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Committee and the Socio-Economic Committee

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

The Seventh Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution (Cairo, 8-11 October 1991), decided to convene during 1993, the Scientific and Technical Committee and the Socio-Economic Committee to review both separately and together the progress of the Action Plan and to propose recommendations to be considered at the next meeting of the Contracting Parties (Antalya, Turkey, 12-15 October 1993). In view of the fact that this year's meeting will have to discuss the programme and budget for the next biennium 1994-1995, the two Committees will meet jointly in a plenary session to consider matters of common interest, and separately to review their respective programme components. The agenda will permit a clear distinction between the subjects falling within the responsibility of each Committee so that individual experts may attend sessions as appropriate.

The following annotations to the proposed agenda for the present meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda Item 1 - Opening of the Meeting

The meeting will be opened at 09.30 hours on Monday, 3 May 1993, in the Conference Room of the Co-ordinating Unit, by the Co-ordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP). All MAP focal points have been invited to send representatives taking into account the specific subjects of the meeting. Representatives of relevant international organizations, non-governmental organizations and the Regional Activity Centres have also been invited to attend the meeting as observers.

Agenda Item 2 - Rules of procedure

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

Agenda Item 3 - Election of officers

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

The two vice-chairmen will chair the meetings of the two Committees. Each Committee will elect a vice-chairman and a rapporteur.

Agenda Item 4 - Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of work

The provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat and appearing in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/1 and annotated in the present document, will be proposed for adoption by the meeting. It is proposed that the two Committees will meet jointly on the first day (3 May), then separately on 4, 5 May and in the mornings of 6 and 7 May to consider their respective items and to adopt their respective final reports, and jointly again on 7 May afternoon to adopt the final report of the Joint Meeting.

The provisional agenda was prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Directors of the Regional Activity Centres and the relevant U.N. Organizations. Ad hoc discussion groups or drafting sub-committees may be formed by the Joint Meeting, in consultation with the Secretariat. The meeting will review and adopt the proposed timetable appearing in the Annex to the present document.

Simultaneous English-French interpretation will be available for all sessions.

Agenda Item 5 - Progress report on the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan during 1992/1993 and recommendations and programme budget for 1994/1995

The Co-ordinator will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/3, "Progress report on the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan during 1992/1993". The meeting is expected to comment and take note of the activities carried out during this period.

The Co-ordinator will also introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/4, "Recommendations and programme budget for 1994/1995- Proposal by the Secretariat". The meeting is expected to concentrate its work on this document, to review it and take decisions on the various proposed recommendations.

Agenda Item 5.1 Implementation of the Barcelona Convention

- (a) Programme approval through decision-making meetings
- (b) Programme co-ordination
- (c) Sustainable Development:
 - Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean/EC-MAP programme (Nicosia Charter)
 - Coastal Areas Management Programmes (CAMPs)
- (d) Legal component
- (e) Information

The Co-ordinator will introduce Section 5.1(a),(b),(c),(d), and (e) of the progress report contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/3. The meeting will have also before it the report of the First meeting of Mediterranean experts on the preparation of the Protocol on Hazardous Wastes in the Mediterranean, the Report of the informal consultation meeting of Mediterranean experts on "Agenda 21 for the

Mediterranean", UNEP(OCA)/MED WG. 63/4, the Reports of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties and the Reports of the meetings of MED Unit and Regional Activity Centres on MAP Programme.

The Co-ordinator will introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/4, on proposed programme budget for 1994-1995 biennium and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

Agenda Item 5.2 Implementation of the Land-Based Sources Protocol (LBS) and the Dumping Protocol

The Senior Marine Scientist will introduce Section 5.2 contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/3. The meeting will be invited to consider and take note of this section.

He will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/4, on proposed programme budget for 1994-1995 biennium and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

(a) Preliminary assessment of the state of pollution in the Mediterranean Sea by copper, zinc and their compounds and proposed measures

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/Inf.3. The meeting will be invited to consider this document, and provide comments for its improvement.

(b) Assessment of the state of pollution in the Mediterranean Sea by carcinogenic, mutagenic and teratogenic substances and proposed measures

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/Inf.4. The meeting will be invited to consider this document and take note of it.

The Secretariat will also introduce relevant recommendations contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/4, with a view to their approval.

(c) Research projects directly relevant to the LBS Protocol

The Senior Marine Scientist will introduce Section 5.2(c) of the progress report contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/3. The meeting is expected to consider this section and take note of it.

He will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/4, on proposed programme budget for 1994-1995 biennium and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

Agenda Item 5.3 Monitoring of marine pollution in the Mediterranean

(a) Monitoring programmes and supporting activities

The Senior Marine Scientist will introduce Section 5.3(a) contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/3. The meeting will be invited to consider this section and take note of it.

