

Introduction

1. During the last meeting of the Bureau (Rabat, 9-10 November 1995), the Vice-President from Egypt invited the Bureau to convene its next meeting in Cairo (Egypt).
2. In consultation with the host country and the members of the Bureau, the meeting will be held in Cairo, on 1-2 April 1996.
3. The following annotations to the provisional agenda for the meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

4. The Meeting will be opened at 09.30 hrs on Monday, 1 April 1996, at the El-Ghezirah Sheraton Hotel, Cairo, by the President of the Bureau, H.E. Mr. Nouridine Benomar Alami, Minister of the Environment of Morocco.
5. H.E. Mr. Atef Ebeid, Minister of Public Enterprise Sector and Minister of State for Administrative Development and Environment of Egypt will make an opening statement on behalf of the host country.
6. It is expected that the meeting will tackle all items inscribed in the Provisional Agenda during the first day (1 April), and in order to give enough time to the Secretariat to prepare the draft report of the meeting, in English and French, the bureau will meet at 12.00 hrs on the second day (2 April) in order to adopt its draft report. It is envisaged to close the meeting of the Bureau at 13.30 hrs on 2 April 1996.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organisation of work

7. The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat, in consultation with the President and members of the Bureau, was distributed as document UNEP/BUR/48/1 and annotated in the present document.

The meeting will review and adopt the Proposed Provisional Agenda. Simultaneous English-French interpretation will be available for all sessions.

Agenda item 3: Progress Report by the Coordinator on activities carried out since the last meeting of the Bureau (Rabat, 9-10 November 1995)

8. The Coordinator of MAP will give a general introduction of document UNEP/BUR/48/3 "Progress Report by the Coordinator on activities carried out since the last meeting of the Bureau (November 1995 - March 1996)." The Secretariat will also introduce document UNEP/BUR/48/4, entitled "Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development - MCSD - Progress Report by the Secretariat".

The meeting is expected to comment on and take note of the progress achieved on the implementation of the activities carried out during this period.

Agenda item 4: Exchange of views on Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation

9. As it is expected that the present meeting of the Bureau will also be attended by the Ministers of the Environment of country members of the Bureau, an exchange of views on the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation and the role of MAP in this regard would be appropriate.

Agenda item 5: Implementation of the decisions of the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties, the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Barcelona Convention and the Bureau of the Contracting Parties

10. Under this agenda item, the Bureau will consider and take the necessary decisions on the various activities relevant to the programme budget for 1997, the Terms of Reference of the Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD), the Regional Activity Centre for Cleaner Production in the Mediterranean, and the various meetings scheduled to be convened during 1996.

Agenda item 6: Date and place of the next meeting

11. The Secretariat proposes that the next meeting of the Bureau should take place during October/November 1996 in order to review the results of the various meetings scheduled to be held during 1996 and to give the necessary guidance to the Secretariat.
12. The meeting is also expected to take a decision on the place and exact dates for its next meeting.

Agenda item 7: Any other business

13. The meeting will consider any other issues which might be raised during the meeting.

Agenda item 8: Adoption of the report of the meeting

14. A draft report of the meeting will be submitted in English and French to the participants for adoption.

Agenda item 9: Closure of the meeting

15. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President at 13.30 hrs on Tuesday, 2 April 1996.

Working Sessions: 09.30 - 12.30 hrs
14.30 - 18.30 hrs

Coffee Breaks: 11.00 hrs
16.00 hrs