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Mediterranean Coastal States and
First Meeting of the Contracting Parties
to the Convention for the Protection of
the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution
and its related protocols

Cannes, 5 - 10 February 1979

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened at 10.00 hours on Monday, 5 February 1979, at the Hotel Montfleury-Intercontinental in Cannes, France. The meeting will begin with an opening ceremony which will include an address by a representative of the Government of France and another by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme. Details of this ceremony will be decided upon in agreement with the representatives of the host Government.

Item 2. Rules of procedure

Since the meeting is jointly an intergovernmental meeting of the Mediterranean coastal States and the first meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, the rules of procedure for the UNEP Governing Council as contained in document UNEP/GC/3/Rev.1 will be used mutatis mutandis as provided for in rule 62.

Item 3. Election of officers

The meeting should elect a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. These officers should constitute the Bureau of the meeting.

Item 4. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda suggested by the secretariat has been distributed under symbol UNEP/IG.14/1.

Item 5. Organization of work

It is proposed to establish two working committees to consider the agenda items indicated in the suggested time-table (attached as the annex to this document).

The Vice-Chairmen of the meeting should chair the two working committees. Each committee should elect its own vice-chairman and rapporteur.

All other agenda items should be considered in plenary.

In view of the heavy work-load of the meeting, it is proposed that a large proportion of time be devoted to the work of the working committees and that initial discussion in plenary be limited to the first morning session.

Item 6. Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan and recommendations for activities to be undertaken during the 1979 - 1980 biennium

The report of the Executive Director, which has been distributed as document UNEP/IG.14/4, presents a summary of the progress made in the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan since it was adopted at the Intergovernmental Meeting on the Protection of the Mediterranean, Barcelona, 1975, and recommendations for activities to be undertaken during the 1979 - 1980 biennium.

The main body of this document will be presented by the Executive Director to plenary. A more detailed review of the work undertaken within each of the four chapters of the Action Plan is contained in the four annexes to the Executive Director's report. It is proposed that these detailed reports be presented and discussed in the working committees.

The meeting is requested to advise the Executive Director on the future work-plan and related financial aspects of the Mediterranean Action Plan. In order to assist the meeting, the Executive Director has proposed a set of general recommendations in his report. These recommendations are elaborated upon in the relevant annexes to the report. It is suggested that each working committee prepare for consideration by plenary detailed recommendations relevant to the components of the Action Plan that it has discussed.

Item 6.1 Environmental assessment

UNEP/IG.14/4, annex I gives a detailed account of the activities undertaken as part of the environmental assessment component of the Action Plan and suggests specific recommendations for the future orientation of these activities. Also of relevance to this agenda item is the information contained in documents UNEP/IG.14/INF.3, "Co-ordinated Mediterranean Pollution Monitoring and Research Programme (MED POL). Programme description"; UNEP/IG.14/INF.4, "Co-ordinated Mediterranean Pollution Monitoring and Research Programme (MED POL). Administrative report: February 1975 - September 1978"; UNEP/IG.14/INF.5, "Co-ordinated Mediterranean Pollution Monitoring and Research Programme (MED POL). Scientific report: February 1975 - 1978"; UNEP/IG.14/INF.6, "Co-ordinated Mediterranean Pollution Monitoring and Research Programme (MED POL). Reference methods for pollution studies"; UNEP/IG.14/INF.7, "Proceedings of ICSEFM/UNEP Joint Workshop on Pollution of the Mediterranean (Antalya, 24 - 27 November 1978)", and UNEP/IG.14/INF.8, "Selected bibliography on the pollution of the Mediterranean Sea".

Item 6.2 Environmental Management

The detailed progress report on activities implemented under the environmental management component of the Action Plan is presented as UNEP/IG.14/4, annex II. A detailed set of recommendations is also proposed. Participants should note under this agenda item the information contained in UNEP/IG.14/INF.9, "Report of the Expert Consultation on Aquaculture Development in the Mediterranean Region (Athens, 14 - 18 March 1978); UNEP/IG.14/INF.10, "Report of the Meeting of Experts on Fresh Water Resources Management in the Mediterranean Region (Cannes, 25 - 29 April 1978), and UNEP/IG.14/INF.11, "Report of the Meeting of Government Experts for Developing a Co-operative Programme on the Practical Applications of Renewable Sources of Energy in the Mediterranean Region (Malta, 9 - 13 October 1978).

Item 6.3 Environmental Legislation

Document UNEP/IG.14/4, annex III presents a review of the activities relevant to the legal component of the Action Plan and suggests areas in which States may wish to strengthen on-going, or to initiate future, actions. Documents circulated as UNEP/IG.14/3, "Draft Rules of Procedure"; UNEP/IG.14/INF.12, "Report on the activities of the Regional Oil Combating Centre in Malta"; UNEP/IG.14/INF.13, "Report of the Workshop on Oil Pollution Contingency Planning for the Mediterranean Sea (Malta, 4 - 7 September 1978); UNEP/IG.14/INF.14, "Report on Feasibility Study on Reception Facilities for Selected Ports in the Mediterranean"; UNEP/IG.14/INF.15, "Note on the Possible Designation of the Mediterranean Sea as a Special Area for the Purposes of Annex II of the International Convention for the Protection of Pollution from Ships, 1973"; UNEP/IG.14/INF.17, "Report of IJO/UNEP Meeting of Experts on Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Seabed", and UNEP/IG.14/INF.18, "Study concerning Mediterranean Inter-State Guarantee Fund and Liability and Compensation for damage resulting from the pollution of the marine environment", are also relevant to this agenda item.

Item 6.4 Institutional and financial arrangements

Document UNEP/IG.14/4, annex IV, summarizes the financial and institutional arrangements that have been made in connexion with the Mediterranean Action Plan. The annex also discusses proposals for the future institutional and financial structure of the programme, including the location of the co-ordinating unit and the establishment of a Mediterranean Regional Trust Fund for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution. In this regard, participants should also consider documents UNEP/IG.14/7, "Executive Director's report on the establishment of a Mediterranean Regional Trust Fund", UNEP/IG.14/8, "Executive Director's budget proposals for the 1979 - 1980 biennium concerning the costs of activities of the Mediterranean Action Plan", and UNEP/IG.14/INF.16, "Report of the Meeting of Experts on the Mediterranean Regional Trust Fund and other Institutional and Financial Matters (Geneva, 18-22 September 1978). The meeting is requested to decide upon the institutional and budgetary arrangements to be made for the 1979 - 1980 biennium.

Item 7. Other business

Participants are invited to raise other items relevant to the meeting under this agenda item.

Item 8. Adoption of the report

A draft report of the meeting will be submitted to participants for adoption.

Item 9. Closure of the meeting

The meeting is expected to close by 18.00 hours on Saturday, 10 February 1979.

Suggested Time-Table

DATE	SITTING	PLENARY	COMMITTEE I	COMMITTEE II
Monday 5 February	morning afternoon	Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 -	Item 6.1(a)	Item 6.3(a), 6.3(c)
Tuesday 6 February	morning afternoon	- -	Item 6.1(a) Item 6.1(b) & (c)	Item 6.3(c) Item 6.3(d)
Wednesday 7 February	morning afternoon	- -	Item 6.3(b) Item 6.3(b)	Item 6.2(b) Item 6.2(a)
Thursday 8 February	morning afternoon evening	- - -	Item 6.3(b) Adoption Committee Report	Item 6.2(c) Adoption Committee Report
Friday 9 February	morning afternoon	Item 6.4 Items 6.4, 7	- -	- -
Saturday 10 February	morning afternoon	Items 8 & 9	- -	- -

