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Extraordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to
the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean
Sea against pollution

Geneva, 29 March - 1 April 1982

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting

The Meeting will be opened at 10.00 hours on Monday, 29 March 1982 at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, by the President of the Contracting Parties. The Executive Director will deliver an opening statement.

The opening session will be preceded by unofficial consultations of Heads of delegations, on Monday 29 March 1982 at 9.30 hours, to reach agreement on procedural and organizational matters.

Agenda item 2. Adoption of the agenda

The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Executive Director in agreement with the Bureau (Rule 10) has been distributed in document UNEP/IG.36/1. In accordance with Rule 15 the Provisional agenda consists only of those items proposed for consideration in Recommendation 3 and in paragraph 102 of document UNEP/IG.23/11, annex VIII.

Agenda item 3. Organization of work

The Rules of procedure, as amended by the Second Meeting of the Contracting Parties and contained in document UNEP/IG.23/11, Annex VII, will apply to the meeting.

It is proposed to establish under Rule 24 a Working Group, chaired by the Vice-President to consider item 8 of the Agenda. The Group, open to all delegations, will be expected to resolve any outstanding questions concerning the text of the Protocol to be submitted to the Conference of

Plenipotentiaries on the Protocol concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas (Geneva, 2 - 3 April 1982).

The Working Group will elect its own Vice-President and Rapporteur.

Agenda item 4. a) Report of the Executive Director on activities in 1981

The secretariat will submit a progress report on activities undertaken in 1981, up to 30 November 1981. (document, UNEP/IG.36/3). The secretariat will up-date the document in an oral statement.

Agenda item 4. b) Recommendations of the Executive Director for activities to be undertaken in 1982 and 1983, with 1982 (revised) and 1983 budget proposals

The 1982 work-programme and budget adopted in 1981 contain a theoretical deficit of \$ 182,000. The 1983 work-programme and budget considered but not adopted in 1981 contain a projected deficit of \$ 516,000. The secretariat's proposals for activities to be undertaken in 1982 and 1983 are contained in document UNEP/IG.36/4.

Agenda item 5. Apportionment of contributions

The apportionment of the contributions was adopted by the First Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Geneva, 5-10 February 1979) and is contained in document UNEP/IG.14/9, annex VIII. The Contracting Parties agreed at their Second Meeting that the matter should be reconsidered at the review meeting. Document UNEP/IG.36/5 contains the proposals put forward by two delegations at the Second Meeting, information on the apportionment adopted for other Action Plans under UNEP's Regional Seas Programme and the secretariat's proposals for ensuring to the Mediterranean Action Plan an adequate, regular and predictable flow of resources.

Agenda item 6. Alternative arrangements for the management of the resources of the Mediterranean Action Plan

Recommendation N. 3 of the Second Meeting of the Contracting Parties requested that proposals for alternative arrangements for the management of the Mediterranean Action Plan be submitted to the Extraordinary Meeting with a view to adopting final decisions.

The secretariat has, accordingly, prepared document UNEP/IG.36/6 which reviews the status of the staff assigned to the Co-ordinating Unit, presents two alternative arrangements for the investment of funds and their administration, together with new financial rules and a comparison of costs of administration and control. The decision by the Meeting will be implemented as of 1 January 1983.

Agenda item 7. Draft protocol on Specially Protected Areas

The Second Meeting of Contracting Parties noted that relatively minor differences remained on the text contained in the report of the Inter-governmental Meeting on Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas (Athens, 13-17 October 1980), document UNEP/IG.20/5.

The draft protocol contained in document UNEP/IG.36/7 has been reviewed from the point of view of the conformity of texts in the four official languages by a Group of Experts nominated by UNEP.

