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Meeting of government designated experts to review the process
of Preparation of National Action Plans

Catania, Italy, 14-16 December 2004

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting will be opened by the MAP Coordinator at 9,30 hours of Tuesday 14 December at the Hotel Sheraton of Catania. The Meeting is organized by the MED POL Programme in the framework of the implementation of the SAP and is partly financially supported by GEF and RAC/ERS.

Agenda item 2. Election of Officers

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

Agenda item 3. Adoption of the Agenda and organization of work

The Provisional Agenda proposed by the Secretariat is distributed as document UNEP(DEC)MED WG 262/1 and this document contains its annotation together with a provisional time table. The Agenda will be discussed, amended as necessary and adopted by the Meeting. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for the duration of the Meeting which will be convened in plenary only.

Agenda item 4. Review of the implementation of the Strategic Action Programme (SAP) to address Pollution from Land-based Activities and of its operational strategy (2001-2005)

The MED POL Coordinator will review the progress achieved in the implementation of the SAP and its Operational Plan. Special emphasis will be given to the process of preparation of National Action Plans.

Agenda item 5. National presentations on the preparation of Sectoral Plans (SPs) and National Action Plans (NAPs)

The Mediterranean countries representatives will be asked to present a progress report on the status of the preparation of Sectoral Plans and National Action Plans, which were prepared on the basis of the Secretariat's instructions. For each presentation the speakers will have up to 15 minutes. The presentations will be made in country alphabetic order. At the end of the presentations, the representative of EC will also be invited to make a statement as well as the observer from the Palestinian Authorities.

Agenda item 6. Review of achievements and problems emerged from the national presentations:

- 6.1 Overall methodology used in the preparation of SP s and NAPs**
- 6.2 Preparation of investment portfolios**
- 6.3 Public participation**
- 6.4 Application of economic instruments**
- 6.5 Application of cleaner technology**

As a result of the presentations made by the countries' representatives, under this Agenda item the MED POL Secretariat and his experts will review, identify and evaluate in detail the achievements, problems, difficulties, barriers, needs and prospects related to the preparation of National Action Plans aiming at concretely assisting the countries in the process. In addition to the discussions, which will be held under this item, the Secretariat and the experts will be available during the duration of the meeting for bilateral discussions with individual

countries representatives on specific country issues related to the preparation of National Action Plans.

Agenda item 7. Analysis of the sustainability of SAP

Under this Agenda item the Secretariat will present document UNEP(DEC)MED WG 262/3 which introduces the methodology and the findings of an assessment prepared by MED POL to test the relevance and the compatibility of the SAP principles, approaches and objectives with the principle of sustainable development agreed in the Rio and Johannesburg Summits. The meeting is expected to review and discuss the conclusions of the document and agree on a set of recommendations relevant to the future development of the SAP.

Under the same Agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce another document prepared by MED POL (UNEP(DEC)MED WG 262/6) that reviews and compares the main SAP objectives and targets with those deriving from the EC policy, rules and strategies in order to test the compatibility of the two regional processes. The Meeting is expected to comment on the findings of the document.

Agenda item 8. Institutional needs for the long-term implementation of NAPs.

Under this Agenda item, the Secretariat will present two documents (UNEP(DEC)ME WG 262/4 and UNEP(DEC)ME WG 262/5) that, respectively, describe and propose the establishment at the national level of a flexible institutional set up that would represent a concrete tool for the process of ensuring the long-term sustainability of the financial, technical and legal aspects of the implementation of the National Action Plans, and review existing opportunities and actions in the region for achieving transfer of technology. The proposed set up described in document WG 262/4 is based on up-to-date experiences already tested in different Mediterranean countries. The meeting is requested to comment on the content of both documents and in particular on the feasibility of the proposals made in document WG 262/4.

Agenda item 9. Prospects of the economic sustainability of SAP.

Under this Agenda item the Secretariat and other experts will review the prospects of an economic sustainability of the SAP focusing on existing and future regional and national tools. In particular, the Meeting will have the opportunity to review the new proposed MAP/GEF Strategic Partnership for the implementation of the SAP, the work carried out by PAP/RAC on national economic instruments to finance the implementation of National Action Plans and the GPA strategy for financing National Action Plans with special attention on the Mediterranean region.

Agenda item 10. Conclusions and recommendations

Under this Agenda item, the Secretariat will attempt to formulate a number of conclusions and recommendations based on the discussions of the Meeting. They will be reviewed by the participants, amended, approved and included in the report of the Meeting.

Agenda item 11. Adoption of the report of the Meeting

The Secretariat will prepare a draft report of the Meeting in English and French which will be reviewed, amended as appropriate and adopted by the participants

Agenda item 12. Closing of the Meeting.

The MAP Coordinator will close the Meeting on 16 December at 13,30 hours.

Time Table

14 December 2004

08:30-09:30	Registration
09:30-10:30	Agenda item 1. Agenda item 2. Agenda item 3. Agenda item 4.
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-13:00	Agenda item 5.
13:00-14:30	Lunch Break
14:30-16:00	Agenda item 5. (Cont.)
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break
16:30- 18:00	Agenda item 5. (Cont.)

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09:00-11:00	Agenda item 6.
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	Agenda item 7.
13:00-14:30	Lunch Break
14:30-16:00	Agenda item 8.
16:00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-18:00	Agenda item 9.

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09:00-10:30	Agenda item 10.
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-13:00	Agenda item 11.
13:00-13:30	Agenda item 12.