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XV Meeting of the Inter-Agency Advisory
Committee (IAAC) for MED POL

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

The Co-ordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan will open the Meeting, welcome the participants and summarize the major issues of the recently held Third Meeting of the Contracting Parties to Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its Related Protocols. The Senior Marine Scientist will introduce the agenda and explain the main goals of the XV meeting of the Inter-Agency Advisory Committee (IAAC) for MED POL.

Agenda item 2: Report by the secretariat on the progress achieved in the implementation of the national monitoring programmes

The secretariat will inform the Committee in detail, country by country, on the status of negotiations for the finalization of the national monitoring programmes as part of MED POL - PHASE II.

Agenda item 3: Report on the activities carried out by each Co-operating Agency up to March 1983

Each Co-operating Agency will report on the activities implemented during the last six months. As a reference, annex VI to the Minutes of the XIV meeting of the IAAC Workplan and Timetable for MED POL (October 1982 - December 1983) will be examined. In particular, the progress achieved in the implementation of the research activities, status of the agreements, technical problems and distribution of funds, will be reviewed.

Agenda item 4: Revision of the workplan, timetable and budget for 1983

The workplan and timetable for the activities to be carried out during the remainder of 1983 will be examined and all the problems related to their implementation discussed. Revision No.4 to project document ME/O503-81-01(2298) will be prepared accordingly.

Agenda item 5: Preparation of the workplan/timetable and budget for 1984 and 1985 activities

A detailed workplan and timetable, prepared by the secretariat, in accordance with the guidance given by the Third Meeting of the Contracting Parties and by the 18th Meeting of the Bureau, will be analysed by the Committee.

Agenda item 6: Workshop on the problems created by the abnormal apparently pollution-induced blooms of jelly-fish

At the Third Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its Related Protocols, it was decided that the MED Unit convene a workshop to study the problems created in the past few years by the abnormal blooms of jelly-fish appearing along the coasts of the eastern, central and more recently western Mediterranean. It is the belief of this secretariat that technical assistance from the Co-operating Agencies will be required. The following is a proposal for the discussions:

- 1) The relevant Co-operating Agencies will gather bibliographic information and provide the secretariat with names of experts in the field to be contacted.
- 2) A consultant will prepare a document containing guidelines for the assessment of the amounts of jelly-fish and frequency of appearance along the shores, and assessment of the impact on the resources and recreation.
- 3) Information will be solicited from all Mediterranean institutions, directly and through their respective governments, as to the scientific data available from previous years and to observations made and reported during Spring and Summer 1983.
- 4) Workshop to be convened by UNEP in Autumn 1983 in co-operation with the relevant Co-operating Agencies, with the participation of national experts.

Agenda item 7: Other matters

Any other matters raised by the participants will be discussed.

Agenda item 8: Adoption of the Minutes and closure of the meeting

The Minutes are expected to be adopted on Wednesday 13 April, afternoon. The meeting will be closed by the Senior Marine Scientist and the Co-ordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan immediately thereafter.