





**Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting (joint session with CP/RAC)**

The Meeting will be opened on 24 May 2005 at 09,00 hours at the Barcelo Hotel Atenea Mar, Paseo Garcia Faria, 37-47. It will be addressed by national and regional and local authorities of Spain and Catalonia and by the MAP Coordinator, the Director of the MAP Cleaner Production Regional Activity Centre in Barcelona and the MED POL Programme Coordinator.

**Agenda item 2. Organization of work (joint session with CP/RAC)**

The participants will be informed of the initiative of calling the Meeting of the MED POL National Coordinators and the Meeting of the CP/RAC Focal Points on the same dates and the same venue to allow exchange of information and future joint common actions. In particular, Agenda items 1, 2, 3, 7.3 and 7.4 will be held jointly with CP/RAC Focal Points while the other items will be reserved to MED POL National Coordinators. The MED POL National Coordinators Meeting will be held entirely in plenary, and simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided.

**Agenda item 3. Prospects of enhanced cooperation between MED POL and CP/RAC (joint session with CP/RAC)**

Under this Agenda item, the Director of CP/RAC and the Coordinator of the MED POL Programme will review the activities already carried out jointly, mostly in the framework of the implementation of the SAP, and will discuss the future prospects and advantages of continuing joint work.

**Agenda item 4. Election of officers**

The Meeting will elect one Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons and one Rapporteur.

**Agenda item 5. Adoption of the Agenda**

The Meeting will be asked to review the provisional Agenda proposed by the Secretariat and adopt it as amended.

**Agenda item 6. Presentation of MED POL Phase III evaluation**

Under this Agenda item, the evaluation of MED POL Phase III (UNEP(DEC)MED WG.264/3) will be presented in detail by the independent experts who were contracted by MAP. The Meeting may wish to comment on the conclusions and recommendations of the evaluation with a view at making use of them, as appropriate, for the preparation of MED POL Phase IV. With the approval of the MED POL National Coordinators, the evaluation will be transmitted to MAP Focal Points and later to Contracting Parties.

**Agenda item 7. Review and discussion of MED POL Phase IV**

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEC)MED WG.264/4 that contains the basic principles and objectives of the proposed MED POL Phase IV Programme (2006-2013). The Coordinators are expected to comment and amend the text of the document as appropriate.

The document as amended will be transmitted to MAP Focal Points and later to Contracting Parties for adoption.

**Agenda item 8. Review of activities carried out during the 2004-2005 biennium and proposed activities and recommendations for the 2006-2007 biennium**

Under this Agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce the activities carried out by MED POL since the last Meeting of National Coordinators (May-December 2003) and during the biennium 2004-2005, and will present the activities proposed to be implemented until the end of 2005 and during the biennium 2006-2007 (document UNEP(DEC)MED WG.264/5). The proposed activities for the biennium 2006-2007, including recommendations, will be carefully reviewed by the National Coordinators in view of their transmission to MAP focal Points and Contracting Parties for adoption.

**8.1 Policy and coordination**

Under this sub-item, the Coordinators will mostly discuss the cooperation policy that MED POL has followed and intends to follow during the next biennium (Chapter 1 of Doc. UNEP(DEC)MED WG.264/5). In particular, concerning cooperation with RACs, the Meeting will discuss the preparation of an Information System, as a MED POL initiative in cooperation with ERS/RAC (UNEP(DEC)MED WG.264/Inf.15). Regarding cooperation with the European Commission, the role of MED POL in the future implementation of the European Marine Strategy will be discussed as well as the gradual process of application of the ecosystem approach to management of human activities (UNEP(DEC)MED WG.264/Inf.3) which will be supported by the EC. The evaluation of MED POL Phase III and the proposed MED POL Phase IV, that are mentioned in the Chapter, are the object of two separate Agenda items.

**8.2 Implementation of the Dumping Protocol**

8.2.1 Review and approval of Guidelines for the management of inert uncontaminated geological material

8.2.2 Review and approval of Guidelines for the placement of material for purposes other than dumping

Under this sub-item, the Coordinators will discuss Chapter 3 of document UNEP(DEC)MED WG.264/5. In addition to the activities implemented and proposed by MED POL to enhance the implementation of the Dumping Protocol (UNEP(DEC)MED WG.264/Inf.4), the Meeting will examine two additional Guidelines to the Protocol that, if approved, may be transmitted to Contracting Parties for adoption (UNEP(DEC)MED WG.264/6 264/7).

