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of the Strategic Action Programme for the Mediterranean Sea»

First Meeting of the *ad-hoc* Technical Committee

Athens, 28-29 January 2002

**REPORT
OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE *AD-HOC* TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Introduction, Participants and Agenda

1. The Meeting was convened at the premises of UNEP/MAP in Athens (28-29 January 2002) with the objective to select pollution hot spots for the preparation of pre-investment studies within the GEF Project "Determination of Priority Actions for further Elaboration and Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Mediterranean Sea".
2. The list of participants is attached as Annex I to this report.
3. The Agenda for the meeting is attached as Annex II to this report.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

4. Mr. Lucien Chabason, Coordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan, opened the first Meeting of the *ad-hoc* Technical Committee at 10.00 a.m. and welcomed the participants. He stressed the importance of this meeting for the preparation of pre-investment studies for selected pollution hot spots.

Agenda item 2: Scope and purpose of the meeting

5. Mr. Ante Baric, GEF Project Manager, explained the role of the *ad-hoc* Technical Committee and the scope and the purpose of the meeting. He recalled that the Committee is responsible for the coordination of the implementation of pre-investment studies. METAP would follow up technically the implementation of these studies, which would be undertaken under the responsibility of the Governments, themselves, with the guidance of the Committee. The scope of the meeting was to consider the revised country reports and to select pollution hot spots for the preparation of pre-investment studies.

Agenda item 3: Presentation of the revised report on pollution hot spots in GEF eligible countries

6. Mr. George Kamizoulis, representing WHO/MED POL presented the activity related to the preparation of the list of national pollution hot spots for the GEF eligible countries. Following the agreement on the criteria for the potential risk of transboundary effects, the countries were contacted in June 2001, in order to prepare revised country reports on the subject and to fill in the related tables for the transboundary aspect. Several countries requested assistance from consultants in executing the above task. The whole exercise was scheduled to finish in October, however, only eleven out of twelve GEF eligible countries submitted revised country reports including the transboundary aspects later in December. In these reports, sixty-six pollution hot spots were reported with the related score of the transboundary potential risk, in order to assist the *ad-hoc* Committee in the selection process.

7. The GEF Project Manager informed the Committee on the countries responses regarding the implementation of socio-economic criteria for the prioritization of pollution hot spots. Ten countries had provided some information regarding the application of socio-economic criteria, but no one had provided the information on the whole set of indicators. Particularly, information on sustainability of the activity is lacking.

Agenda item 4: Discussion and selection of pollution hot spots for the pre-investment studies

8. The Meeting was informed that, due to budgetary constrains, UNIDO-ICS had asked the GEF Project Management already in September 2001 to be assigned one hot spot, for which they would bear the total cost of the preparation of a pre-investment study. After the consultation with UNEP/GEF Nairobi and within MAP/MED POL and WHO/MED POL, UNIDO ICS was given the list of pollution hot spots available at that time. Their selection was Zadar (Croatia) – a pollution hot spot related to industrial pollution.
9. Taking into account that the countries did not provide the necessary information for the preparation of the final priority list of pollution hot spots for the preparation of pre-investment studies, the final selection of pollution hot spots for the preparation of pre-investment studies was not done. The final selection would be done after receiving the necessary information. For this reason, the following was concluded:
 - For each country, one priority hot spot was proposed as a priority, and for the majority of countries one or two alternative hot spots were identified and could be selected for the preparation of pre-investment studies instead of the priority one;
 - To ask countries to send before 15 March 2002 additional information needed for the final selection of hot spots for the preparation of pre-investment studies are needed, and in particular on:
 - i. the existence of relevant national development plan(s), which tackled in any sense the identified pollution hot spots;
 - ii. financial allocation(s) to remedy the sites, if any, when, by whom and the amount;
 - iii. studies already done for the proposed sites, which type, when and by whom, and
 - iv. responsibility for carrying out the follow-up investment.
10. The list of pollution hot spots selected by the Committee for the preparation of pre-investment studies is attached as Annex III to this report.

Agenda item 5: Modalities of implementation of pre-investment studies, including work plan and timetable

11. During the discussion concerning the modalities of implementation of the studies the following issues were pointed out and agreed upon:

- Necessity of the preparation of generic TORs by sectors/processes;
- Organization of identification field missions to countries in order to:
 - (i) re-validate the selected hot spots,
 - (ii) define and agree with the national/local authorities on the scope of the pre-investment studies, and
 - (iii) tailor TORs and the studies' cost on the basis of the site characteristics;
- Preparation and signature of a detailed Project document between MAP/GEF and beneficiary countries, which should define, very precisely, country obligations, particularly on:
 - (i) procurement procedures;
 - (ii) criteria for selection of consultants;
 - (iii) evaluation of offers and selection of consultants;
 - (iv) financial flow;
 - (v) reporting and dispatching of consultants reports;
 - (vi) progress reporting and final reports;
 - (vii) financing and payment of consultants, and taxes, etc.

The agreed Work plan and Timetable of activities are attached as Annex IV to this report.

12. Mr. Hammouda, representing FFEM, informed the meeting that an FFEM Council meeting would be held on March 15 2002; thus, they were planning to organize an experts exploratory mission to 4-5 countries in order to collect more information on pre-selected pollution hot spots. It was agreed that these missions should be organized in cooperation with the MAP/GEF Project Management. The information collected during the missions would be considered at the second meeting of the *ad-hoc* Technical Meeting for the final selection of pollution hot spots. GEF/MAP stressed the necessity to follow a unique approach in the selection of hot spots and preparation of relevant pre-investment studies.