He will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/4, on proposed programme budget for 1994-1995 biennium, and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

(b) Data Quality Assurance

The Senior Marine Scientist will introduce Section 5.3(b) contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/3. The meeting will be invited to consider this section and take note of it.

He will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/4, on proposed programme budget for 1994-1995 biennium and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

(c) Research projects relevant to monitoring

The Senior Marine Scientist will introduce Section 5.3(c) contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/3. The meeting will be invited to consider this section and take note of it.

He will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/4, on proposed programme budget for 1994-1995 biennium and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

(d) Climatic changes

The Senior Marine Scientist will introduce the relevant section in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/3. The meeting will be invited to consider this section and take note of it.

He will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/4, on proposed programme budget for 1994-1995 biennium and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

Agenda Item 5.4 Implementation of the Emergency Protocol

(a) The Protocol concerning Co-operation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency

(b) The Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)

The Director of the REMPEC Centre will introduce Sections 5.4(a) and (b) of document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/3, on the Status of implementation of the Emergency Protocol and on the activities of the Centre during the period under consideration. The meeting will be invited to consider these sections and take note of them.

He will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/4, on proposed programme budget for 1994-1995 biennium and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

(c) Implementation of the Action Plan on Port reception facilities for the Mediterranean region

The Director of the REMPEC Centre will introduce Section 5.4(c) of document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/3. The meeting will be invited to consider this section and take note of it. He will also introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/5 "Draft code of practice for the use of dispersants for combating oil pollution at sea in the Mediterranean region", document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/6 "Proposal for a Mediterranean Task Force for assistance in combating accidental marine pollution", and document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/7 "Medium-term programme (1994-1997) of the activities of REMPEC". The meeting is expected to review these documents and take the necessary decisions.

He will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/4, on proposed programme budget for 1994-1995 biennium and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

Agenda Item 5.5 Environmentally sound management of the Mediterranean coastal zone:

(a) Prospective analysis of the relationship between Environment and Development

The Blue Plan/Regional Activity Centre (BP/RAC)

The President and the Director of the Blue Plan/Regional Activity Centre (BP/RAC) will introduce Section 5.5(a) of document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/3. The meeting will be invited to consider this section and take note of it.

They will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/4, on proposed programme budget for 1994-1995 biennium and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

(b) Coastal planning and management

The Priority Actions Programme/Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC)

The Director of the Priority Actions Programme/Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC) will introduce Section 5.5(b) of document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/3. The meeting will be invited to consider this section and take note of it.

He will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/4, on proposed programme budget for 1994-1995 biennium and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

Agenda Item 5.6 Implementation of the Protocol on Specially Protected Areas and Historic Sites

- (a) The Protocol concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas
- (b) The Specially Protected Areas/Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC)

The Director of the Specially Protected Areas/Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC) will introduce Sections 5.6(a) and (b) of document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/3, on the status of the protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and on the activities of the SPA Centre during the period under consideration. The Meeting will be invited to consider these sections and take note of them.

He will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/4, on proposed programme budget for 1994-1995 biennium and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

- (c) Preservation of the 100 Historic Sites of common Mediterranean interest

The Director of the Atelier de Patrimoine, City of Marseille will introduce Section 5.6(c) of document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/3, on the activities undertaken relative to the preservation of historic sites. The meeting will be invited to consider this section and take note of it.

He will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/4, on proposed programme budget for 1994-1995 biennium and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

Agenda Item 6 Other business

Other subjects relevant to the Mediterranean Action Plan which might be brought to the attention of the meeting by the participants or by the Secretariat will be discussed under this agenda item.

Agenda Item 7 - Adoption of the report of the meeting

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 be closed by the chairman at 18.00 hours on Friday, 7 May 1993.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Monday, 3 May	Plenary ⁽¹⁾	a.m. p.m.	
		- Decision making meetings - Coordination - Sust. Development/ Agenda 21-CAMPs - Legal issues - Information	
Tuesday, 4 May		a.m.	p.m.
	Scientific ⁽¹⁾	LBS	MED POL
	Socio-Economic ⁽²⁾	PAP	PAP/BP
Wednesday, 5 May	Scientific	MED POL	MED POL /REMPEC
	Socio-Economic	BP	BP/SPA
Thursday, 6 May	Scientific	REMPEC	Free (report)
	Socio-Economic	SPA 100 Histor. Sites	Free (report)
Friday, 7 May	Scientific	Adoption of the Report of the Scientific Committee	
	Socio-Economic	Adoption of the Report of the Socio-Econ Committee	
	Plenary		Adoption of the Report of the Plenary

Note: (1) to be convened at MEDU, Athens
 (2) to be convened at ILISSIA Hotel, Athens

Working Sessions: 09:30 - 12:30
 14:30 - 17:30

Coffee breaks: 11:00 a.m.
 16.00 p.m.