





*Thursday 17 February*

**Session I (09,30 – 10,00)**

**Opening and Objectives of the Workshop**

The Workshop is organized by the MED POL Programme in the framework of the implementation of the Dumping Protocol in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment of Cyprus and the London Convention Secretariat. It will start on Thursday 17 February at 9,30 hours and will be held at the Hotel Cleopatra, 8, Florina Street, 1065 Nicosia, tel: +357 22 671000, fax: +357 22 670618, e-mail: [cleotel@cleopatra.com.cy](mailto:cleotel@cleopatra.com.cy).

Considering the expected entry into force of the 1996 Dumping Protocol and in view of the experience gathered in the region through the implementation of the 1976 Protocol, the MED POL Secretariat felt the need to organize a workshop to review legal and practical aspects of the implementation of the 1996 Protocol including the application of the related Guidelines. The results of the Workshop, that will benefit from presentations of external as well as national Mediterranean experts, are expected to review technical aspects of the Guidelines, review and discuss problems and bottlenecks, share case studies and success stories and thus assist countries in the implementation of the Protocol.

The Workshop will be opened by the MED POL Programme Coordinator, authorities from the Cypriot Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment and the representative of the London Convention.

**Session II (10,00 –11,00 hours)**

The legal framework:

- The London Convention
- The 1996 Mediterranean Dumping Convention
- The Guidelines to the Mediterranean Dumping Convention

Under this session, representatives of the London Convention and the MED POL Secretariat will review the legal aspects of the above international instruments with a view at identifying and discussing common issues and assisting their implementation.

**Coffee Break (11,00 –11,30 hours)**

**Session III (11,30 – 12,00 hours)**

**Review of 1995-2001 Dumping activities in the Mediterranean**

In view of the environmental effects that Dumping activities may have and the fact that they have been extensive, as permitted by the 1976 Dumping Protocol, the MED POL Secretariat felt that it would have been useful to prepare an over all review document by collecting information through the dumping permits and other sources on the status of management of dumping activities including information on amounts

and type of dumping operations covering to a large extent the period of time during which dumping was permitted by the 1976 Protocol. The gathered information will be used to assess the legal, institutional and technical preparedness of the countries for the implementation of the amended Dumping Protocol and for the future planning of monitoring activities.

Under this session, the MED POL Consultant who was contracted to prepare the document will present the results of his review.

#### **Session IV (12,00 – 13,30 hours)**

Applying the Dumping Protocol Guidelines:

- Management of dredged material
- Disposal of decommissioned offshore installations
- Management of fish wastes
- Placement of matter for a purpose different from the mere disposal

Under this session, a number of experts will share with the participants concrete experiences on the application of the three Guidelines prepared according to Art.4 of the Mediterranean Dumping Protocol in line with those of the London Convention, and of one additional Guideline (on placement of matters), prepared in the framework of OSPAR, which will soon be prepared for the Mediterranean region as well.

#### **Lunch Break (13,30 - 15,00 hours)**

#### **Session IV (cont'd 15,00 – 16,00 hours)**

#### **Coffee Break (16,00 – 16,30 hours)**

#### **Session V (16,30 – 18,00 hours)**

Two case studies:

- Dumped ordnance: a source of chemical pollution
- On-land management of dredged material in case of non-compatibility for dumping

Under this session, two experts will present two case studies related to issues occurred and likely to occur in the region, i.e. the dumping of used ammunitions and the management of dredged material on land. A discussion will follow.

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**Session VI (09,30 – 11,00 hours)**

Countries' presentations on the management of dumping activities and the possible application of the approved Guidelines

Under this session, the countries' representatives will be asked to make a brief presentation (10/15 minutes) on how the management of dumping activities is organized in their country, and on their possible experience in the application of the Dumping Guidelines.

**Coffee Break (11,00 –11,30 hours)**

**Session VI (cont'd 11,30 – 13,30 hours)**

**Lunch Break (13,30 – 15,00 hours)**

**Session VII (15,00 – 16,00 hours)**

Improving the management of dumping activities: towards the implementation of the 1996 Dumping Protocol

As a follow up to the countries' presentations as well as the review of implications of the application of the Dumping Guidelines made by the experts, the workshop will continue with a general discussion that will highlight the prospects of implementation of the 1996 Dumping Protocol. The discussion will also identify needs of the countries as well as the possible role of the Secretariat towards an appropriate implementation of the Protocol.

**Coffee Break (16,00 - 16,30 hours)**

**Session VIII (16,30 – 17,30 hours)**

Conclusions and Recommendations

As a follow up to the discussions and the presentations, the Secretariat will attempt to draw conclusions and propose recommendations for the future that will be discussed and adopted by the participants.

## Proposed work plan and time table

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