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Extraordinary Meeting of MED POL National Coordinators

Mytilini (Greece), 26-28 March 2007

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting will be opened at 9,30 hours of 26 March 2007 by representatives of the University of the Aegean and the MED POL Programme Coordinator. The Meeting is organized in Mytilini, Greece, at the kind invitation of the University of the Aegean and with the kind contributions from the University of the Aegean and the Government of France.

Agenda item 2. Election of Officers

The Meeting will elect a Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur.

Agenda item 3. Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

The Provisional Agenda (doc. UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.312/1) and the Provisional Annotated Agenda (doc. UNEP(DEPI) WG.312/2) will be reviewed, amended as necessary, and adopted by the Meeting. Simultaneous translation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting. While the Meeting will examine and adopt a list of Conclusions and Recommendations, a full report will be prepared by the Secretariat at a later stage and sent to all participants for comments and review before its adoption.

Agenda item 4. Scope and Purpose of the Meeting

The MED POL Coordinator will briefly present the background, scope and purpose of the Meeting. The Meeting is organized following a recommendation of the Meeting of the Contracting Parties held in Portoroz in 2005. The Contracting Parties in fact requested the Secretariat to organize an Extraordinary Meeting of MED POL National Coordinators to examine specifically a draft Operational Document of MED POL Phase IV, draft elements to be used for the preparation of a new legally binding text as a follow up to the current SAP and the draft MED POL Information System.

Agenda item 5. Review of the Draft Operational Document of MED POL Phase IV

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.312/3 that describes how the Secretariat intends to implement the MED POL Phase IV Programme adopted by the Contracting Parties in Portoroz in 2005. As the document will be subsequently presented to the regular Meeting of MED POL National Coordinator to be held in June, later to the MAP Focal Point Meeting and finally to Contracting Parties for adoption, the Meeting is expected to review its content and to give indications to the Secretariat on possible changes which will be incorporated, as appropriate, during or after the Meeting.

Agenda item 6. Review of elements to be used for the preparation of the legally binding text as for Art. 15 of the 1996 LBS Protocol

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.312/4. The document intends to open the process which will eventually lead to the preparation and adoption of the legally binding text as a follow up to the current SAP, provided by Art. 15 of the 1996 LBS Protocol. The document WG. 312/4 intends to open a discussion on the elements that have to be taken into account and the possible directions the Secretariat should follow for the preparation of the text. The Meeting is expected to review the proposal of the Secretariat and to give indications on the way to follow. It should be reminded that the legally binding text will be proposed for consideration to, and approved by, the Contracting Parties within one year after the entry into force of the 1996 LBS Protocol.

Agenda item 7. Presentation of and discussion on the draft MED POL Information System

MED POL has worked in close cooperation with INFO/RAC on the preparation of an Information System covering all the data and information related to marine pollution assessment and control. The Secretariat will present document UNEP(DEPI)MED WG. 312/5 that describes the basic draft management elements of the System. In addition, a representative of INFO/RAC will make a presentation of the system and of its functions. The Meeting is expected to review, and provide comment on, the draft management scheme of the System and its functioning. The Secretariat in fact intends to start the testing of the system already this year with a view at its full operation in 2008.

Agenda item 8. Other Business

The Meeting will discuss any other business that may be raised by the participants or the Secretariat.

Agenda item 9. Conclusions and Recommendations

While a full report will be prepared by the Secretariat at a later stage and sent to all participants for review and amendments before its adoption, the Meeting will examine, amend as appropriate, and adopt a set of draft conclusions and recommendations which will be prepared by the Secretariat as a result of the discussions.

Agenda item 10. Closure of the Meeting

The Chairperson will close the Meeting at 18,00 hours of Wednesday 28 March.

TIMETABLE

Monday 26 March 2007

09,30 - 10,30 h	Agenda items 1., 2. and 3.
10,30 - 11,00 h	<i>Coffee break</i>
11,00 - 12,45 h	Agenda items 4. and 5.
12,45 - 14,00 h	Lunch break
14,00 - 15,30 h	Agenda item 5. (cont'd)
15,30 - 16,00 h	<i>Coffee break</i>
16,00 - 18,00 h	Agenda item 5. (cont'd)

Tuesday 27 March 2007

09,30 - 10,30 h	Agenda item 6.
10,30 - 11,00 h	<i>Coffee break</i>
11,00 - 12,45 h	Agenda item 6. (cont'd)
12,45 - 14,00 h	Lunch break
14,00 - 15,30 h	Agenda item 6. (cont'd)
15,30 - 16,00 h	<i>Coffee break</i>
16,00 - 18,00 h	Agenda item 7.

Wednesday 28 March 2007

09,00 - 10,30 h	Agenda item 7.
10,30 - 11,00 h	<i>Coffee break</i>
11,00 - 12,45 h	Agenda items 7. (cont'd) and 8.
12,45 - 16,00 h	Lunch break and preparation of Conclusions and Recommendations by the Secretariat
16,00 - 18,00 h	Agenda items 9. and 10.