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Fourth Meeting of the Executive Coordination Panel

Athens, Greece, 16 December 2008

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

The meeting will be opened by the Coordinator of MAP. In his introductory remarks, the Coordinator will brief the meeting about important issues which arose since the last meeting of the Executive Coordination Panel.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

The meeting will be invited to adopt the agenda and the proposed timetable following discussion and amendments, if any.

Agenda Item 3: Organization of the MCSD meeting and the involvement of MAP components (including the institutional aspects of the new composition of the MCSD)

The meeting is expected to discuss and decide on the preparations for the 13th MCSD meeting to be held on 22-24 June 2009 in Cairo with particular emphasis on the role and the expected contributions by the concerned MAP components. A preliminary draft agenda of the 13th meeting of MCSD is prepared by the Secretariat for discussion by ECP members. The meeting will also discuss the setting up of the Task Force for the organization of the meeting and a Working Group on Climate Change. It will also address any institutional steps needed to be taken by the Secretariat and the RACs, including MEDPOL, in view of proposing to the next Bureau meeting for endorsement the candidates from the academic sector, regional IGOs and eminent experts as new members of the MCSD.

Working Document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED ECP.4/3 – Chapter 1 - Main working document for the Fourth meeting of the Executive Coordination Panel

Information Documents : ToR for the Task Force and the Working Group (UNEP(DEPI)/MED ECP.4/Inf.1 and Inf.2)

Agenda Item 4: Organization of the ministerial segment of the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties

The last Bureau meeting requested the Secretariat and the ECP to prepare a background paper regarding the organization of the ministerial session of the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

The meeting is expected to review and discuss the draft concept paper prepared by the Secretariat that covers the main ministerial topic “ MAP's added value in the UfM” as well as its organizational aspects. The meeting is expected to take a position and make recommendations to the Bureau regarding the topic for the Ministerial discussion and the timetable of the 16 Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED ECP.4/3 – Chapter 2 - Main working document for the Fourth meeting of the Executive Coordination Panel

Agenda item 5: Host Country Agreement Template and Mandates of MAP components

The Secretariat will introduce an elaborated draft of the HCA template for an initial exchange of views before its submission to the Bureau meeting.

The meeting is also expected to generally review the draft mandates submitted by the RACs, including MEDPOL and take due decisions.

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED ECP.4/3 – Chapters 3 & 4 - Main working document for the Fourth meeting of the Executive Coordination Panel

Agenda item 6: Five Year Strategic Programme of Work of MAP

The meeting is expected to review and agree on "Climate Change strategic priority".

It is also expected to take a definitive decision if the other cross cutting issues proposed at the third ECP meeting will be included in the 5 Year Strategic Programme of Work.

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED ECP.4/3 – Chapter 5 - Main working document for the Fourth meeting of the Executive Coordination Panel

Agenda Item 7: Timetables for the main MAP meetings for 2009

The meeting is expected to decide on a tentative timetable for the main MAP institutional meetings in 2009 proposed by the Secretariat.

Agenda item 8: Organization of the Focal Points meeting for each MAP component

The Secretariat, the respective RAC directors, including the coordinator of MEDPOL will inform the meeting on any preparations made or to be made for the organization of the meetings of their focal points. The respective components are expected to report on related substantial, budgetary and logistic issues highlighting in particular the expected outcomes of such meetings as well as any potential draft decisions or recommendations for submission to the MAP focal points and Contracting Parties meetings.

The meeting is expected to agree on a list of draft decisions and potential major issues that are going to be addressed by the MAP focal point and Contracting Parties meeting as well as on coordinated actions for their preparations, where appropriate.

Agenda item 9: Any other business

At the time of the preparation of this agenda, the Secretariat doesn't have any proposal for consideration under this agenda item.

Agenda item 10: Adoption of the report

The meeting will be invited to adopt the report of the meeting that will be concise and written in a point by point form, mainly reflecting the decisions taken including actions for their implementation.

Agenda item 11: Next meeting of the ECP

The meeting will discuss the dates and venue of the 5th Meeting of the ECP.

Agenda item 12: Closure of the Meeting

Following concluding remarks by the Coordinator and the participants, the fourth meeting of the ECP will be brought to a close with the usual courtesies.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Tuesday, 16 December 2008	
0900-0915	Opening of the Meeting
0915-1100	Agenda items 1,2, 3, 4, 5
1100-1130	<i>Coffee break</i>
1130-1300	Agenda items 5 (continuation), 6
1300-1430	<i>Lunch</i>
1430-1600	Agenda items 7,8
1600-1630	<i>Coffee break</i>
1630-1830	Agenda items 8,9,10, 11,12