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Intersecretariat Meeting on Arab
Regional Co-operation for the Protection
and Development of the Marine Environment
and Coastal Areas Resources

Athens, 18-20 February, 1985

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

1. Twenty one Arab States are at present participating in five regional programmes for the protection and development of the marine environment and coastal areas resources sponsored in the framework of UNEP's Regional Seas Programme. Although these action plans are at different levels of implementation, they have many common elements. Through the strengthening of inter-regional co-operation and joint efforts, maximum benefit may be derived from the accumulated valuable experience gained in each of the regions.

Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting

2. The meeting will be opened on Monday, 18 February 1985 at 09.30 hours a.m. by the representative of the Executive Director of UNEP (Director of UNEP's Regional Seas Programme Activity Centre) in the offices of the Co-ordinating Unit in Athens (48, Leoforos Konstantinou Vassileos, 2nd. floor). It is expected to be attended by the representatives of the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO), the Secretariat of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment Programme (PERSGA), the Regional Organization for the Protection of Marine Environment (ROPME) and the UNEP staff responsible for the co-ordination of three regional action plans (Mediterranean, West and Central Africa and Eastern Africa).

Agenda item 2. Review of status of regional action plans

3. The status of each of the action plans will be presented by the representative of the body responsible for the co-ordination of its implementation. Long term work programmes and immediate priorities will be highlighted.

Agenda item 3. Review of areas, ways and means of inter-regional co-operation

4. On the basis of the review undertaken under the previous agenda item, participants will be invited to identify areas, as well as ways and means for inter-regional arab co-operation.

Agenda item 4. Other matters

5. The meeting will be invited to discuss any other matter that may contribute to the strengthening of inter-regional Arab co-operation.

Agenda item 5. Closure of the meeting

6. The meeting is expected to close on Wednesday, 20 February 1985 with the adoption of short minutes including specific conclusions and recommendations for follow-up actions.