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illegal traffic of chemicals and hazardous waste in the Mediterranean.

Istanbul, Turkey, 7- 9 April 2015

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

In the framework of UNEP/MAP Programme of work adopted by the Barcelona Convention Contracting Parties during the 18th meeting in Istanbul, Turkey (COP 18) and the UNEP/MAP-GEF MedPartnership Project, the Secretariat has assisted the countries to ensure environmental sound management (ESM) of Chemicals and Hazardous waste (HW) as well as combating illegal trafficking through the implementation of the Land Based Sources and Hazardous Waste Protocols of the Barcelona Convention.

The objectives of this training workshop are three fold:

1. Review of Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) ESM guidelines and fact sheets prepared by the UNEP/MAP Secretariat.
2. Round table on lessons learnt, challenges and ways and means to enhance PCB and HW ESM, including their disposal.
3. Strengthening Mediterranean countries capacities to combat illegal trafficking of chemicals and hazardous waste (training sessions).

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Day one: 7 April 2015

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

Agenda items 1, 2 & 3: Opening of the meeting, election of Officers, and Adaption of the Agenda and organization of work (09:00 – 09:15)

The Meeting will be opened by the representatives of UNEP/MAP and the joint Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Secretariats.

The Rules and Procedures for meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the present meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

The Meeting shall elect a Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur. The Provisional Agenda (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.409/1) annotated in the present document (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.409/2) will be reviewed, amended as necessary, and adopted by the Meeting.

Simultaneous translation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting.

The Meeting is expected to adopt a list of Conclusions and Recommendations, while the report of the meeting will be prepared after the meeting and adopted through electronic communication tools.

Agenda item 4: Review of ESM Guidance and Fact sheets on PCB (09:15-17:30)

Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present:

- a) Document UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG. 409/3 focusing on PCB ESM Guidelines including, maintenance of equipments, PCB wastes, safety and emergency actions, phase out and storage of PCB, treatment and disposal options, risk assessment, and draft template of PCB phase out plan.
- b) Document UNEP (DEPI)/MED 409.4 including fact sheets addressing identification of PCB transformers, PCB Awareness raising, identification of PCB capacitors, PCB open applications, and PCB handling, packing, and transport.

The participants will be invited to work in smaller groups to complete the fact sheets with information as appropriate on the state of play of PCB management at the national level.

Day two: 8 April 2015

Agenda item 5: PCB Management and disposal, lessons learned and challenges in the framework of MedPartnership project implementation (09:30-13:00)

The countries participating in the MedPartnership project (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, and Turkey) are expected to make presentations on their experience with the management and disposal of PCB, as well as to share lessons learned and challenges. Other country representatives will be invited as appropriate to make presentations on their own national PCB management systems.

Agenda item 6: Strengthening Mediterranean Countries Capacities to efficiently combat illegal trafficking of chemicals and hazardous waste (focus on PCB) - (14:00 - 17:30)

The representatives of the joint Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Secretariat will make presentations and training on the following topics:

- a) An overview of Export/Import/Transit controls under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.
- b) Practical aspects of enforcement with particular focus on precaution aspects and related tools on the regional and national levels.
- c) Group exercise.

Day three: 9 April 2015

Agenda item 6 continues (09:30 – 13:00)

Agenda item 7: Round table on the Mediterranean priorities with regards to ESM of chemicals and hazardous waste illegal trafficking (focus on PCB) - (14:00 - 17:00)

Under this agenda item, the participants will embark on a discussion on ways and means to enhance chemicals and HW ESM in the Mediterranean region including illegal traffic and define as appropriate a list of priority activities and outputs based on countries needs.

Agenda item 8: Conclusions and recommendations (17:00 – 18:00)

Under this agenda item the meeting will review the draft conclusions and recommendations prepared by the Rapporteur and approve them as appropriate.

Agenda item 9: Closure of the Meeting

The Chairperson will close the Meeting at 18:00 hours on 9 April 2015.

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<i>Tuesday, 7 April 2015</i>	
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09:00 – 09:15	<i>Agenda items 1,2 &3: Opening of the meeting, election of Officers, adaption of the Agenda and organization of work</i>
09:15 – 10:30	<i>Agenda item 4: Review of ESM Guidance/ Fact sheets on PCB</i>
10:30 - 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:00 - 13:00	<i>Agenda item 4 continues</i>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<i>Agenda item 4 continues: working groups discussion and presentations</i>
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:00 – 17:30	<i>Agenda item 4 continues</i>
<i>Wednesday, 8 April 2015</i>	
09:30 – 10:30	<i>Agenda item 5: PCB Management and Disposal, Lessons Learned and Challenges</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:00 – 13:00	<i>Agenda item5 continues</i>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<i>Agenda item 6: Strengthening Mediterranean Countries Capacities to efficiently combat illegal trafficking of chemicals and hazardous waste (focus on PCB)</i> <i>A) Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions</i>
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:00 – 17:30	<i>Agenda item 6 continues</i>
<i>Thursday, 9 April 2015</i>	
9:00 – 10:30	<i>Agenda item 6 continues</i> <i>B) Illegal traffic</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
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