

Agenda item 12: Adoption of the report

95. The Committee of the Whole adopted its report on 13 April 1984. The Meeting adopted its report on 13 April 1984 and took note of the report of the Committee of the Whole which appears in the present report under the relevant items of the Agenda.

Agenda item 13: Closure of meeting

96. On 13 April 1984, at 23.30 hours, the President declared the Meeting closed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE BLUE PLAN

The Contracting Parties:

1. Take note of the report of the Fifth Meeting of the National Blue Plan Focal Points (Sophia Antipolis, 24-27 January 1984), document UNEP/WG.100/6.
2. Accept the Synthesis Report of the first phase, recognizing its usefulness, and declare the first phase formally closed.
3. Request that the material of the first phase in suitable revised form, be published and distributed in print and audiovisual forms for the information of decision-makers and specialists, as well as the general public.
4. Decide to launch the second phase of the Blue Plan for a period of two years following the guidance contained in document UNEP/WG.100/6, and in particular the paragraphs amended as shown in appendix 1.
5. Approve the budgetary allocations for 1984-1985 contained in Section II, Chapter 1 of annex VII to this report.
6. Request the secretariat to negotiate with the supporting organization MEDEAS, the appropriate modalities for the execution of the second phase.
7. Emphasize the need to provide support in kind, especially through the involvement of their national institutions and experts, to supplement the work in the second phase.
8. Request the secretariat to review its efforts in order to ensure the effective participation of all Blue Plan National Focal Points.

APPENDIX 1 (BLUE PLAN)

The following are guidelines which were approved in relation to paragraphs 42-49 of UNEP/WG.100/6:

42. Having examined the structures proposed for phase two, the meeting agreed to the following ones:
  - a permanent team with its scientific management;
  - Focal Points and a Steering Committee made up of focal points, and
  - an institution network.
43. The permanent team will be the basic component of phase two and will have to include at least four full-time research workers. The need for having a permanent team working together at MEDEAS was stressed. All best endeavours should be made to increase the number of permanent research workers and the staff so as to accommodate the greatest possible number of disciplines whilst attempting to make savings on other budget items and calling on Governments to make experts available for phase two.
44. As regards recruiting members of the permanent team, the new directives laid down by the Bureau of the Contracting Parties (UNEP/Bur/18.Corr.1) were repeated and it was requested that they be applied.
45. In order to ensure adequate involvement of the countries of the south of the Mediterranean in phase two of the Blue Plan it has been decided to appoint a senior consultant from this area.
46. Deleted
47. It was considered that the role of Focal Points should be strengthened in phase two. Focal Points are basic structures of the Blue Plan and their role is to define the orientation for the Blue Plan, to monitor the way the Blue Plan is run and ensure that it complies with intergovernmental decisions in addition to providing contact with Governments and national organizations likely to contribute to the work programme and seeking out further participation by such organizations to the work done by the Blue Plan.
48. The meeting decided that a Steering Committee made up of one Chairman appointed for two years, and four Focal Points appointed for one year, should be set up and meet two or three times a year and whenever the need arises. Focal Points will take turn to be appointed as members of this committee.
49. The Steering Committee will not be responsible for the scientific management of the project, but would monitor activities and steer work content according to the guidelines defined by Focal Points and the Contracting Parties, co-operate in the preparation of the next meeting of Focal Points and assist the permanent team in their work.