

The recommendation of the Heads of Delegation was unanimously approved by the Meeting.

27. The Meeting adopted the agenda prepared by the Executive Director in agreement with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties as provided in rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure (document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/1).

28. The Meeting also approved the organization of work suggested by the Secretariat as it appears in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/2.

29. As recommended by the Seventh Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties, it was agreed that the Eighth Ordinary Meeting would be conducted in plenary session, without establishing a committee of the whole.

**Agenda item 5 : Admission of new Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention**

30. At an informal consultation held on 12 October 1993, the Heads of Delegations decided to recommend to the Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties the following consensus concerning the admission of the new States to the Barcelona Convention:

*"At their informal Consultation held on 12 October 1993, the Heads of Delegations have recommended to the Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention to admit unanimously the three States of Croatia, Slovenia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Barcelona Convention and its related Protocols on the basis of article 26 of the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution.*

*They also reconfirm their wish that any new Mediterranean Coastal States recognized by the United Nations which express their wish be admitted to the Barcelona Convention."*

31. The Meeting unanimously adopted this recommendation.

32. The representatives of Croatia, Slovenia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina made statements thanking the meeting for having admitted them as parties.

**Agenda item 6 : Credentials of representatives**

33. In accordance with rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure, the Bureau of the Contracting Parties met on Wednesday, 13 October 1993, under its President, H.E. Mr. Riza Akçali (Turkey), and examined the credentials of the representatives of Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, European Economic Community,