

## Appendix 2

### Cooperation and Coordination with Partners

Taking into account the recommendations of the Eleventh Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Malta, October 1999), the different documents produced by MAP on the issue of MAP Partners, the decision of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties (Cyprus, May 2001), and the Meeting of MAP National Focal Points, (Athens, September 2001), the following proposal has been prepared by the Secretariat:

#### **Proposed common criteria for inclusion and retention:**

1. Existence of a legal constitution;
2. Existence of a regularly elected Bureau or equivalent body;
3. Establishment of headquarters or relevant offices in a Mediterranean country;
4. Capability to contribute to the aims and objectives of MAP.

#### **Additional criteria for retention \***

1. Provision of regular information to MAP;
2. Contribution and involvement in MAP activities and projects;
3. Attendance of MAP meetings;
4. Participation in active Mediterranean networks.

#### **Application and selection procedure**

An application for partner status should be sent to the Secretariat at least three months before the meeting of MAP Focal Points. The application should include:

- a. a concise statement about the organization and how it meets the stipulated criteria;
- b. copy of by-laws or constitution;
- c. indication of the contribution it can provide to MAP objectives.

Following the receipt of the application, the Secretariat will distribute copies to the Contracting Parties that will take a final decision during its Ordinary Meeting.

#### **List of partners**

Every two years, the Contracting Parties will revise the list of partners taking into account the approved criteria. Those partners that do not participate in the work and meetings of MAP for two consecutive years will be systematically eliminated from the list of partners.

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\* will be applied as appropriate