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Rome, 1-3 July 1999

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Introduction

1. At their Tenth Ordinary meeting (Tunis, 18-21 November 1997), the Contracting Parties accepted the offer of Rome to host the Fifth Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD). This offer was confirmed at the Fourth MCSD meeting (Monaco, 20-22 October 1998).
2. In cooperation with the "Comune di Roma", the fifth MCSD meeting will be held from 1 to 3 July 1999 in the City Hall, the Campidoglio.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

3. The meeting will be opened at 09.00 on Thursday 1st July 1999, by H.E. Ms Faisa Kefi, Minister of Environment and Physical Planning of Tunisia, President of the MCSD Steering Committee, and by Dr. Francesco Rutelli, Mayor of Rome.

Agenda item 2: Election of the Steering Committee

4. According to the rules of procedure adopted for the MCSD, the Commission shall elect, at the opening of each meeting, the Steering Committee, which is composed of a President, five Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur, on the basis of an equitable geographical distribution, and among the various groups.

Agenda item 3: Adoption of the provisional agenda and organization of work

5. The provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat and reviewed by the Steering Committee was distributed as document UNEP (OCA)/MED WG.156/1. The meeting will review if necessary and adopt the provisional agenda, annotated in the present document. Simultaneous English and French interpretation will be available for all plenary sessions.
6. In order to assist concerned Working Groups ("Indicators", "Tourism", and "Information") in finalizing their proposals and recommendations, drafting/editing committees will be organized outside the period of the plenary sessions. If necessary, such drafting/editing committees could be held in parallel to some plenary sessions. Considering the available meeting spaces, it would be difficult to have more than two meetings at the same time (in the plenary and another meeting room).

Agenda item 4: Progress report by the Secretariat

7. The Secretariat will introduce the progress report contained in document UNEP (OCA)/MED WG. 156/3, on the activities of the Commission since its fourth meeting and proposals related to various agenda items.

Agenda item 5: Activity reports by the Task Managers

8. It is expected that the Task Managers will introduce their progress reports together with recommendations/proposals for action for "Indicators", "Tourism", and "Information" themes, or proposals for programme of work for the next biennium and timetable for "Free-Trade", "Industry" and "Urban" themes. After review and adoption by the MCSD members, the recommendations/proposals for action related to "Indicators", "Tourism" and "Information" Working Groups will be submitted for adoption by the Eleventh Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Malta, 27-30 October 1999).

Agenda item 6: Method of work and follow-up of recommendations

9. The Secretariat will introduce this issue by mainly summarising related discussions during the second MCSD Steering Committee meeting and its conclusions, notably regarding identification of themes, planning of activities, implementation of recommendations and communication/visibility. Follow-up activities related to "Sustainable Management of Coastal Zones" and "Management of Water Demand" will also be briefly presented. Report by the Secretariat and report of this Steering Committee meeting were distributed to all MCSD members in April 1999.

Agenda item 7: New subjects and selection criteria

10. The Secretariat will introduce this issue by mainly summarising related discussions during the second MCSD Steering Committee meeting and its conclusions, notably proposed themes, criteria, matrix as well as the results and synthesis of the questionnaires sent to all MCSD members in order to reach a more consistent and relevant selection together with a more coherent planning of the activities and expected output. Report by the Secretariat and report of this Steering Committee meeting were distributed to all MCSD members in April 1999.

Agenda item 8: Strategic review for the year 2000

11. In conformity with the terms of reference of the MCSD, the fourth MCSD discussions and the second Steering Committee decision, the Secretariat will present terms of reference for the preparation of a Strategic review for the year 2000, in relation with MAP and Agenda MED 21.

Agenda item 9: Cooperation and fund raising

12. As stated in its terms of reference, the MCSD is expected to cooperate with concerned UN agencies and other partners to avoid duplication and increase synergy. The Secretariat will present briefly the major components of such a cooperation and highlight the financial aspects mainly the substantial contributions and support from partners.

Agenda item 10: Sixth meeting of the MCSD

13. The members are expected to review the foreseen next intersessional work programme, to agree on date, venue and if possible provisional agenda for its sixth meeting.

Agenda item 11: Any other matters

14. The Commission will consider any other issues that might be raised during the meeting.

Agenda item 12: Adoption of the meeting's report

15. A draft report of the meeting will be submitted in English and French to the participants for adoption.

Agenda item 13: Closure of the meeting.

16. The fifth MCSD meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairman at 13.00 hours on Saturday 3 July 1999.

**FIFTH MCSD MEETING, ROME, 1-3 JULY 1999
SUGGESTED TIME SCHEDULE**

	THURSDAY 1 JULY 1999	FRIDAY 2 JULY 1999	SATURDAY 3 JULY 1999
*09.00-11.00	Item 1: Opening of the meeting Item 2: Election of the Steering Committee Item 3: Adoption of the provisional Agenda Item 4: Progress Report by the Secretariat	Item 5: Activity Report by the Task Managers 5.4: Free Trade and Environment 5.5: Industry and Sustainable Development 5.6: Urban Management	(10.00) Item 12: Adoption of the report
11.00-11.30	COFFEE BREAK		
11.30-13.00	Item 5: Activity Report by the Task Managers 5.1: Sustainable Development Indicators	Item 6: Method of work and follow-up of recommendations Item 7: New subjects and selection criteria	Item 12: Adoption of the report Item 13: Closure of the meeting
13.00-14.30	LUNCH BREAK		
14.30-16.00	Item 5: Activity Report by the Task Managers 5.2: Tourism and Sustainable Development	Item 7: New subjects and selection criteria (continued) Item 8: Strategic review for the year 2000	
16.00-16.30	COFFEE BREAK		
16.30-18.00	Item 5: Activity Report by the Task Managers 5.3: Information and Awareness	Item 9: Cooperation and fund raising Item 10: Sixth Meeting of the MCSD Item 11: Any other matters	

N.B.: In order to properly finalize the recommendations/proposals for action to be adopted by the MCSD members and then by the Contracting Parties, drafting/editing committees will meet on Thursday evening/night (or possibly in a parallel meeting to the afternoon plenary ones) for "Indicators", "Tourism" and "Information"; unfortunately without simultaneous translation.

* The registration of the participants will take place between 08.00 and 09.00 hours on Thursday 1 July 1999