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PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A
REGIONAL OIL-COMBATING CENTRE
FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN

Report by the
Executive Director

Prepared in co-operation with
The Inter-Governmental
Maritime Consultative Organization

Addendum

1. In response to the decision of the Intergovernmental Consultation of Experts on a Regional Oil-Combating Centre that governments were to submit any offer to host the regional or subregional centres to UNEP, the Government of Cyprus expressed its interest in acting as host to a subregional centre. A detailed proposal was received by UNEP after the report of the Executive Director (UNEP/CONF.1/9) had been distributed. The detailed proposal of the Government of Cyprus is described in this addendum to the above-mentioned report.
2. The Government of Cyprus proposes that the subregional centre should have the following functions:
 - A. The establishment and operation of a communication and information system according to the needs of the States served by the centre in their efforts to combat pollution from accidental massive oil spills or from an accumulation of smaller oil slicks.
 - B. Co-operation with other Mediterranean centres on matters relating to the activities of the centre resulting from A above.
3. The communication facilities available in Cyprus are outlined in Annex I.
4. The proposed budget for a subregional centre is outlined in Annex II.

ANNEX I

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES OF CYPRUS

FACILITY

A. TELEPHONE

1. There exist two submarine cables of capacity 480 channels: one between CYPRUS-GREECE and one between CYPRUS-LEBANON.
2. One Tropospheric scatter link with Greece of capacity 120 channels.
3. One UHF link CYPRUS-ISRAEL presently of capacity 24 channels. This capacity will be increased to 48 channels by mid-1976.

Note: All above are used to provide telephone, telegraph and telex service with Overseas.

Automatic Subscriber dialling exists within the Island.

International Subscriber dialling exists with all Overseas countries which were able to introduce it. (EUROPE, U.S.A., CANADA, SOUTH AFRICA, ETC.).

Direct Telephone Service exists with the following:

<u>Countries</u>	<u>Telephone channels</u>
CYPRUS-CANADA	3
CYPRUS-FRANCE	8
CYPRUS-GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF	10
CYPRUS-GREECE	75
CYPRUS-ISRAEL	8
CYPRUS-ITALY	2
CYPRUS-UNITED KINGDOM	55

Note: Telephone service with all the other countries of the world is effected via the above-mentioned countries.

B. TELEGRAPH

A fully Automatic Computerized Telegraph Retransmission Centre, temporarily out of service will be operating in 1976 serving both ICAO and CCITT (commercial) traffic.

The following countries are connected to this Centre for ICAO purposes:

GREECE	LEBANON
ISRAEL	TURKEY

The following countries are connected to this Centre for CCITT
Format F31 purposes:

CANADA

LEBANON

GREECE

SWEDEN

ISRAEL

UNITED KINGDOM

Using the above Centre, transmission and reception of messages within the Island, as well as overseas, are fully automatic and take place without the intervention of an operator.

C. TELEX SERVICE

A computerized fully automatic Telex Exchange is in operation.

Service is fully automatic both Inland and Overseas.

The following countries are directly connected to the Cyprus International Telex Exchange:

FRANCE

SWEDEN

GERMANY, FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF

SWITZERLAND

GREECE

UNITED KINGDOM

ISRAEL

U.S.A. (ITT)

ITALY

U.S.A. (WUI)

LEBANON

U.S.A. (RCA)

D. MARITIME COAST STATION

- CYPRUS-Radio: (a) Medium frequency telegraph. Present range:
50 miles (normal extension to 600 miles): 24-hour service
(b) H.F. telegraphy. Range: World wide: 24-hour service.
(c) Radio Telephony. Range: 750 miles: 24-hour service.
(d) H.F. Telephony. Range: World wide: 12-hour service.

Experimental VHF Telephony full duplex with a range of 100 miles.

E. VHF PORT OPERATION

In operation at the ports of Limassol and Larnaca.

F. AERONAUTICAL

A 24-hour service is provided for speech communication, air to ground and ground to air, on VHF with a range of 200 miles.

Telegraph service also exists on a 24-hour basis. Telegraph traffic is processed via an Automatic Message Switching Centre (AFTN) (See B above)

G. MUSIC PROGRAMME CHANNEL

Equipment exists to provide a 15kHz Music Programme Channel between any town and Nicosia and between Nicosia-Athens and Nicosia-London.

ANNEX II

A. ANNUAL BUDGET FOR SUBREGIONAL OIL-COMBATING CENTRE IN CYPRUS (in Cyprus pounds)

1.	Staff		
	Head (1)	£ 4,000	
	Administrative Officer (1)	1,700	
	Typists/Telex operators (4)	4,000	
	Messenger (1)	750	
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		£10,450	£10,450
2.	General expenses		
	Rent		£ 1,500
	Furniture and fittings (Apportionment)		1,000
	Office expenses		2,000
	Maintenance expenses		500
	Translations		1,000
	Travelling expenses (Abroad)		2,000
	(Local)		500
	Overtime expenses and labour		500
	Telex rental and operation and Telephone fees		3,000
	Contingencies 10%		2,245
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	GRAND TOTAL		£24,695

(£24,695 = US \$ 62,478)

B. ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS

1.	Rent	£ 1,500	
2.	Furniture and Fittings	1,000	
3.	Office expenses	2,000	
4.	Maintenance expenses	500	
5.	Local travelling expenses	500	
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	TOTAL	£ 5,500	US \$ 13,915

C. ANNUAL EXTERNAL CONTRIBUTION

1.	Staff	£10,450	
2.	Translations	1,000	
3.	Travelling expenses abroad	2,000	
4.	Overtime expenses and labour	500	
5.	Communication fees	3,000	
6.	Contingencies 10%	2,245	
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	TOTAL	£19,195	US \$ 48,563

TOTAL \$ 62,478