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Review meeting on the structure and functions  
of the Regional Oil Combating Centre (ROCC)

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

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Agenda Item I - Opening of the Meeting

1. The meeting will be jointly opened by Mr. Aldo Manos, Mediterranean Action Plan Co-ordinator (UNEP), and Mr. A. Morozov, Director, Marine Environment Division (IMO).

Agenda Item 2 - Rules of Procedure

2. It is proposed that the rules of procedure appearing in document UNEP/IG.43/6, Annexe XI will apply to the deliberations of the meeting mutatis mutandi.

Agenda Item 3 - Election of officers

3. It is proposed that in view of the limited scope of the meeting the number of elected officers should be limited to a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Rapporteur.

Agenda Item 4 - Adoption of the Agenda

4. The provisional agenda has been distributed as document UNEP/WG.150/1.

Agenda Item 5 - Overview and Evaluation of the Structure, Functions and Activities of the Regional Oil Combating Centre (ROCC) (1976-1986)

5. Progress reports on the activities of the Centre, its future work programme and budget are regularly circulated, considered and approved as appropriate by the biennial meetings of the Contracting Parties. In addition, the Centre periodically informs its focal points in the Contracting States of its current and planned activities. It is therefore not proposed to present under this agenda item a detailed history of the Centre since its establishment in 1976. It is rather the intention to present a succinct description of the structure, functions and the level and type of activities undertaken by the Centre and to evaluate the extent to which these activities have fulfilled the functions of the Centre as laid down in Resolution 7 of the Barcelona Conference and supplemented by recommendations of subsequent intergovernmental meetings. In addition, an attempt will be made to evaluate the extent to which the Mediterranean coastal States have provided support and co-operation to the Centre so that it may effectively fulfil the objectives assigned to it pursuant to Recommendation 38 adopted at the Intergovernmental Review Meeting of the Mediterranean coastal States, held in Monaco, in January 1978.

The document will also describe the current structure of the Centre including in particular the manning table, and specific staff functions. Another document will dwell on the future activities of the Centre in the field of oil combating and the developing of sub-regional co-operation arrangements in case of emergencies involving oil pollution. A third document prepared by a consultant will tackle the question of expanding the ROCC's terms of reference to include chemical spills. On the basis of these documents, the meeting will be invited to discuss the long-term strategy of the Centre and to what extent the structure and functions of the Centre could be improved to better meet the future needs of the Contracting Parties in the field of regional co-operation in combating marine pollution incidents in the Mediterranean.

Agenda Item 6 - Recommendations to the Fifth Meeting of the Contracting Parties

6. On the basis of the discussion under agenda item 5 the meeting will be invited to agree whether or not it is necessary to recommend to the Fifth Meeting of the Contracting Parties specific changes in the structure and functions of the Centre and if so necessary to provide the Contracting Parties with specific suggestions on how the structure and functions of the Centre may be changed.

Agenda Item 7 - Other Business

7. The meeting may consider any other matter relevant to the activities of the Centre.

Agenda Item 8 - Adoption of the report

8. A draft report of the meeting will be submitted to the participants for adoption.

Agenda Item 9 - Closure of the meeting

9. The meeting is expected to close by 17.30 hours on Friday 27 February 1987.