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Meeting on the Preparation of Guidelines for the
Management of Dredged Material

Valencia, 20-22 May 1996

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

During the 1993 Joint Meeting of the Scientific Committee and the Socio-Economic Committee a number of countries' representatives stressed the general lack of experience in managing dredged material in the Mediterranean and asked the secretariat to see to it that guidelines related to Annex I, section B of the 1976 Dumping Protocol were prepared and presented for approval (UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/8).

As a result, and in view of the lack of funds in the MAP budget for the organization of a meeting on the subject, the secretariat contacted all Contracting Parties and asked if any country was in position to offer to host, and financially contribute to, the organization of a Meeting to prepare the above guidelines. In the meantime, in June 1995, an amended text of the Dumping Protocol was adopted. The new text, which has not yet entered into force, specifically calls for the preparation and adoption of guidelines related to the dumping of dredged material (art.6).

The secretariat feels that, although the new protocol is still not in force, the preparation, and possibly the adoption, of guidelines could be even at this stage an important contribution to all Contracting Parties and could assist them in handling a very common problem in the Mediterranean. At the Ninth Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Barcelona, June 1995), the Government of Spain offered to host the present meeting. All MED POL Coordinators were asked to send a representative to participate at the Meeting.

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting will be opened at 10,00 hours of 20 May 1996 at the Instituto Portuario de Estudios y Cooperacion in Valencia by representatives of the Government of Spain, of the Government of Valencia and of MAP Secretariat.

Agenda item 2. Rules of Procedure

The Rules of procedure for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its related protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6 Annex XI) will apply *mutatis mutandis* to this meeting.

Agenda item 3. Election of officers

The Meeting will elect a Chairman, four Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

Agenda item 4. Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

The Meeting will adopt its Provisional Agenda (UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.114/1). The Meeting will have simultaneous translation in English and French. A tentative workplan and timetable is attached as annex to this document.

Agenda item 5. Review of recent regional and global events related to the management of dredged material

A brief review will be made on the recent events occurred at the global and regional levels related to the subject of dumping of dredged material.

Agenda item 6. Review of draft guidelines for the management of dredged material

The Meeting will have document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.114/3. This document was prepared by the Government of Spain as a contribution to the Meeting. The document will be introduced and its content will be discussed. The Meeting will agree on a text which will be submitted to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties for review and adoption.

Agenda item 7. Other business

Any subject relevant to the Meeting may be raised by the participants and the Secretariat.

Agenda item 8. Adoption of the report of the Meeting

The Meeting will review a draft report of the discussions and will adopt it, as modified.

Agenda item 9. Closure of the Meeting

The Meeting will be closed by the MAP representative and by Spanish authorities. The Meeting is expected to be closed at 17,30 of 22 May 1996.

Annex

Date	09,30 - 12,30 hours^{1/}	14,30 - 17,30 hours
Monday, 20 May	Agenda items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Agenda item 6
Tuesday, 21 May	Agenda item 6 (cont'd)	Agenda items 6 (cont'd), 7
Wednesday, 22 May	Free for preparation of report	Agenda item 8, 9

Coffee break: 11,00 hours
 16,00 hours

^{1/} On Monday 20 May the Meeting will start at 10,00 hours.