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Mediterranean Report for the 1992
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and Development

Athens, 16-18 January 1991

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

During its forty-fourth session the General Assembly of the United Nations decided by its resolution 44/228 to convene the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992 in Brazil. In order to present the Mediterranean experience, in the study of environmental concerns and the relationship between environment and development, the Sixth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Athens, 3-6 October 1989) decided that the secretariat should prepare for the Conference a synthesis report based on data and policy reports supplied by governments.

Moreover, the Joint Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Committee and the Socio-Economic Committee (Athens, 28 May - 1 June 1990) noted in its report that "the secretariat would prepare an outline of the synthesis report on the contribution of the Mediterranean coastal states to the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development for the next Bureau meeting (Rome, 6-7 September 1990) taking into account the decisions of the Preparatory Committee for the 1992 Conference (Nairobi, 6-31 August 1990). The Bureau might consider whether any specific meeting was needed to assist in the preparation of the document requested by the Contracting Parties (UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.12/6).

During its last meeting (Rome, 6-7 September 1990), the Bureau of the Contracting Parties decided that the secretariat should request the Contracting Parties for their urgent suggestions and inputs in order to help the secretariat to prepare the synthesis report in the very short time available. It also approved a calendar for the preparation of this report.

The calendar stipulates the convening of the present Working Group in Athens, 16-18 January 1991 with an objective of reviewing a draft report to be submitted to the Conference representing the Mediterranean experience.

Agenda item 1 - Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by Mr. A. Manos, Co-ordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) at 10.00 hours on Wednesday 16 January 1991 at the premises of the Co-ordinating Unit of MAP in Athens.

Agenda item 2 - Rules of procedure

the Rules of procedure for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties 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

In accordance with Rule 20 of the Rules of procedure, the meeting should elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties a chairman, two vice-chairmen and a rapporteur.

Agenda item 4 - Adoption of the Agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda prepared by the secretariat has been distributed as document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.19/1, and its annotation is contained in the present document. The working languages of the meeting will be English and French. It is envisaged that a small drafting group will be established. The suggested timetable for the meeting is contained in the Annex of the present document.

Agenda item 5 - Review of the draft Report concerning the
Mediterranean contribution to the preparatory
process of the 1992 United Nations Conference on
Environment and Development

The meeting will have before it the draft Report contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.19/3. The Co-ordinator will introduce the document. The meeting is expected to review the draft proposal and agree on a common text. The text will be submitted to the next meeting of the Bureau (Brussels, 6-7 February 1991). The Bureau will authorize the submission of the final text by the Executive Director of UNEP to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

Agenda item 6 - Other business

The meeting may consider any other matters relevant to the issue under consideration.

Agenda item 7 - Adoption of the report

A draft report of the meeting will be submitted to the participants for adoption.

Agenda item 8 - Closure of the meeting

The meeting is expected to close by 18.00 hours on Friday, 18 January 1991.

ANNEX

Suggested timetable

Date	Session	Agenda item
Wednesday, 16 Jan.	Morning Afternoon	1,2,3,4,5 5
Thursday, 17 Jan.	Morning Afternoon	5 5
Friday, 18 Jan.	Morning Afternoon	5, 6 7, 8

Working sessions : 09.30 - 12.30
14.30 - 17.30

Coffee break : 11.00 a.m.
16.00 p.m.