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Meeting to review the long-term implementation of National Action Plans
to address pollution from land-based activities

Durrës, (Albania), 1-3 June 2006

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting will be opened by the Minister of Environment of Albania and the MAP Coordinator on Thursday 1 June 2006 at 10,00 hours at the Hotel Adriatik in Durrës, Albania (Lagjia 13, Plazh Durrës, tel. +355 5 260851, fax. +355 5 260855, e-mail: info@adriatikhotel.com, web site: www.adriatikhotel.com). The MED POL Coordinator will briefly describe the scope and purpose of the Meeting as well as its expected outputs.

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 (UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.289/1) and the Provisional Annotated Agenda (UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.289/2) will be reviewed, amended as necessary and adopted by the Meeting. Simultaneous translation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting which will be convened in plenary only.

Agenda item 4. Review and analysis of the content of NAPs

- Item 4.1. Review of Baseline Budgets of pollutant emissions and releases
- Item 4.2. Review of NAPs and analysis of pollution reduction actions, their cost and their correspondence with the SAP targets

The Secretariat has reviewed and analyzed all the data and information provided by the Parties through the preparation of the Baseline Budget of emissions and releases, Sectoral Plans and finally National Action Plans. As background information, the pollution reduction actions contained in each NAP were summarized in a country by country synopsis (see doc. UNEP(DEPI)MED WG. 289/inf.3) and in a regional review by sector of activity/substance (see doc. UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.289/inf.4).

Under this agenda item the Secretariat will present the above documents and, with the assistance of regional experts, will introduce an additional document (UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.289/inf.5) that contain: 1) an indicator-based analysis of the data of the Baseline Budgets, 2) a review of the pollution reduction priority actions included in the NAPs, 3) an assessment of the compliance of the actions listed in the NAPs with the SAP targets by the year 2010 and 4) a preliminary analysis of the cost of the pollution reduction actions listed in the NAPs.

The Meeting will review and comment the analysis presented by the Secretariat taking into account that the identification of possible gaps and bottlenecks at the beginning of the process of implementation of the NAPs is essential as it could facilitate the work of the countries on the long-term. In addition, the discussion held under this agenda item will constitute the basis for the review of the possible application of the burden sharing principle in the pollution reduction process which will be the object of discussion under agenda item 5.

Agenda item 5. The application of the burden sharing principle in pollution reduction in the framework of SAP: options and implications

As decided by the Contracting Parties, the Secretariat has worked on possible options and implications of the application of the burden sharing principle in the pollution reduction process. As until recently the data and information available at the Secretariat on pollution

sources and inputs were largely incomplete, the pollution reduction targets of the SAP were set on the basis of the flat rate (i.e. equal responsibility and equal reductions by all countries). During the biennium 2004-2005, all the countries, through a significant effort, have produced an impressive amount of sufficiently reliable data on pollution sources and inputs (National Diagnostic Analyses, Sectoral Plans, Baseline Budgets of emissions and releases) which now provide a better picture of the pollution reduction prospects in the region and justify the search for different options based on real facts.

As a result, the Secretariat has reviewed the implications of the application of the burden sharing principle and has prepared a document (UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.289/3) that analyses the present situation (the flat rate approach) and that presents a number of options related to the application of the burden sharing principle. The adoption of flexibility measures and the effective transfer of know how and technology are also elaborated and presented in the document.

The Meeting is expected to discuss and comment on the document with a view at providing the Secretariat with clear indications on which options, if any, could be further studied and followed up in the future for a fair and concrete implementation of the long-term pollution reduction process by the countries.

Agenda item 6. Ensuring financial sustainability to the long-term implementation of the NAPs

Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will briefly present the initiatives of MAP and of other regional and international bodies which should be taken into account in the long-term effort of ensuring support and financial sustainability to the implementation of the NAPs. In particular, a short review will be made on the results of the related activities of the GEF Project recently completed as well as a presentation of the new GEF Strategic Partnership. The Meeting will also have the opportunity to review the joint work with UNEP/GPA and the expected synergy with the EU "horizon 2020" initiative. The Meeting is expected to comment on the various activities and suggest ways to strengthen cooperation within MAP and with other stakeholders.

Agenda item 7. Other business

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

Agenda item 8. Conclusions and recommendations

The Secretariat will prepare a list of draft conclusions and recommendations deriving from the discussions that will be adopted, as amended, by the Meeting. A full report of the Meeting will be prepared at a later stage and will be circulated for comments before being finalized.

Agenda item 9. Closure of the Meeting

The Chairperson will close the Meeting at 18,00 hours of Saturday 3 June 2006.

TIMETABLE

Thursday 1 June

09,00 – 10,00 h	Registration
10,00 - 10,30 h.	Agenda item 1.
10,30 – 11,00 h	Agenda items 2., 3.
11,00 – 11,30 h	Coffee break
11,30 – 13,00 h	Agenda item 4.
13,00 – 14,30 h	Lunch break
14,30 – 16,00 h	Agenda item 4. (cont'd)
16,00 – 16,30 h	Coffee break
16,30 – 18,00 h	Agenda item 4. (cont'd)

Friday 2 June

09,30 – 11,00 h	Agenda item 4. (cont'd)
11,00 – 11,30 h	Coffee break
11,30 – 13,00 h	Agenda item 5.
13,00 – 14,30 h	Lunch break
14,30 – 16,00 h	Agenda item 5. (cont'd)
16,00 – 16,30 h	Coffee break
16,00 – 18,00 h	Agenda item 5. (cont'd)

Saturday 3 June

09,30 – 11,00 h	Agenda item 6.
11,00 – 11,30 h	Coffee break
11,30 – 13,00 h	Agenda item 6. (cont'd)
13,00 – 14,30 h	Lunch break
14,30 – 16,00 h	Agenda items 7., 8.
16,00 – 16,30 h	Coffee break
16,30 – 18,00 h	Agenda items 8. (cont'd), 9.