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Review Meeting of Priority Actions Programme

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REPORT

1. At the invitation of the Co-ordinating Unit of the Mediterranean Action Plan a meeting was held between representatives of the Yugoslav authorities providing support to the PAP Regional Activities Centre, officials of the PAP/RAC, and staff of the Mediterranean Unit. The UNEP Industry Office, Paris, and the UNDP Office for Europe were also represented. A list of participants is attached as annex I.
2. The meeting adopted the agenda attached in annex II.
3. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. F. Gasparovic and Mr. A. Manos.
4. Mr. Manos reviewed recent developments in the Mediterranean Action Plan, including the financial situation of the Trust Fund and the recommendations of the Bureau meeting of 23 September 1981 in Athens. The late payment of contributions delays the work programme and ways will have to be found for a more regular and predictable flow of resources.
5. Mr. Gasparovic informed the Unit that the Yugoslav contributions for 1981 and 1982 will be paid not later than the first quarter of 1982. The Protocol on Land-Based Sources has been recently under review and it is likely that Yugoslavia will be able to sign it at an early date.
6. Mr. Jeftic recalled the decision to establish the PAP/RAC which had become operational in 1979. The Yugoslav authorities now support two full-time professional officers and a secretary. They also provide

additional technical support through national institutes and experts and financial support in local currency. The Yugoslav Government is willing to continue to support PAP activities but the efficient spending of funds has to be monitored.

7. He recalled that the Yugoslav Council for Environment Protection is in charge. The focal point is the Committee for Building, Housing and Environmental Protection of the S.R. Croatia, Zagreb.

8. On the basis of an exchange of letters between the Yugoslav Council and UNEP, PAP/RAC was formed by the end of 1978 and started to function in the beginning of 1979. Its offices are located in the Institute for Town Planning in Split, and technical support is available. Reconstruction of a new office building has begun. Due to the historical importance of the building it has taken a long time and will be completed early in 1982.

9. The Regional Activity Centre has the full support of the Yugoslav focal point and has at its disposal of a number of ad hoc consultants and institutions.

10. Financial support for PAP activities in 1982 through contracts was signed by the Federal authorities, republics and provinces (roughly \$100,000 per year for 2 years in local currency).

11. The projects on aquaculture, energy and water started before the Centre was created, and were handled by UNEP/UNDP.

12. In spite of federal support there are difficulties. For instance the support from UNEP comes irregularly due to the Trust Fund problems. Until now an amount of \$25,000 was received from UNEP for the first stage of the human settlements project. These funds were matched by Yugoslavia.

13. Until now it has been impossible to be more active due to lack of funds and, as a consequence, lack of a firm programme. In such a situation it is obvious that a much firmer concept of the involvement of PAP had to be made, essentially focused on national projects as well as on bilateral and regional projects. This also affects the relationship with the UN agencies.

14. The representative of UNDP reconfirmed the interest of her organization to support the aquaculture and energy projects. However, their total cost exceeded the capacity of the Arab and European Regional Indicative Planning Figures (IPF) which have a target of \$57.8 and \$16 million respectively for the next five years. UNDP is now exploring external financing possibilities.

15. PAP/RAC should inform the PAP Focal Points asking them to support the two projects in their countries.

16. The possibility of further assistance from other Mediterranean countries with a bilateral aid programme should also be explored.

17. Information should be obtained on other national projects, related to these two fields, of possible interest to other countries.

18. The programming exercise for human settlements was described by Mr. Kalogjera. The proposals now in hand exceed the budget of the Mediterranean Action Plan and an effort should be made to locate possible sources of finance and also to use existing projects.

19. The programme for water was introduced by Mr. Baric. PAP/RAC should be informed of the steps taken by UNDP to circulate the proposals to Governments. The UNDP representative promised to give PAP/RAC the necessary information.

20. Mr. Gasparovic recalled the meeting held with WTO on tourism and in this connexion stressed the need for some resources to enable PAP/RAC to take initiatives similar to those of MED POL and the Blue Plan (in particular, external travel).

21. On soils, a programme remains to be discussed with FAO. A definition of the subject area is essential. If soils is to include vegetation, the work of the Ecothèque Méditerranéenne becomes very relevant.

Industry

22. Mr. Haines described the main aspects of UNEP's industry programme and the role of the Paris office.

23. On bauxite mining and processing, the office was looking at the problems of disposal on land, water pollution, and the possible economic use of residues (red mud) other than as filling material for road construction. The new Hungarian process for producing ceramic tiles and bricks using such residues was mentioned. In the Mediterranean red mud was still dumped at sea and alternative uses should be of interest to countries. UNIDO is prepared to assist a research and pilot facility in Europe, similar to the one it supports in Jamaica. A possible programme would include:

1. Exchange of experience among countries having the same problems;
2. Use of existing technical material (UNEP, UNIDO) before any new plants are set up;
3. A possible centre with coastal location to provide testing facilities for use of red mud.

24. Mr. Haines went on to describe the other components of the industry programme: pulp and paper; motor vehicles; iron and steel; chemical industry, agro-industries, non-ferrous metals; petroleum; cement and tourism (in prepration).

