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Meeting of the Working Group to review the long-term implementation of National Action Plans
to address pollution from land-based activities

Barcelona, (Spain), 1-2 March 2007

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting of the Working Group will be opened by the MAP Coordinator on Thursday 1 March 2007 at 10,00 hours at the Vertex Building. The MED POL Coordinator will briefly describe the scope and purpose of the Meeting as well as its expected outputs.

Agenda item 2. Election of Officers

The Meeting will elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson while the Secretariat will ensure the functions of rapporteur.

Agenda item 3. Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

The Provisional Agenda (UNEP(DEPI)MED WG. 307/1) and the Provisional Annotated Agenda (UNEP(DEPI)MED WG. 307/2) will be reviewed, amended as necessary and adopted by the Meeting. Simultaneous translation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting which will be convened in plenary only.

Agenda item 4. Review of possible differentiation mechanisms to address pollution reduction in the context of the NAPs

Under this agenda item the MED POL regional expert will present the information document UNEP(DEPI)MED WG. 307/Inf.3). The Secretariat with the assistance of regional experts has in fact prepared a comprehensive review of existing differentiation criteria, measures and mechanisms which could be implemented in the Mediterranean context taking into account geopolitical and socio economic considerations, the availability of data and information and the experience of other relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs).

The Meeting will review and comment the document presented by the regional expert taking into account that the document was the basis and the rationale of the working document UNEP(DEPI)MED WG. 307/3), which includes conclusions and recommendations that will be discussed by the Meeting under Agenda 5.

Agenda item 5. New revised strategy for the long-term implementation of NAPs

Under this Agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 307/3. As decided by the MED POL Coordinators, the Secretariat has worked on possible options to implement a differentiation mechanism as the basis for the long-term implementation of NAPs, taking into consideration regional and international developments in matters related to pollution reduction, such as the EU Horizon 2020 Initiative, the new GEF Strategic Partnership and the Mediterranean countries' commitments to other MEAs. As a result, the Secretariat is in position to make to the Working Group concrete proposals including a two-step road map for the implementation of a differentiation mechanism.

The Working Group is expected to discuss and comment on the document with a view at providing the Secretariat with clear indications and guidance on how to proceed in the coming biennium for a fair and concrete implementation of the long-term pollution reduction process by the countries.

Agenda item 6. Other business

The Meeting will discuss any other business that may be raised by the participants or the Secretariat.

Agenda item 7. Conclusions and recommendations

The Secretariat will prepare a list of draft conclusions and recommendations deriving from the discussions that will be adopted, as amended, by the Working Group. A full report of the Meeting will be prepared at a later stage and will be circulated for comments/amendments before finalization.

Agenda item 8. Closure of the Meeting

The Chairperson will close the Meeting at 18,00 hours of Thursday 2 March 2007.

TIMETABLE

Thursday 1 March 2007

09,00 – 10,00 h	Registration
10,00 - 10,30 h.	Agenda item 1.
10,30 – 11,00 h	Agenda items 2., 3.
11,00 – 11,30 h	Coffee break
11,30 – 13,00 h	Agenda item 4.
13,00 – 14,30 h	Lunch break
14,30 – 16,00 h	Agenda item 4. (cont'd)
16,00 – 16,30 h	Coffee break
16,30 – 18,00 h	Agenda item 4. (cont'd)

Friday 2 March 2007

09,30 – 11,00 h	Agenda item 5
11,00 – 11,30 h	Coffee break
11,30 – 13,00 h	Agenda item 5.(cont'd)
13,00 – 14,30 h	Lunch break
14,30 – 16,00 h	Agenda item 5. (cont'd)
16,00 – 16,30 h	Coffee break
16,00 – 18,00 h	Agenda item 7 and 8