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Proposal by the Secretariat

INTRODUCTION

The Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) held in Malta, 22-26 September 1992 discussed and commented on the proposals prepared by the Centre regarding future priority actions for REMPEC and approved a medium term programme for the period 1994-1997 based on the discussions held during the Meeting. The approved medium term programme for the period 1994-1997 follows this introduction.

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ACTIVITIES / ACTIONS	CARRIED OUT BY	YEAR OF REALIZATION			
		1994	1995	1996	1997
I. REGIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (oil and hazardous substances) PART A: Basic Documents, Recommendations, Principles and Guidelines concerning marine pollution preparedness, response and mutual assistance. 1. Preparation of: (a) Guidelines concerning the exchange of liaison officers among Contracting Parties in case of operations concerning several States.	REMPEC	X	X		
(b) Principles and Guidelines concerning the arrangements that could be taken in order to ensure liaison between national authorities and relevant representatives from private entities in case of an accident (ship-owner and his representatives, oil industry).	REMPEC	X	X		
(c) Check-list of principal measures to be taken in case of an accident involving dangerous substances.	REMPEC	X	X		
PART B : Lists and Inventories 2. Directory of competent national authorities in charge of accidental marine pollution preparedness, response and mutual assistance and other relevant information - <u>SECTION 1</u> .	REMPEC	permanent activity			
3. Inventory of experts, equipment and products which can be, under certain conditions, put at the disposal of a State, which so requests, in cases of emergency - <u>SECTION 2</u> .	REMPEC		X		X
4. Catalogue of response equipment and products - <u>SECTION 3</u> .	REMPEC				
5. Directory of companies offering services in the Mediterranean in case of emergency - <u>SECTION 4</u> .	REMPEC	X		X	
6. Complete computerization and maintain this part of the RIS.	REMPEC	permanent activity			
PART C : Databanks, Forecasting Models and Decision Support Systems 7. Maintenance, utilization and updating of the partially computerized databank of the Centre.	REMPEC	permanent activity			
8. Complete, develop and maintain the database TROCS.	REMPEC	permanent activity			
9. Adaptation to the region and use of behaviour simulation and risk assessment models.	REMPEC	permanent activity			
10. Description of the Centre's simulation models and information services which can be provided by the Centre - <u>SECTION 2</u> .	REMPEC	X		X	
11. Adaptation to the needs of the region and use of a decision support system.	REMPEC Consultant	X	X	permanent use	

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12. Description of the Centre's decision support system and information services which can be provided by the Centre - <u>SECTION 3.</u>	REMPEC		X		X
13. List of alerts and accidents in the Mediterranean - <u>SECTION 4</u>	REMPEC	X	X	X	X
14. Collection of cartographic, oceanographic and meteorological data on the Mediterranean.	REMPEC	permanent activity			
<u>PART D : Operational Guides and Technical Documents</u>					
15. Protective clothing and measuring devices to be used in case of accidents involving chemical products.	REMPEC	X			
16. Risks associated with packaged goods lost at sea.	REMPEC	X			
17. Risks associated with gases and volatile liquids spilled at sea.	REMPEC		X		
18. Impact of spilled hazardous substances on human life and the marine environment.	REMPEC		X		
19. Remote sensing techniques applicable to spilled hazardous substances in the marine environment.	REMPEC				X
20. Case studies describing hazardous material spills.	REMPEC	X	X	X	X
21. Priority list of substances.	REMPEC				X
22. Technical intervention files of an operational character by substance.	REMPEC	X	X	X	X
<u>REFERENCE DOCUMENTS</u>					
23. Preparation of a regional atlas for preparedness and response.	REMPEC in co-operation with GRID/UNEP IFREMER			X	X
<u>II. ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES WHICH SO REQUEST, IN DEVELOPING THEIR NATIONAL CAPABILITIES</u>					
24. Assistance to countries in developing their information sources at the national level by providing computerized material developed by REMPEC.	REMPEC	X	X	X	X
25. Providing assistance to countries which so request, to develop their national system for preparedness and response.	Consultant	on request			
26. Providing assistance to countries which so request, for the preparation of projects for the acquisition of combating equipment which would be submitted to possible sources of international financing.	Consultant	on request			
27. Development of sub-regional systems for combating major marine pollution accidents:	on request				
(a) Eastern Mediterranean	CEE / REMPEC Consultant	X	X		
(b) Western Mediterranean (Magreb)	CEE / REMPEC Consultant	X	X		
(c) Central Mediterranean			X	X	X

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28. Providing assistance to States, which so request, for the preparation and development of bilateral operational agreements amongst neighbouring coastal States.	REMPEC Consultant	on request			
III. TRAINING					
29. Regional training courses of a general type on oil and hazardous substances.	REMPEC	X		X	
30. Specialized regional training course on oil.	REMPEC		X		X
31. Specialized regional training course on hazardous substances.	REMPEC	X			X
32. Regional training course for trainers (French)	REMPEC		X		
33. Regional training course for trainers (English)	REMPEC			X	
34. Providing assistance to States, which so request in the preparation of national training seminars (assistance to two seminars per year).	REMPEC	on request			
35. Making available teaching documents for national training activities.	REMPEC	permanent activity			
IV. CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY					
36. Organization of alert exercises aimed at testing the use of the standard alert message and communications network.	REMPEC		X		X
37. Organization of "paper exercises".	REMPEC	X		X	
38. Organization of "operational exercises within the deployment of equipment".	in co-operation with a Contracting Party or with the oil industry		X		X
39. Organization and administration of the Mediterranean Task Force to assist combating accidental marine pollution.	REMPEC	permanent			
40. Maintenance of relations and contacts with the representative organizations of oil and shipping industries.	REMPEC	permanent			