13. It was agreed to hold the second meeting of the *ad-hoc* Technical Committee in parallel with the forthcoming meetings of the Inter-agency Steering Committee and the Coordination Committee, planned for March 2002 in Tirana (Albania). The main purpose of this meeting would be to prepare a first list of selected hot spots.

Agenda item 6: Closure of the meeting

14. The meeting was closed at 12.30 hours on 29 January 2002.

ANNEX I

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ANNEX II

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Scope and purpose of the meeting
3. Presentation of the revised report on pollution hot spots in GEF eligible countries
4. Discussion and selection of pollution hot spots for the pre-investment studies
5. Modalities of implementation of the selected pre-investment studies, including work plan and timetable
6. Closure of the meeting

ANNEX III
DRAFT LIST
OF SELECTED POLLUTION HOT SPOTS FOR THE PREPARATION OF
PRE-INVESTMENT STUDIES

HOT SPOT	TYPE	REMARKS
Albania		
1. Durrës	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contaminated site by Chromium (VI) salts – on site treatment, and domestic wastewater 	
2. Vlorë	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site contaminated by mercury and other pollutants – on site treatment 	
Algeria		
1. Oran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial wastewater, if necessary the extension of sewerage and WWTP 	
2. Mostaganem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> industrial wastewater – plant specific 	
3. Ghazaouet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> industrial wastewater – plant specific 	
Bosnia and Herzegovina		
1. Mostar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial and domestic urban wastewater – site specific 	
2. Neum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic wastewater – site specific 	
Croatia		
1. Zadar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial wastewater – site specific 	Zadar already selected by UNIDO ICS
2. Šibenik	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial and urban wastewater – site specific 	
Egypt		
1. El'Mex Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban and industrial wastewater – site specific 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For El'Mex Bay check with the Alexandria Governorate if the relocation of tanneries is planned or not For Port Said check with the NOPWASD if studies were done by any agency and/or USAID or other international donors
2. Port Said	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban and industrial wastewater - site specific 	

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Lebanon		
1. Tripoli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial and urban wastewater – site specific 	
2. Batroun - Salata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial wastewater – plant specific 	
Morocco		
1. Nader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial and domestic wastewater – site specific 	
2. Al Hoceima	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial and domestic wastewater – site specific 	
Slovenia		
1. Dragonja	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> industrial wastewater – site specific 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> check with the country if the river Badasevica is included within the project Izola-Kopar-Piran check with the country if a pre-investment study is needed for any of the listed pollution hot-spots
Syria		
1. Baniyas + Jableh	Industrial and domestic wastewater – site specific	
Tunisia		
1. Sfax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial wastewater only – site specific 	
2. Lac de Bizerte	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial wastewater only – site specific 	
Turkey		
1. Cesme-Alacati	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial and domestic waste water – site specific 	For Icel check with the country if it is related to industrial wastewater only, and about exact location
2. Icel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial wastewater only – plant specific 	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		
1. Zanzur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial wastewater Domestic wastewater – site specific Domestic wastewater – site specific 	<p><i>The ad-hoc</i> Technical Committee didn't proposed any pollution hot spots, because of not receiving the revised country report. The pollution hot spots are listed as they were proposed in the 1997 country's report.</p> <p>Ask the country to confirm their interest to participate in this activity – deadline for the response 15 March 2002</p>
2. Tripoli		
3. Benghazi		

ANNEX IV

Work plan, Responsibility and Timetable for the preparation of pre-investment studies

Activity	Responsibility	Timing
1. Draft List of priority pollution hot spots	<i>Ad hoc</i> Technical Committee	January 2002
2. Approval process of the final list of pollution hot spots	Countries (by Ministries for Finance, Planning and Implementing Agencies)	February - 15 March 2002
3. Selection of pollution hot spots for the preparation of pre-investment studies	<i>Ad hoc</i> Technical Committee	21 March 2002
4. Preparation of Generic TORs by sectors/processes	METAP	15 March 2002
5. Identification field mission in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-validation of selected hot spots • Definition and agreement of scope of PIS • Tailoring TORs and costing study 	MAP/GEF, FFEM with the assistance of METAP	April - June 2002
6. Review and finalization of TORs with consultants' selection criteria	METAP	May - July 2002
7. Negotiation with countries and signing of relevant Project Document	MAP/GEF and countries	June - December 2002
8. Preparation of Request for Proposal (RFP) and its announcement	Countries according to their national regulations	July - December 2002
9. Release of RFP	Countries according to their national regulations	August 2002 - January 2003
10. Evaluation of technical and financial proposal	Countries according to their national regulations	October 2002 - March 2003
11. Draft Evaluation Report (ER) and its submission to MAP/GEF	Countries according to their national regulation	November 2002 - April 2003
12. Review of ER	MAP/GEF with assistance of METAP if required	December 2002 - May 2003
13. Negotiation on consultant's contract and contract award	Countries after the approval of ER	January - June 2003
14. Consultants mobilization	Countries and consultants	February - July 2003
15. Review of Work plan and Inception Report	Countries, MAP/GEF and FFEM with the assistance of METAP	March - April 2003
16. Review of progress report(s) and draft pre-investment report	Countries, MAP/GEF and FFEM with the assistance of METAP	June - November 2003
17. Review of final report	Countries, MAP/GEF and FFEM with the assistance of METAP	April - December 2003
18. Dissemination of report	MAP/GEF, FFEM	September - December 2003
19. Coordination of overall activity	<i>Ad hoc</i> Technical Committee	January 2002 - December 2003