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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTOCOL
FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA
AGAINST POLLUTION FROM LAND-BASED SOURCES

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1. The Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-based Sources was adopted and signed by Mediterranean States at a Conference of Plenipotentiaries held in Athens from 12 to 17 May 1980. It entered into force on 17 June 1983, following the deposit of the sixth instrument of ratification, accession or approval.

2. The current status of the Protocol is as follows:

	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Ratification</u>
Albania	-	-
Algeria	-	2 May 1983 <u>1/</u>
Cyprus	17 May 1980	-
EEC	17 May 1980	7 Oct. 1983 <u>2/</u>
Egypt	-	18 May 1983 <u>1/</u>
France	17 May 1980	13 July 1982 <u>2/</u>
Greece	17 May 1980	-
Israel	18 May 1980	-
Italy	17 May 1980	4 July 1985
Lebanon	17 May 1980	-
Libya	17 May 1980	-
Malta	17 May 1980	-
Monaco	17 May 1980	12 Jan. 1983
Morocco	17 May 1980	-
Spain	17 May 1980	6 June 1984
Syria	-	-
Tunisia	17 May 1980	29 Oct. 1981
Turkey	-	21 Feb. 1983 <u>1/</u>
Yugoslavia	-	-

1/ accession

2/ approval

3. The Fourth Meeting of the Working Group for Scientific and Technical Co-operation for MED POL (Athens, 16-20 June 1986) agreed, amongst others (UNEP/WG.144/13):

- that those countries which had not already done so should provide information to the secretariat on national legislation on the prevention and control of pollution from Land-based Sources (para 43);
- that countries will provide the secretariat with information on competent national bodies and national projects relevant to the workplan for the implementation of the Land-based Sources Protocol (para 44);
- that the provisional forms for new authorizations (UNEP/WG.144/13, Annex IV) could be used temporarily until the complete guidelines had been revised and adopted. Final versions of the forms, prepared on the basis of experience, would then be considered for adoption (para 48).

4. One country (Yugoslavia) informed the secretariat on the new regulations on the seawater quality of bathing waters which became effective in Socialist Republic of Croatia on 1 October 1986.

5. No information was received from other Contracting Parties.