25. The office also contributes to UNEP's environmental impact assessment programme.

26. An information system based on key words is operated through the UNESCO computer, and topic files are being established in four areas: environmental quality standards, discharge standards, pollution control technologies, and cost of pollution control.

27. The meeting agreed that co-operation with the Industry Office would be most useful to PAP and that it could be done under the existing priority areas (e.g. human settlements).

28. Co-operation could take the form of dissemination of existing information, and repeating inter-regional projects for the Mediterranean region. For these activities the support of industry could be expected.

29. The Paris office could prepare a 4-5 page text describing its programme, for distribution to PAP focal points. The Director of the office should be invited to attend the next meeting of PAP focal points.

Co-ordination between PAP and Blue Plan

30. The meeting agreed that the closest possible co-ordination should be maintained between these two components of MAP in order for PAP to benefit from any specific recommendations from Blue Plan. At the same time, the respective roles of Blue Plan and PAP should remain separate and clearly identified. The Blue Plan is considering activities which have PAP characteristics.

31. The meeting recommended that both the Med Unit and PAP/RAC be represented at the next meeting of Blue Plan focal points.

32. Close co-ordination between MED POL and the other MAP components is also essential and it remains the responsibility of the Med Unit.

PAP Focal Points meeting

33. The meeting recommended that a meeting of PAP focal points be convened in 1982, at Split, tentatively in October.

34. The main objectives of the meeting would be to review PAP work so far, to consider all project proposals presented and to select PAP projects for implementation during 1983 - 1984, using, to the maximum extent possible, existing national resources and on-going international projects.

35. The Centre will prepare:

- the basic document for the meeting with its recommendations for the 1983 - 1984 programme;

- a Directory of institutes in Mediterranean coastal States dealing with Aquaculture and Renewable Sources of Energy; the remaining subject areas to be taken up in 1983;
- a Directory of Mediterranean experts in Aquaculture and Renewable Sources of Energy; the remaining subject areas to be taken up in 1983;
- a compendium of the main projects (national, bilateral and international) in Aquaculture, Renewable Sources of Energy and Human Settlements; the remaining subjects to be taken up in 1983.

36. PAP/RAC would start in January 1982 a simple PAP monthly bulletin in English and French to disseminate information to PAP focal points and other interested experts.

37. Cost estimates for the PAP/RAC activities are given below:

<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
	(in US dollars)	
- Directory of institutes dealing with Aquaculture and Renewable Sources of Energy	5,000	-
- Directory of institutes in two more areas	-	5,000
- Directory of experts in Aquaculture and Renewable Sources of Energy	5,000	-
- Directory of experts in two more areas	-	5,000
- Compendium of projects in Aquaculture, Renewable Sources of Energy and Tourism. Analytical presentation.	20,000	-
- Compendium of projects for Tourism, Water and Soil	-	20,000
- Monthly PAP bulletin	2,000	2,000
- Meeting of PAP Focal Points, Split, October 1982	10,000*	-
- Human Settlements - planning and rehabilitation for earthquake areas - preliminary work	10,000	-

* The additional cost will be borne in local currency as a contribution from the Yugoslav side.

38. Of these items, the first four amounting to \$32,000 in 1982 would be approved as soon as possible on the basis of a project document to be submitted by PAP/RAC and approved by the Fund. In addition, and subject to availability of resources, the following specific projects could be developed under the responsibility of the Centre:

<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>1982</u> (in US dollars)	<u>1983</u>
- Water - Sea transport of fresh water	20,000	30,000
- H.S. Earthquake areas. Full-scale project	25,000	30,000
- H.S. Solin project	10,000	20,000

39. In conclusion, Mr. Minjevic noted the complexity of MAP as a whole from the co-ordination, financial and technical point of view. He offered to strengthen further Yugoslav participation in the programme and to help the Centre through internal co-ordination. He confirmed the intention of his country to pay the 1981 and 1982 contributions to the Mediterranean Trust Fund before the end of March 1982 and to give the Centre the necessary resources in local currency, provided the Med Unit was prepared to give the Centre the convertible resources as defined at the present meeting.

40. The report of the meeting was read and approved.

41. The meeting was closed on 4 November 1981 at 18:00 hours.

ANNEX I

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ANNEX II

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting (A. Manos).
2. Brief report on the Mediterranean Action Plan (A. Manos)
3. The PAP programme. The Yugoslav support for PAP/RAC and PAP activities. (Messrs. Jeftic and Minjevic).
4. Current status of PAP sectors expecting UNDP financial support.

Aquaculture (UNDP)
Energy (UNDP)
5. Current status of other PAP sectors.

Human settlements (Messrs. Kalogjera and Manos)
Water (" ")
Tourism (" ")
Soils (" ")
6. Possible new areas for priority actions.

Industry (Mr. Haines)
7. Outline of PAP/RAC programme of work for 1982-1983.
8. Co-ordination between PAP and Blue Plan.
9. Scheduling of PAP Focal Points meeting.
10. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting.
11. Closure of the meeting.