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## Introduction

At their Meeting held in Monaco in 2001, the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention adopted a recommendation addressed to the MED POL Programme to prepare an assessment of dumping activities for the period of 1995-2001 based on information provided by the countries.

The aim of the assessment is to:

- assess the national institutional systems dealing with dumping activities and identify gaps and barriers;
- review the national permits issued for dumping of materials under the provisions of the 1976 Dumping Protocol;
- identify the quantities and types of material dumped;
- assist countries to prepare the entry into force of the 1995 amended Dumping Protocol;
- identify the needs for a better implementation of the Guidelines for management of dumping materials adopted by the Contracting Parties.

To this aim, a comprehensive questionnaire was prepared by the Secretariat and sent to the MED POL national coordinators on 31 July 2002. Fourteen countries completed the questionnaires, namely, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, Israel, Italy, Malta, Morocco, Monaco, Slovenia, Spain, and Turkey.

The document UNEP(DEC)MED WG.231/20 contains a summary of the information included in the questionnaires and in particular those related to the number of national permits issued under the provisions of 1976 Dumping Protocol. The summary shows that a number of Mediterranean countries still consider dumping into the sea as a cost effective alternative for the disposal of a wide range of materials.

A detailed analysis of the questionnaires is under preparation and a complete report will be soon sent to the MED POL National Coordinators for consideration.



**ANNEX I**  
**SUMMARY OF COUNTRY REPORTS**



**ANNEX II**  
**EMPTY QUESTIONNAIRE**