

Introduction

The Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution (Antalya, Turkey, 12-15 October 1993) urged:

The Contracting Parties that have not yet done so, to ratify the Land-Based Sources protocol (LBS), the Specially Protected Areas protocol (SPA), the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (1973) and its related protocol (1978) (MARPOL 73/78), the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation (OPRC) (1990), the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage (1969), the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil pollution Damage (1971) and the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (1989).

Furthermore, the Antalya Meeting invited the Contracting Parties to review their position with respect to the international conventions, protocols and agreements and if possible to ensure the early signature of these instruments which may have a positive influence on the Mediterranean basin.

Accordingly, and with a view to assisting the Contracting Parties to implement these decisions, the Secretariat has prepared this information paper on various environmental conventions and agreements which have relevance to the work of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) and to which Mediterranean Countries are already parties. For those relevant environmental conventions which have not yet entered into force, the Signatories are also indicated. This paper was first presented to the meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties (Ankara, Turkey, 2-3 February 1994) as document UNEP/BUR/43/Inf.4 and then to the meeting of the Bureau (Paris, 30-31 January 1995) as document UNEP/BUR/46/Inf.7. The Joint Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Committee and the Socio-Economic Committee (Athens, 3-8 April 1995), reviewed the document on Multilateral Treaties in the Field of Environment - Status of Signature and Ratification of Mediterranean Countries (UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/Inf.8), welcomed the Secretariat initiative and suggested a few amendments to the text. The present paper has been modified in order to reflect the today status of participation in these conventions and agreements, on the basis of available information at the Co-ordinating Unit of the Mediterranean Action Plan as at 28 April 1995.

**MULTILATERAL TREATIES IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT
TABLE OF PARTICIPATION BY THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES**

| | Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution | Protocol for the prevention of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft | Protocol concerning cooperation in combating pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency | Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution from Land-Based Sources | Protocol concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas | Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Sea-bed and its Sub-soil |
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| Place/Date Adoption | Barcelona 16. 2.1976 | Barcelona 16. 2.1976 | Barcelona 16. 2.1976 | Athens 17. 5.1980 | Geneva 3. 4.1982 | Madrid 14.10.1994 |
| Entry into force | 12.02.1978 | 12. 2.1978 | 12. 2.1978 | 17. 6.1983 | 23. 3.1986 | |
| Albania | 30.05.1990(AC) | 30. 5.1990(AC) | 30. 5.1990(AC) | 30. 5.1990(AC) | 30. 5.1990(AC) | |
| Algeria | 16.02.1981(AC) | 16. 3.1981(AC) | 16. 3.1981(AC) | 2. 5.1983(AC) | 16. 5.1985(AC) | |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina | 22.10.1994(AC)* | 22.10.1994(AC)* | 22.10.1994(AC)* | 22.10.1994(AC)* | 22.10.1994(AC)* | |
| Croatia | 12.10.1993(AC)* | 12.10.1993(AC)* | 12.10.1993(AC)* | 12.10.1993(AC)* | 12.10.1993(AC)* | 14.10.1994 (S) |
| Cyprus | 19.11.1979 (R) | 19.11.1979 (R) | 19.11.1979 (R) | 28. 6.1988(AC) | 28. 6.1988(AC) | 14.10.1994 (S) |
| European Community | 16. 3.1978(AP) | 16. 3.1978(AP) | 12. 8.1981(AP) | 7.10.1983(AP) | 30. 6.1984(AP) | |
| Egypt | 24. 8.1978(AP) | 24. 8.1978(AP) | 24. 8.1978(AP) | 18. 5.1983(AC) | 8. 7.1983 (R) | |
| France | 11. 3.1978(AP) | 11. 3.1978(AP) | 11. 3.1978(AP) | 13. 7.1982(AP) | 2. 9.1986(AP) | |
| Greece | 3. 1.1979 (R) | 3. 1.1979 (R) | 3. 1.1979 (R) | 26. 1.1987 (R) | 26. 1.1987 (R) | 14.10.1994 (S) |
| Israel | 3. 3.1978 (R) | 1. 3.1984 (R) | 3. 3.1978 (R) | 21. 2.1991 (R) | 28.10.1987 (R) | 14.10.1994 (S) |
| Italy | 3. 2.1979 (R) | 3. 2.1979 (R) | 3. 2.1979 (R) | 4. 7.1985 (R) | 4. 7.1985 (R) | 14.10.1994 (S) |
| Lebanon | 8.11.1977(AC) | 8.11.1977(AC) | 8.11.1977(AC) | 1994 (AC)* | 1994 (AC)* | |
| Libya | 31. 1.1979 (R) | 31. 1.1979 (R) | 31. 1.1979 (R) | 6. 6.1989(AP) | 6. 6.1989(AP) | |
| Malta | 30.12.1977 (R) | 30.12.1977 (R) | 30.12.1977 (R) | 2. 3.1989 (R) | 11. 1.1988 (R) | 14.10.1994 (S) |
| Monaco | 20. 9.1977 (R) | 20. 9.1977 (R) | 20. 9.1977 (R) | 12. 1.1983 (R) | 29. 5.1989 (R) | 14.10.1994 (S) |
| Morocco | 15. 1.1980 (R) | 15. 1.1980 (R) | 15. 1.1980 (R) | 9. 2.1987 (R) | 22. 6.1990 (R) | |
| Slovenia | 15.3.1994 (AC) | 15.3.1994 (AC) | 15.3.1994 (AC) | 15.3.1994 (AC) | 15.3.1994 (AC) | |
| Spain | 17.12.1976 (R) | 17.12.1976 (R) | 17.12.1976 (R) | 6. 6.1984 (R) | 22.12.1987 (R) | 14.10.1994 (S) |
| Syria | 26.12.1978(AC) | 26.12.1978(AC) | 26.12.1978(AC) | 1.12.1993 (AC) | 11.9.1992 (AC) | |
| Tunisia | 30. 7.1977 (R) | 30. 7.1977 (R) | 30. 7.1977 (R) | 29.10.1981 (R) | 26. 5.1983 (R) | 14.10.1994 (S) |
| Turkey | 6. 4.1981 (R) | 6. 4.1981 (R) | 6. 4.1981 (R) | 21. 2.1983(AC) | 6.11.1986(AC) | |