**8.3 Implementation of the LBS Protocol and the SAP (joint session with CP/RAC)**

Under this sub-item, discussed jointly with CP/RAC Focal points, all the activities related to the implementation of the SAP and the LBS Protocol will be carefully examined (Chapter 2 of document UNEP(DEC)MED WG.264/5). In particular, the Coordinators will review past and future activities related to the preparation of **NAPs** and will discuss the need for political support to enhance their full implementation; they will review and comment on a document on technology transfer policy (UNEP(DEC)MED WG.264/8) that

may strongly assist the long-term implementation of the pollution reduction measures indicated by the SAP; they will discuss the need to further examine the principle of burden sharing for pollution reduction and will finally discuss activities proposed to ensure the financial sustainability of the implementation of the SAP. Concerning **municipal sewage**, in addition to a number of technical documents prepared by WHO/MED POL (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.264/Inf.5 to Inf.11), the Coordinators will be invited to take note of a set of Guidelines on sewage treatment and disposal and wastewater use (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.264/9) that are considered as substantially supporting the achievements by the countries of the requirements of the SAP on the subject. Concerning **industrial pollution**, the Meeting will examine the proposal of the Secretariat to prepare a guide for non-European countries for the implementation of a system of control of pollution based on BAT and BEP. In addition, according to the decisions to the Contracting Parties to periodically review targets and deadlines of the SAP, the Secretariat has reviewed all targets and deadlines of the SAP that are at present chronologically relevant and has suggested appropriate actions that will be discussed and approved by the National Coordinators. Finally, the Secretariat has prepared other two documents, respectively, for the development of national regulations for pollution releases (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.264/Inf.12) and on substitutes to be used as alternatives to POPs (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.264/Inf.13) to be reviewed and discussed by the Meeting. Under **monitoring**, the Secretariat has reviewed achievements and bottlenecks of the present activities and has made some suggestions and recommendations to improve the overall participation and results that will be discussed and commented by the National Coordinators. The Coordinators will be also presented the developments of the eutrophication monitoring programme, the monitoring of sediments, and the progress concerning the MED POL database and dataflow and the finalization of criteria for bathing water quality. Other sections of Chapter 2 will review capacity building activities, reporting and the work carried out on indicators (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.264/Inf.14). Finally, the Coordinators will review the achievements of the present **GEF Project** and will be informed by the Secretariat on possible future developments under a separate sub-item.

#### **8.4 Implementation of the Hazardous Wastes Protocol (joint session with CP/RAC)**

Under this sub-item, discussed jointly with CP/RAC Focal Points, the Secretariat will present activities related to the future implementation of the Hazardous Wastes Protocol and, in particular, the new proposal of cooperation with the Basel Convention Secretariat. In addition, the Coordinators will be invited to discuss the issue of revitalization of the Protocol in view of the slowness and scarcity of ratifications.

#### **8.5 Cooperation with GEF**

Under this sub-item, the GEF Project Manager will review achievements and bottlenecks of the present GEF Project and will introduce the future Strategic Partnership being planned by UNEP in cooperation with a number of international bodies including GEF that is expected to provide strong support to the future implementation of the SAP.

### **Agenda item 9. Budgetary considerations in relation to the 2006-2007 biennium activities**

The Secretariat will briefly present the budgetary orientations for the MED POL 2006-2007 activities and Coordinators will be asked to express opinion on objectives and priorities.

**Agenda item 10. Other business**

The National Coordinators and the Secretariat may present under this Agenda any other business for discussion.

**Agenda item 11. Adoption of the report**

The Coordinators will review, revise and adopt a draft Report of the Meeting which will be prepared in English and French.

**Agenda item 12. Closure of the Meeting**

The Chairperson will close the Meeting at 18,00 hours of 27 May.

**Proposed work plan and time table**

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<b>Tuesday, 24 May</b>	
09,00 – 11,00 hours (joint session with CP/RAC)	Agenda items 1., 2., 3.
<i>Coffee break</i>	
11,30 – 13,00 hours	Agenda items 4., 5., 6.
<i>Lunch</i>	
14,30 – 16,00 hours	Agenda items 6. (cont'd), 7.
<i>Coffee break</i>	
16,30 – 18,00 hours	Agenda item 7. (cont'd)
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<b>Wednesday, 25 May</b>	
09,30 – 11,00 hours	Agenda item 7. (cont'd)
<i>Coffee break</i>	
11,30 – 13,00 hours	Agenda item 7. (cont'd)
<i>Lunch</i>	
14,30 – 16,00 hours (joint session with CP/RAC)	Agenda item 8.3
<i>Coffee break</i>	
16,30 – 18,00 hours (joint session with CP/RAC)	Agenda items 8.3 (cont'd), 8.4
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<b>Thursday, 26 May</b>	
09,30 – 11,00 hours	Agenda item 8.1
<i>Coffee break</i>	
11,30 – 13,00 hours	Agenda items 8.1 (cont'd), 8.2
<i>Lunch</i>	
14,30 – 16,00 hours	Agenda item 8.2 (cont'd)
<i>Coffee break</i>	
16,30 – 18,00 hours	Agenda items 8.5, 9., 10
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<b>Friday, 27 May</b>	
- 13,00 hours	Free. Preparation of Report
<i>Lunch</i>	
14,30 – 16,00 hours	Agenda item 11.
<i>Coffee break</i>	
16,30 – 18,30 hours	Agenda items 11. (cont'd), 12

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