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Eleventh Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties
to the Convention for the Protection of the
Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its Protocols

Malta, 27-30 October 1999

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Introduction:

The Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution (Tunis, 18-21 November 1997) accepted the offer of the Government of Malta to host the Eleventh Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties from 27 to 30 October 1999.

The following annotations to the proposed agenda for the meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations. The opening session will be preceded by informal consultations among the heads of delegations beginning at 09.00 a.m. It is hoped that these consultations will facilitate the smooth organization of the meeting.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened at 10.00 hours on Wednesday, 27 October 1999 at the New Dolmen Hotel, Malta. As required by the Rules of Procedure of meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties, the President elected by the Tenth Ordinary Meeting, the Minister of the Environment and Land Use Planning of Tunisia, will officially open the Meeting. It is expected that the Minister of Environment of Malta will welcome the Contracting Parties and the Observers on behalf of his Government. The Executive Director of UNEP or his representative will deliver an opening statement.

Agenda item 2: Rules of Procedure

The Rules of Procedure adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the meeting (document UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

Agenda item 3: Election of officers

In accordance with Rule 20, as amended, the meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties a President, four Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

Agenda item 4: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat was distributed as document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.12/1

The meeting will review and adopt the proposed timetable appearing in the Annex to the present document. At this stage, the meeting could also decide on the method of selection for the renewal of non-Contracting Parties' members of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD)

Simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, English, French and Spanish will be available for all plenary sessions.

Agenda item 5: Credentials of Representatives

Each Contracting Party shall be represented by an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternates and advisers as may be required (Rule 18). In accordance with Rule 19, the credentials of the representatives and the names of the alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to the Executive Director before the opening sitting of the meeting. The Bureau shall examine the credentials of representatives and submit its report to the meeting.

Agenda item 6: Progress report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan in 1998-1999

The Coordinator will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.12/3, and in particular the section referring to the activities carried out during the 1998-1999 biennium in the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan, including activities related to the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development.

Agenda item 7: General Discussion on environment and sustainable development in the Mediterranean region

This agenda item will include a Ministerial segment. The heads of delegations are expected to give statements on environment and sustainable development in the Mediterranean region. It is expected that these statements should not exceed 15 minutes each. Some observers will then make their own statements in relation with the activities of the Mediterranean Action Plan and the sustainable development of the Mediterranean region.

Agenda item 8: Proposed recommendations and programme budget for 2000-2001 biennium and contributions by the Contracting Parties to the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF) for the 2000-2001 biennium

The Coordinator will introduce sections of document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.12/3 relevant to proposed recommendations and programme budget for 2000-2001. The meeting will be invited to review the proposals and take the necessary decisions thereon. More specifically, the meeting will have to consider the following issues:

- I. Coordination:
 - A. Legal and institutional framework
 - B. Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (with 3 sets of thematic recommendations in annexes 1,2,3 of document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.12/3)
 - C. Information and participation (with a MAP Information Strategy in annex 4 of document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.12/3)
 - D. Cooperation and coordination with United Nations Agencies, Convention Secretariats, IGOs and other funding institutions
 - E. Cooperation and coordination with Non-Governmental Organizations (with proposed recommendations on MAP/NGO)

- F. cooperation in annex 5 of document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.12/3).
Meetings and Conferences organized within the MAP framework.

II. Components:

- A. Pollution Prevention and Control (refer also to document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.12/4)
- B. Conservation of Biological Diversity (refer also to documents UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.12/5, IG.12/6 and IG.12/7)
- C. Sustainable Development of Coastal regions
- D. Integrating Environment and Development

Agenda item 9: Date and place of the Twelfth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2001

The meeting will be invited to consider the exact dates and place of the Twelfth Ordinary meeting of the Contracting Parties to be convened during 2001.

Agenda item 10: Other business

Other subjects relevant to the Mediterranean Action Plan which might be brought to the attention of the meeting by the participants or by the Secretariat will be discussed under this agenda item.

Agenda item 11: Adoption of the report of the meeting

A draft report of the meeting will be submitted to the participants for adoption.

Agenda item 12: Closure of the meeting

The meeting is expected to be closed by the President at 18.00 hours on Saturday, 30 October 1999.

Eleventh Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its Protocols, Malta, 27-30 October 1999				
PROPOSED SCHEDULE				
	WEDNESDAY, 27 OCTOBER	THURSDAY, 28 OCTOBER	FRIDAY, 29 OCTOBER	SATURDAY, 30 OCTOBER
09.30-11.00	1. Opening of the Meeting 2. Rules of procedure 3. Election of officers 4. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda	7. General discussion and presentation by delegations (cont.) 8. Proposed <u>recommendations</u> and <u>Programme budget</u> for 2000-2001	<u>II. Components</u> A. Pollution prevention and control	FREE (Preparation of the report by the Secretariat)
11.00-11.30	COFFEE BREAK			
11.30-13.00	6. <u>Progress report</u> of the Executive Director on MAP activities of 1998-1999 biennium, including MCSD	5. Credentials of Representatives <u>I. Coordination</u> I.A. Legal & Institutional framework I.B. Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development	II.B. Conservation of Biological Diversity	FREE (Preparation of the report by the Secretariat)
13.00-14.30	LUNCH BREAK			
14.30-16.00	7. <u>General discussion</u> on Issues related to environment and sustainable development in the Mediterranean	I.B. Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (cont.) I.C. Information and participation	II. C. Sustainable Development of Coastal regions	11. <u>Adoption of the report</u>
16.00-16.30	COFFEE BREAK			
16.30-18.00	7. General discussion (cont.) . Ministerial segment . Other Heads of Delegations . Observers	I.D. Cooperation with UN and IGOs I.E. Cooperation with NGOs I.F. MAP meetings	II. D. Integrating Environment and Development 9. Date and place of the Twelfth Ordinary Meeting 10. Other business	11. Adoption of the report 12. Closure of the meeting