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SUMMARY

**REPORT ON 1995-2001 DUMPING ACTIVITIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION** 

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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.

Number of dumping permits issued by national authorities (1995-2001)																				
	Alb	Alg	B&H	Cro	Сур	Egy	Fra	Gre	Isr	Ita	Leb	Lib	Mal	Mor	Mon	Slo	Spa	Syr	Tun	Tur
Organohalogen and organosilicon compounds									1											
Mercury and cadmium compounds									2											
Plastic and synthetic materials																				
Crude oil and other petroleum hyrdrocarbons																				
Radioactive wastes																				
Materials produced for biological and chemical warfare																				
War surplus and ordnance																				
Acid and alkaline compounds									1											
Pesticides and their by-products	ð						returned				þ	ð						þé	questionnaire not returned	
Cyanides and fluorides	turne								1		turne	returned					aire not returne	turne		
Arsenic, lead, copper, zinc, beryllium, chromium, nickel, vanadium, selenium, antimony, and their compounds	questionnaire not returned						not		2		questionnaire not returned	questionnaire not re						duestionnaire not returned		
Containers, scrap metal and other bulky wastes	tionnaire						onna		1											
Vessels, platforms and other man-made structures at sea	questi	4		2			questionnaire		12	1							384	questi	questi	
Dredged material		6			1	Yes			40	74			5				10			
Sewage sludge																				
Inert, inorganic materials													1							
Organic materials of natural origins									9											
Fish waste or organic materials resulting from the processing of fish and other marine organisms	1								6											
Materials which, though of non-toxic nature, may become harmful due to the quantity in which they are dumped																				
Other categories not included above									3									]		

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SUMMARY OF COUNTRY REPORTS

ANNEX II

**EMPTY QUESTIONNAIRE**