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Meeting of the MED POL National Coordinators

Venice, Italy, 28 - 31 May 2001

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting of the MED POL National Coordinators will be held from 28 May to 31 May 2001 at the Telecom Lab Conference Centre in Venice, Campo San Salvador, Tel. 0415213211, Fax. 0415203582. The Meeting will be opened at 9,30 hours of 28 May by representatives of the local authorities, the President of "Fondo EuroMediterraneo per lo sviluppo socio-economico" (FEM), a representative of the association "Amici per la vita" and the Coordinator of MAP. The Meeting is in fact held with the financial contribution of the Venice local authorities in cooperation with FEM and "Amici per la vita".

Agenda item 2. Election of Officers

In accordance with Rule 20 of the "Rules of Procedures", the Meeting will elect a Chairperson, two vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur.

Agenda item 3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Provisional agenda proposed by the Secretariat is distributed as document UNEP(DEC)MED WG 183/1 and its annotation and a provisional time table are contained in the present document. The agenda will be discussed, amended as necessary and adopted by the Meeting. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for the duration of the Meeting.

Agenda item 4. Review of activities carried out by MED POL during the biennium 2000-2001

The Secretariat will introduce the information document UNEP(DEC)MED WG 183/ INF.3 which reviews and describes the activities carried out by MED POL during the 2000-2001 biennium. The National Coordinators will be asked to comment on the work carried out by MED POL and to discuss the achievements made and problems encountered in the implementation of the activities. The discussion will cover, among other, the delays in formulating and finalizing National Monitoring Programmes, the need to improve coordination with national stakeholders as well as the use made at the national level of the Guidelines for the Management of Dredged Material adopted in 1999 and the problems encountered in their application.

Agenda item 5. Review and approval of the activities to be carried out during the biennium 2002-2003

The Secretariat will introduce the working document UNEP(DEC)MED WG 183/3. The document lists and describes the activities proposed to be carried out during the 2002-2003 biennium and is submitted to the MED POL National Coordinators for review and approval in view of its transmission to MAP Focal Points and Contracting Parties for adoption. The document covers all the subjects included in the Strategic Action Programme (SAP) to Address Pollution from Land-based Activities, which now represents the main activity framework of MED POL, as well as the implementation of the Dumping and the Hazardous Waste Protocols and the activities related to research on environment and pollution emerging issues.

Concerning the implementation of the SAP (agenda item 5.1), in addition to the information contained in document WG 183/3, the Meeting will have three information documents for review: UNEP(DEC)MED WG 183/INF.4 on the management of coastal litter, UNEP(DEC)MED WG 183/INF.5 on the management of MED POL Phase III data and UNEP/(DEC)MED WG 183/INF.6

on the assessment of impacts and management of brine. The documents are brought to the attention of the Coordinators with the aim to review and discuss the activities to be carried out on the above three subjects.

Concerning the implementation of the Dumping Protocol (agenda item 5.2), the Meeting will examine and discuss two draft Guidelines related to Art. 4, 5 and 6 of the Protocol: the Guidelines for the management of fish waste (UNEP(DEC)ME WG 183/4) and the Guidelines on the management of platforms (UNEP(DEC)MED WG 183/5). The documents in draft form were sent to MED POL Coordinators in January 2001 for comments and amendments and have been modified by the Secretariat accordingly. The Meeting is expected to further review and amend the drafts as necessary and to recommend their transmission to MAP Focal Points and Contracting Parties for adoption.

Agenda item 6. Budgetary consideration in relation to the 2002-2003 MAP and MED POL work plan

The Secretariat will briefly present the budgetary perspectives related to MAP and to MED POL for the biennium 2002-2003. The Meeting will be asked to comment and exchange views on the budget which will be discussed in detail at the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points in September 2001 before being submitted to the Contracting Parties in November 2001 for adoption.

Agenda item 7. Review and approval of the revised Operational Document for the implementation of the SAP

The Secretariat will introduce the working document UNEP(DEC)MED WG 183/6 which contains the second draft of the Operational Document for the implementation of the SAP. The first draft Operational Document was presented at the Meeting of Government-designated Experts held in Catania on 28-30 March 2001. The Secretariat has included the amendments suggested by the Catania Meeting in the new version of the document and is now presenting it for comments, further amendments and approval. The Coordinators are expected to further review the new draft and amend it as necessary and recommend its transmission to MAP Focal Points and Contracting Parties for adoption.

Agenda item 8. Other Business

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

Agenda item 9. Adoption of the report of the Meeting

The Coordinators will examine, amend as necessary and adopt the draft report of the Meeting.

Agenda item 10. Closure of the Meeting

The Meeting will be closed by the elected Chairperson at 18,30 hours of 31 May 2001.

Proposed workplan and time table

Monday, 28 May	
09,30 - 10,30 hours	Agenda items 1., 2.
10,30 - 11,00 hours	Coffee break
11,30 - 13,00 hours	Agenda items 3., 4.
13,00 - 15,00 hours	Lunch break
15,00 - 16,30 hours	Agenda item 5.
16,30 - 17,00 hours	Coffee break
17,00 - 18,30 hours	Agenda item 5. (cont'd)

Tuesday, 29 May	
09,30 - 11,00 hours	Agenda item 5 (cont'd)
11,00 - 11,30 hours	Coffee break
11,30 - 13,00 hours	Agenda item 5. (cont'd)
13,00 - 15,00 hours	Lunch break
15,00 - 16,30 hours	Agenda item 5. (cont'd)
16,30 - 17,00 hours	Coffee break
17,00 - 18,30 hours	Agenda items 5. (cont'd), 6.

Wednesday, 30 May	
09,30 - 11,00 hours	Agenda item 7.
11,00 - 11,30 hours	Coffee break
11,30 - 13,00 hours	Agenda item 7. (cont'd)
13,00 - 15,00 hours	Lunch break
15,00 - 16,30 hours	Agenda item 7. (cont'd)
16,30 - 17,00 hours	Coffee break
17,00 - 18,30 hours	Agenda items 7. (cont'd), 8.

Thursday, 31 May	
- 15,30 hours	Free (preparation of report)
15,00 - 16,30 hours	Agenda item 9.
16,30 - 17,00 hours	Coffee break
17,00 - 18,30 hours	Agenda items 9. (cont'd), 10.