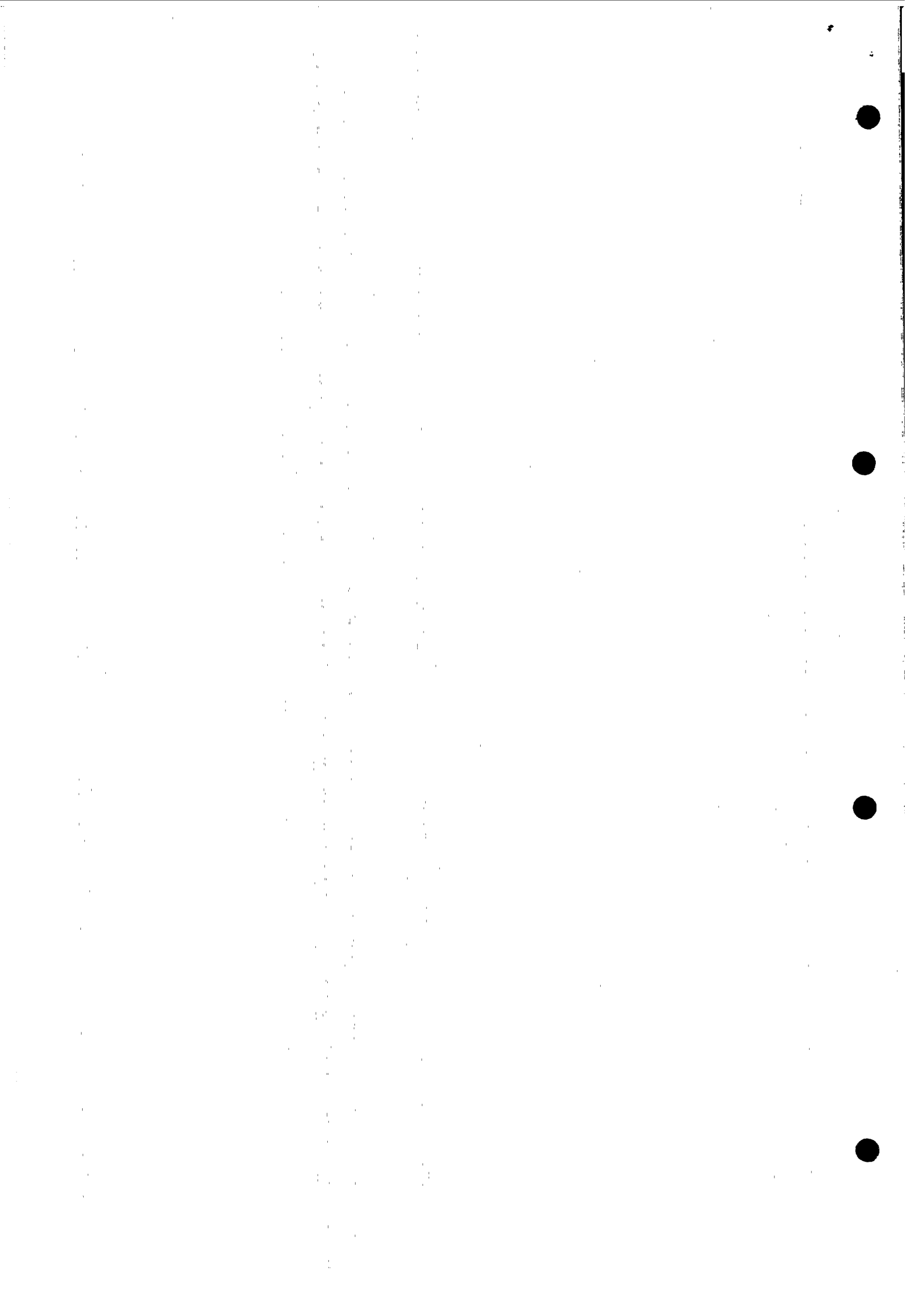
The previous study by a Group of Legal Experts nominated by UNEP on the geographical coverage (document UNEP/IG.23/10) will be available to the meeting. It is suggested that a Working Group resolves the remaining differences and transmits the final draft to Plenary for submission to the Conference of Plenipotentiaries.

Agenda item 8. Adoption of the report

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

Agenda item 9. Closure of the meeting

The Meeting is expected to close by 19.00 hours on Thursday, 1 April 1982.



SUGGESTED TIMETABLE

DATE	SITTING	PLENARY	WORKING GROUP
Monday 29 March 1982	morning afternoon	Items 1, 2, 3, 4 (a) Item 4 (a) continued, Item 4 (b)	Item 7
Tuesday 30 March 1982	morning afternoon	Item 4 (b) Item 4 (b)	Item 7 Item 7
Wednesday 31 March 1982	morning afternoon	Item 5, 6 Items 4 (b) 6, 7 /possible night session/	---
Thursday 1 April 1982	morning afternoon	Items 8, 9	---

