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Meeting of the MED POL National Coordinators to review the implementation of MED POL-Phase III and of the Strategic Action Programme

Reggio Calabria, Italy, 20-23 June 1999

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting of the MED POL National Coordinators will be held at the Hotel Excelsior of Reggio Calabria and will start at 09,30 hours of 20 June 1999. The Meeting will be opened by the MAP Coordinator, Italian national and local authorities and a representative of the Fondo EuroMediterraneo per lo sviluppo socio-culturale (FEM). The Meeting is in fact organised as part of the MED POL Programme with the financial contribution of the local Italian authorities and assistance from FEM.

Agenda item 2. Election of Officers

In accordance with Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure, the Meeting will elect a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen 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(OCA)MED WG.161/1 and its annotation and a provisional time table are contained in the present document for examination and approval. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting.

Agenda item 4. Review of activities to be carried out as part of the implementation of the SAP during the 2000-2001 biennium

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(OCA)MED WG.161/3. The document briefly describes the activities carried out after the adoption of the Strategic Action Programme to Address Pollution from Land-Based Activities (SAP) and in particular includes information on the process of formulation and launching of the GEF Mediterranean Project as a support to the implementation of the SAP activities. The document mainly contains proposals for priority activities to be implemented during the biennium 2000-2001 as part of the implementation of MED POL and as support to the SAP. The Meeting will be asked to review the document and to agree on a work plan of activities to be proposed to the Contracting Parties for adoption.

Agenda item 5. Review of activities carried out as part of MED POL Phase III

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(OCA)MED WG.161/Inf.3 for examination and discussion. The document represents a brief account of the activities implemented as part of the MED POL Programme during the biennium 1998-1999. In particular, the discussion will focus on the monitoring activities (trend, biological effects and compliance monitoring), data quality assurance, training, research, and the implementation of the LBS, Dumping and Hazardous Wastes Protocols. As part of the implementation of the LBS Protocol, the Secretariat will also describe the activities carried out in relation to the pollution hot spots and sensitive areas.

Agenda item 6. MED POL activities and budget for the biennium 2000-2001 and recommendations to the Contracting Parties

The Secretariat will present document UNEP(OCA)MED WG.161/4 which briefly summarizes the proposals concerning the MED POL activities to be carried out during the biennium 2000-2001. The activities proposed take into account the work programme of the GEF Project and include those which are expected to be implemented as part of the Project. The Meeting is expected to discuss and agree on a work plan for future transmission to the Contracting Parties. The document also include for information a preliminary draft budget which gives priority to assistance to countries and to the implementation of the SAP. Finally, the document contains a number of draft recommendations related to the work for the coming biennium addressed to the Secretariat and to the Contracting Parties which are expected to be examined and approved by the Meeting for transmission to the Contracting Parties for adoption.

Agenda item 7. Review and approval of document on "Waste water treatment plants in Mediterranean coastal cities"

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(OCA)MED WG.161/5. The document contains data and information on municipal waste water treatment plants of Mediterranean coastal cities with more than 10,000 inhabitants. It was prepared by using available data which were collected, reviewed and updated with the assistance of MED POL Coordinators. The Meeting is expected to review the document and approve its content in view of its use as a contribution to the implementation of the relevant SAP activities.

Agenda item 8. Review and approval of the Guidelines for the management of dredged material to be transmitted to Contracting Parties for adoption

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(OCA)MED WG.161/6. The documents contains the Guidelines for the management of dredged material which have been prepared by the Secretariat and discussed, amended and agreed by Government-designated experts in the course of two Meetings, of which the last one was held in 1998 (see reference doc. UNEP(OCA)MED WG.149/4). The Meeting is expected to review the document and approve it for transmission to the Contracting Parties for adoption.

Agenda item 9. Other business

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

Agenda item 10. Adoption of the report of the Meeting

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

Agenda item 11. Closure of the Meeting

The Meeting will be closed by the elected Chairman at 17,00 hours of 23 June 1999.

Proposed workplan and time table

Sunday, 20 June	
(09,30-12,30 hours)	Agenda items 1.,2.,3.,4.
(14,30-17,30 hours)	Agenda item 4.(cont'd)
Monday, 21 June	
(09,30-12,30 hours)	Agenda item 4.
(14,30-17,30 hours)	Agenda items 5., 6.
Tuesday, 22 June	
(09,30-12,30 hours)	Agenda item 6.(cont'd)
(14,30-17,30 hours)	Agenda items 7., 8., 9.
Wednesday, 23 June	
(09,30-12,30 hours)	Free (preparation of report)
(14,30-17,30 hours)	Agenda items 10., 11.
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Coffee breaks: at 11,00 and 16,00 hours.