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Meeting of MED POL Focal Points and Government-designated
Experts to review Regional Plans as part of the implementation
of Art. 15 of the LBS Protocol

Larnaca (Cyprus), 24-25 February 2011

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting

The Meeting will be held in Larnaca, Cyprus, and will be opened by the MED POL Coordinator at 9,30 h of 24 February 2011. Invitation to the Meeting was sent to MED POL Focal Points and their experts as well as MAP Regional Activities Centres and relevant partners.

Agenda item 2. Scope and Purpose of the Meeting

The MED POL Coordinator will briefly recall the major steps of the implementation of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol including the relevant initiatives of the Secretariat and the decisions of the Contracting Parties. The present Meeting is in fact organized as a direct answer to decision 19/10 of the 16th Meeting of the Parties held in Marrakech in 2009 in which it was decided to continue the process of preparation of legally-binding Regional Plans for pollution reduction, through the preparation of three new Plans related to reduction of input of mercury, BOD from the food industry and the nine POPs recently included in the Stockholm Convention. The three draft Plans were prepared by MED POL in collaboration with CP/RAC taking into full consideration the recent international and national scientific, technical and legal developments and are presented for the first time to the national authorities for review and discussion. The Meeting is expected to review the text of the draft Plans and advise the Secretariat on the steps to be taken in view of the transmission of the Plans to the next Meeting of MED POL Focal Points in May 2011 for approval and subsequently to the Contracting Parties in 2011 for adoption.

Agenda item 3. Organizational matters

a) Election of officers

The Meeting will elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Rapporteur

b) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

The Chairperson will invite the Meeting to review the provisional Agenda and to approve it after possible amendments

c) Organization of work

The Meeting will work in plenary only and will be conducted with simultaneous interpretation in English and French. There will be no adoption of the Report at the end of the Meeting. The Report will be prepared after the Meeting by the Secretariat on the basis of the notes taken by the Rapporteur and will be sent to all the participants for comments and amendments before its finalization.

Agenda item 4. Review of draft Regional Plan on the reduction of inputs of Mercury in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol

The Secretariat will introduce part A of document WG.352/3 containing the draft regional plan on reduction of input of mercury. The Meeting is expected to review the text and present possible amendments. Document WG.352/Inf.1 is also relevant to the discussion.

Agenda item 5. Review of draft Regional Plan on the reduction of inputs of BOD from the food sector in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol

The Secretariat will introduce part B of document WG.352/3 containing the draft regional plan on reduction of input of BOD from the food sector. The Meeting is expected to review the text and present possible amendments. Document WG.352/Inf.2 is also relevant to the discussion.

Agenda item 6. Review of draft Regional Plans on the reduction of inputs of nine Chemicals in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol

The Secretariat will introduce part C of document WG.352/3 containing the draft regional plan on the reduction of input of nine chemicals. The Meeting is expected to review the text and present possible amendments. Document WG.352/Inf.3 is also relevant to the discussion.

Agenda item 7. Any other business

Under this Agenda item, the participants and the Secretariat will be able to raise any additional issue relevant to the subject of the Meeting.

Agenda item 8. Conclusions and recommendations

Under this Agenda item, the Secretariat will present the main conclusions and recommendations arising from the discussions, for adoption.

Agenda item 9. Closure of the meeting

The Meeting will be closed by the Chairperson at 18,30 h of 25 February 2011.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Thursday 24 February

09,30 – 10,00	Agenda items 1., 2. and 3.
10,00 – 10,30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10,30 – 13,00	Agenda item 4.
13,00 – 14,30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14,30 – 16,00	Agenda items 4. and 5.
16,00 – 16,30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16,30 – 18,30	Agenda item 5. (cont'd)

Friday 25 February

09,30 – 11,00	Agenda items 5 (cont'd) and 6.
11,00 – 11,30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11,30 – 13,00	Agenda items 6. and 7.
13,00 – 14,30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14,30 – 16,30	Preparation of conclusions and recommendations by the Secretariat
16,30 – 18,30	Agenda items 8. and 9.