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14th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to
the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment
and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean
and its Protocols

Portoroz (Slovenia), 8-11 November 2005

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Introduction

The 13th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (Catania, 8-11 November 2003) accepted the kind offer of the Government of Slovenia to host the 14th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in Portoroz (Slovenia) from 8 to 11 November 2005.

The following annotations to the proposed agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations. The opening session will be preceded, as per usual practice, by an informal meeting among the heads of delegations at 09.00 hrs.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

As requested by the Rules of Procedure of meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties, the meeting will be opened by the President elected by the 13th Ordinary Meeting, Mr. Corrado Clini, at 10.00 hrs on Tuesday 8 November 2005 in the Hotel Morje, Obala 33, SI-6320 Portoroz, Slovenia Tel. :00386 (0)56923333, Fax.: 00386 (0)56923180. It is expected that the Slovenian authorities and the Executive Director of UNEP, Dr Klaus Töpfer, or his representative will also address the participants.

Agenda item 2: Organizational matters:

2.1 Election of officers

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, as amended, the meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties the members of the Bureau consisting of a President, four Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. It is recalled that "*the principle of equitable geographical distribution shall be observed*" (Article 19 of the Convention). According to Article III of the Terms of Reference of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties "*out of the six members, one or two members may be re-elected for one further consecutive term in order to ensure continuity*".

2.2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat in agreement with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties and finalized during the MAP Focal Points meeting was distributed as document UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/1.

The meeting is expected to review and adopt the proposed agenda and timetable appearing in the Annex to the present document.

Simultaneous interpretation Arabic, English, French and Spanish will be available in all plenary sessions throughout the meeting.

2.3 Rules of procedure

The Rules of Procedure adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its Protocols, as amended (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) will apply to this meeting.

2.4 Credentials

Each Contracting Party shall be represented by an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternates and advisers as may be required (Rule 18). The credentials of the representatives and the names of the alternate representatives should be submitted to the Executive Director before the opening session of the meeting. In accordance with Rule 19, the Bureau shall examine the credentials of representatives and submit its report to the meeting.

Agenda item 3: Adoption of Recommendations and Programme Budget for 2006–2007

The Secretariat will introduce to the Contracting Parties the documents UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/5 Recommendations for 2006–2007 and UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/6 Programme Budget for 2006 – 2007, as reviewed by the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points.

The meeting is expected to endorse the recommendations, which were adopted by the MFP meeting and to consider, in view of their final adoption, the draft programme and budget for 2006-2007.

The meeting is also expected to discuss and finalize the draft text of the Portoroz Declaration.

Ministerial Segment

The Ministerial segment of the Contracting Parties' meeting will be held on the 9th November, 2005 during which the discussion on the topics of the Agenda will start and continue on the following day as proposed in the attached timetable.

During the opening session, welcome speeches will be made by the Minister for Environment and Spatial Planning of Slovenia H.E. Mr. Janez Podobnik, the Executive Director of UNEP or his representative as well as municipal authorities.

With a view to rationalizing the ministerial session, Ministers who intend to make a general opening statement may deem it appropriate to do so when taking the floor to address any item on the agenda. Points have been suggested in the background papers in order to facilitate the discussions.

Agenda item 4.1: Report on Environment and Development (RED)

The Secretariat will make a short presentation of the report "Environment and Development.

Agenda item 4.2 Future orientation of the Mediterranean Action Plan

The Secretariat will introduce chapter three of document UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/3 "Report by the Coordinator for the 14th Contracting Parties meeting".

The Contracting Parties are invited to discuss the future orientation of MAP in view of the extraordinary meeting of MAP Focal Points on the external evaluation of MAP.

Agenda item 4.3 Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development

The Secretariat will introduce chapter four of document UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/3 "Report by the Coordinator for the 14th Contracting Parties meeting" together with the working document UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/7.

The Contracting Parties are invited to embark on a general debate on the proposed draft of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development and adopt the strategy.

Agenda item 4.4: National Action Plans within the framework of the Strategic Action Programme to Address Pollution from Land-based Activities (SAP-MED)

The Secretariat will introduce chapter five of document UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/3 "Report by the Coordinator for the 14th Contracting Parties meeting".

