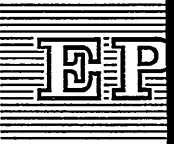




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concerning a Draft Protocol for the
Protection of the Mediterranean Sea
against Pollution from Land-Based
Sources

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

I. Introduction

1. At the Intergovernmental Consultation concerning a draft Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources, Athens, 7-11 February 1977, the Executive Director of UNEP was requested to convene a second intergovernmental consultation for the purpose of continuing negotiations towards a draft protocol and to present the results of the second intergovernmental consultation to the Intergovernmental Review Meeting of Mediterranean coastal States on the Mediterranean Action Plan at Monaco in January 1978.^{1/} The Executive Director is convening the present consultation in response to that request.

2. The following annotations to the provisional agenda are intended to facilitate the proceedings of the Consultation.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1. Opening of the Meeting

3. The meeting will be opened by the representative of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme.

Item 2. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen

4. The meeting should elect a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen from amongst the participants at the consultation.

Item 3. Rules of Procedure

5. The rules of procedure of 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 4. Adoption of Agenda

6. The provisional agenda suggested by the secretariat has been circulated under symbol UNEP/IG.9/1.

^{1/} UNEP/IG.6/6, paragraphs 25.26.

Item 5. Organization of the Meeting

7. It is proposed that the work of the meeting be carried out in plenary and by such ad hoc working groups as may prove desirable.

Item 6. Review of Principles recommended for inclusion in the draft Protocol for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources

8. The principles contained in document UNEP/IG.9/3 were recommended, for the most part, by the Intergovernmental Consultation concerning a draft Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources, Athens, 7-11 February 1977. Square brackets have been put around principles or clauses that were not accepted by all delegations at the Athens meeting. Principle 7 has, however, been modified since the Athens meeting in order to reflect the revisions that have been made to the recommended technical annexes (see document UNEP/IG.9/4, Annex IV).

9. It is the hope of the Executive Director that the meeting will use the principles as a basis for the first drafting of a protocol on land-based sources. Subsequently, the draft text will be submitted to the Intergovernmental Review Meeting of Mediterranean coastal States during which negotiations may continue towards the adoption of a final protocol.

Item 7. Review of Revised Technical Annexes proposed for the Draft Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources

10. The technical annexes set forth in document UNEP/IG.9/4 relate directly to principles 4, 5 and 7 (UNEP/IG.9/3). As agreed at the first intergovernmental consultation, the annexes were submitted to the Meeting of Experts on Pollutants from Land-Based Sources, Geneva, 19-24 September 1977, for review and revision. Prior to submission to the Experts Meeting in September, the annexes were revised according to comments made by the Governments of the Mediterranean coastal States, and the recommendations made by the WHO/UNEP Workshop on Coastal Water Pollution Control, 27 June-1 July 1977 and by the WHO Consultation on Pollutants from Land-Based Sources in the Mediterranean: Radioactivity Releases into the Sea, 27-29 July 1977. The document submitted to this meeting is the end result of this process.

Item 8. Other Business

11. The meeting is invited to discuss any related matter which has not been considered under other items.

Item 9. Adoption of Report

12. The consultation should approve its final report.

Item 10. Closure of the Consultation