of sustainable development in all Mediterranean Countries.

B. Functions

3. The functions of the Commission shall be:
- (a) **to monitor** progress in the implementation of a regional Mediterranean strategy for sustainable development in the Mediterranean, taking into consideration the resolutions of the Tunis Conference and the context of Agenda MED 21 as well as other activities of MAP and the Barcelona Convention and its related protocols;
 - (b) **to consider and review** information provided by the Contracting Parties, in accordance with Article 20 of the Barcelona Convention, including periodic communications or reports regarding the activities they undertake to implement Agenda MED 21, and the problems they encounter, such as problems related to the integration of environment into national policies, capacity building, financial resources, technology transfer, and other relevant environment and development issues;
 - (c) **to review** on a regular basis the adequacy of funding and mechanisms, including efforts to reach agreed objectives of Chapter 33 of Agenda MED 21, and targets where applicable;
 - (d) **to consider**, where appropriate, information regarding the progress made in the implementation of relevant environmental conventions, which could be made available by the relevant conferences or by the parties;

- (e) **to identify** technologies and knowledge of an innovative nature for sustainable development in the Mediterranean region and to provide advise on the various means for their most effective use and in order to facilitate exchanges among the Contracting Parties;
- (f) **to provide** reports and appropriate recommendations to the meetings of the Contracting Parties, through the MAP Secretariat, on the basis of a comprehensive analysis of reports and issues related to the implementation of a regional strategy related to Agenda MED 21;
- (g) **to undertake** a five-year strategic assessment and evaluation of the implementation by the Contracting Parties of the regional strategy for Agenda MED 21 and decisions of the meetings of the Contracting Parties and of actions by the Contracting Parties relevant to sustainable development in the Mediterranean region and propose relevant recommendations thereon; the first strategic review should be undertaken for the year 2000 on a high level representation (Ministerial participation), with the objective of having an integrated overview of the implementation of the regional strategy relevant to Agenda MED 21, to consider emerging policy issues and provide necessary political impetus. The Commission shall make the best use of the main results of the MAP Mediterranean Environment and Development Observatory.
- (h) **to assume** such other functions as it deems appropriate to further the purposes of the Barcelona Convention, MAP and Agenda MED 21;

- 4. The rules of procedure of the Commission shall be the Rules of procedure of the meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.

C. Composition

- 5. The Commission shall consist of representatives of all Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention. Representatives should be at a high level with two representatives from each Contracting Party, thus ensuring interdisciplinary participation of relevant ministerial bodies of the Contracting Parties (i.e. ministries of environment, economy, development, finance, energy etc.).

D. High Level Advisory Group

- 6. The Commission, whenever it is deemed appropriate, shall appoint a high level advisory group of eminent persons designated on their personal capacity, to advise the Commission on the various aspects of its work, particularly on the implementation and evaluation of the regional strategy for sustainable development in the Mediterranean region.

E. Observers

7. In accordance with the established practice of MAP, any Mediterranean and non-Mediterranean member states of the United Nations and any international governmental or any non-governmental organization the activities of which are related to the functions of the Commission may participate in the Commission's work as an observer. Such observers may contribute, within their competence, to the deliberations of the Commission but without the right to vote.

F. Meetings of the Commission and Responsibilities of the Secretariat

8. The Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development shall meet normally every two years for a period of one week at the premises of the Coordinating Unit of MAP, without prejudice to the convening of its meetings in other Mediterranean venues upon a recommendation of the meetings of the Commission.
9. The Commission shall elect at the commencement of each session, a Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur, on the basis of the principle of equitable geographical distribution.
10. The Coordinating Unit of MAP, serving as the Secretariat of the Commission, shall provide for each session of the Commission an analytical report containing information on relevant activities to implement the regional strategy relevant to Agenda MED 21 and other sustainable development activities recommended by the meetings of the Contracting Parties, progress achieved and emerging issues to be addressed.

G. Relationship with the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development

11. The Commission shall be brought into relationship with the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development.
12. The Commission, in discharging its functions, shall take into account the experience and expertise of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, and shall submit relevant progress report to the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, through the Contracting Parties' meetings.
13. The Commission and the Contracting Parties shall, as far as possible and taking into account the particular needs of the Mediterranean countries, utilize the existing reporting system of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, with a view to streamlining and avoiding duplication of work.

H. Relations with the Specialised Agencies, Intergovernmental Organisations and Non-governmental Organisations

14. The Commission shall co-ordinate and strengthen its activities with the relevant United Nations Specialised Agencies and other inter-governmental bodies within the United Nations System, including international, regional and sub-regional financial and development institutions, in particular regarding projects for the implementation of the regional Mediterranean strategy related to Agenda MED 21 and the decisions of the Contracting Parties.
15. The Commission shall enhance the dialogue with, and the participation of, relevant non-governmental organisations (NGO's) and the independent sector, and receive and analyse their inputs within the context of the overall implementation of the Mediterranean regional strategy for sustainable development.