The Contracting Parties are invited to discuss the endorsement of the National Action Plans and their integration in the national development policies.

Agenda item 4.5: Conservation of the Monk Seal

The Secretariat will introduce chapter six of document UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/3 "Report by the Coordinator for the 14th Contracting Parties meeting".

The Contracting Parties are invited to discuss this issue in the framework of the implementation of the SAP BIO, adopted in 2003, as well as the Action Plan on the management of the monk seal. They also are invited to address the need of implementing actions for the conservation of the species.

Agenda item 4.6: Adoption of the Portoroz Declaration

The Secretariat will introduce the Portoroz Declaration (document UNEP(DEC)/MED IG16/4), which provides for some strategic objectives for the adoption of the MSSD, implementation of the NAPs, conservation of the Monk Seal, as well as the future orientations of MAP.

The Contracting parties are invited to adopt the Portoroz Declaration.

Agenda item 5: Date and place of the 15th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007

The meeting will be invited to consider the dates and place of the 15th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to be convened in 2007.

Agenda item 6: Other business

Other subjects relevant to the Mediterranean Action Plan, which might be brought to the attention of the meeting by the participants or by the Secretariat, will be discussed under this agenda item.

Agenda item 7: Adoption of the Report

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

Agenda item 8: Closure of the Meeting

The meeting is expected to be closed by the President at 18.00 hrs on Friday 11 November 2005.

ANNEX

SUGGESTED TIMETABLE

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME		
Date	Agenda items	Documents
Tuesday 8 November 2005		
10.00 – 11.00	Agenda item 1 Opening of the meeting Agenda item 2 Organization of work a) Rules of Procedure b) Election of the Bureau c) Adoption of the Agenda d) Credentials	<u>Working documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/1 UNEP(DEC) MED IG.16/2
	Coffee break	
11.30 -13.00	Agenda item 3 Adoption of Recommendations and Programme budget for 2006 – 2007	UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/5 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/6 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/8 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/9 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/10 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/11
	Lunch break	
14.30 - 16.00	Agenda item 3 - continued Adoption of Recommendations and Programme Budget for 2006 – 2007	UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/5 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/6 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/8 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/9 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/10 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/11
	Coffee break	
16.30 - 18.00	Agenda item 3 - continued Adoption of Recommendations and Programme Budget for 2006 – 2007	UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/5 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/6 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/8 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/9 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/10 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/11
Wednesday 9 November 2005		
09.00 –10.00	Official opening ceremony of the Ministerial segment	
10.00 – 10.15	Agenda item 4 4.1 Environment and Development Report	<u>Working documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/3 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG. 16 Inf.4
10.15-11.00	4.2 Future orientation of MAP	

	Coffee Break	
11.30 – 13.00	Agenda item 4 - continued: 4.2 Future orientation of MAP	<u>Working documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/3 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/Inf.4
	Lunch break	
14.30 – 16.00	Agenda item 4 – continued 4.3 Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development	<u>Working documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/3 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/7
	Coffee break	
16.30 – 18.00	Agenda item 4.3 - continued 4.3 Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development	<u>Working documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/3 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/7
Thursday 10 November 2005		
09.00 – 11.00	Agenda item 4 – continued 4.4 Implementation of NAPs in the frame of the SAP MED	<u>Working documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/3
	Coffee Break	
11.30 – 13.00	Agenda item 4 – continued 4.5 Conservation of the Monk Seal	<u>Working documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/3 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/Inf.7
	Lunch Break	
14.30 – 16.00	Agenda Item 4.6 Adoption of the Portoroz Declaration.	<u>Working documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.16/4
	Coffee Break	
16.30 – 18.00	Agenda item 5 Date and Place of the 15 th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007	
Friday 11 November 2005		
09.00 – 15.00	no session (in order for the Secretariat to prepare the Draft Report of the Meeting)	
	Coffee Break	
15.00 – 18.00	Agenda items 6. Other business 7. Adoption of the Report 8. Closure of the Meeting	