S = Signature R = Ratification AC = Accession AP = Approval * pending confirmation from the Depository State (Spain)

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TABLE OF PARTICIPATION BY THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES**

| | Agreement for the Establishment of a General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean (as amended) | International Convention for the Protection of Birds | Convention for the Establishment of the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (as amended) | International Plant Protection Convention | International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil (as amended in 1962 and 1969) |
|---------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
| Place/Date Adoption | Rome 6.12.1949 | Paris 18.10.1950 | Paris 18. 4.1951 | Rome 6.12.1951 | London 12. 5.1954 |
| Entry into force | 20. 2.1952 | 17. 1.1963 | 18. 4.1951 | 3. 4.1952 | 26. 7.1958 |
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| | Amendments to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, Concerning the Protection of the Great Barrier Reef | Amendments to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, Concerning Tank Arrangements and Limitation of Tank Size | Convention on the Continental Shelf | Convention on the High Seas | Convention on Fishing and Conservation of the Living Resources of the High Seas |
|---------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Place/Date Adoption | London 12.10.1971 | London 15.10.1971 | Geneva 29. 4.1958 | Geneva 29. 4.1958 | Geneva 29. 4.1958 |
| Entry into force | not yet in force | not yet in force | 10. 6.1964 | 30. 9.1962 | 20. 3.1966 |
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| | Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water | African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources | European Convention for the Protection of Animals During International Transport | European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage | International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage (as amended) |
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| Place/Date Adoption | Moscow 5. 8.1963 | Algiers 15. 9.1968 | Paris 13.12.1968 | London 6. 5.1969 | Brussels 29.11.1969 |
| Entry into force | 10.10.1963 | 16. 6.1969 | 20. 2.1971 | 20.11.1970 | 19. 6.1975 |
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| | International Convention Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Oil Pollution Casualties | Protocol Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Pollution by Substances Other Than Oil | Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat | Protocol to Amend the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat | Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-bed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof |
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| Place/date Adoption | Brussels 29.11.1969 | London 2.11.1973 | Ramsar 2. 2.1971 | Paris 3.12.1982 | London, Moscow, Washington 11. 2.1971 |
| Entry into force | 6. 5.1975 | 30. 3.1983 | 21.12.1975 | 1.10.1986 | 18. 5.1972 |
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| | International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage | Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft (as amended) | Convention on the Prohibition of the Development Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological, Biological and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction | Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage | Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter (as amended) |
|---------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| Place/date Adoption | Brussels 18.12.1971 | Oslo 15. 2.1972 | London, Moscow, Washington 10. 4.1972 | Paris 23.11.1972 | London, Mexico City, Moscow, Washington 29.12.1972 |
| Entry into force | 16.10.1978 | 7. 4.1974 | 26. 3.1975 | 17.12.1975 | 30. 8.1975 |
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| | Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) | International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships MARPOL | Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships | Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Land-Based Sources | Agreement Concerning the Protection of the Waters of the Mediterranean Shores |
|---------------------|---|--|--|---|---|
| Place/date Adoption | Washington 3. 3.1973 | London 2.11.1973 | London 17. 2.1978 | Paris 4. 6.1974 | Monaco 10. 5.1976 |
| Entry into force | 1. 7.1975 | 2.10.1983 | 2.10.1983 | 1. 9.1989 | 1. 1.1981 |
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| | Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques | Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) | European Convention for the Protection of Animals for Slaughter | Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats | Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution |
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| Place/date Adoption | Geneva 18. 5.1977 | Bonn 23. 6.1979 | Strasbourg 10. 5.1979 | Berne 19. 9.1979 | Geneva 13.11.1979 |
| Entry into force | 5.10.1978 | 1.11.1983 | 11. 6.1982 | 1. 6.1982 | 16. 3.1983 |
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| | Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Long-term Financing of the Co-operative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP) | Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on the Reduction of Sulphur Emissions or their Transboundary Fluxes by at least 30 per cent | Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution Concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or their Transboundary Fluxes | Regional Convention for the Conservation of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment | Protocol Concerning Regional co-operation in Combating Pollution by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency |
|---------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| Place/date Adoption | Geneva 28. 9.1984 | Helsinki 8. 7.1985 | Sofia 1.11.1988 | Jeddah 14. 2.1982 | Jeddah 14. 2.1982 |
| Entry into force | 28. 1.1988 | 2. 9.1987 | 14. 2.1991 | 20. 8.1985 | 20. 8.1985 |
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**MULTILATERAL TREATIES IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT
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| | United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea | Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer | Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer | Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (1987) | Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal |
|---------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| Place/date Adoption | Montego Bay 10.12.1982 | Vienna 22. 3.1985 | Montreal 16. 9.1987 | London 29. 6.1990 | Basel 22. 3.1989 |
| Entry into force | 16.11.1994 | 22. 9.1988 | 1. 1.1989 | 10. 8.1992 | 5. 5.1992 |
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| | International Convention on Salvage | International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness Response and Cooperation (OPRC) | Bamaco Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa | Convention for the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution | Protocol on Cooperation in Combating Pollution of the Black Sea Marine Environment by Oil & Other Harmful Substance in Emergency Situations |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| Place/date Adoption | London 28. 4.1989 | London 30.11.1990 | Bamaco 30. 1.1991 | Bucharest 21. 4.1992 | Bucharest 21. 4.1992 |
| Entry into force | not yet in force | not yet in force | not yet in force | April 1994 | April 1994 |
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| | Protocol on the Protection of the Black Sea Marine Environment Pollution by Dumping | Protocol on Protection of the Black Sea Marine Environment Against Pollution from Land-based Sources | Framework Convention on Biological Diversity | Framework Convention on Climate Change |
|---------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Place/date Adoption | Bucharest 21. 4.1992 | Bucharest 21. 4.1992 | Rio de Janeiro 5. 6.1992 | New York 9. 5.1992 |
| Entry into force | April 1994 | April 1994 | 29.12.1993 | 21. 3.1994 |
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