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Third Meeting of the Mediterranean
Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD)

Sopria Antipolis, France, 28-30 October 1997

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Introduction:

1. At their Extraordinary Meeting (Montpellier, 1-4 July 1996), the Contracting Parties accepted the offer of France to host the Third Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) and approved the Terms of Reference as well as the Composition of the Commission (UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.8/7).
2. In consultation with the host country, the Third Meeting of the Commission will be held in Sophia Antipolis. on 28-30 October 1997 at the Sophia Antipolis, Country Club Hotel.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

3. The meeting will be opened at 09.30 on Tuesday 28 October 1997, by H.E. the Minister of the Environment of Morocco and President of the Bureau of the Commission.

Agenda item 2: Rules of Procedure

4. The Rules of Procedure adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the meeting (document UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex IX).

Agenda item 3: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work

5. The provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat was distributed as document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG. 134/1/Rev.1, and annotated in the present document. The meeting will review and adopt the proposed Provisional Agenda. Simultaneous English and French interpretation will be available for all sessions.

Agenda item 4: Progress report by the Secretariat

6. The Coordinator will introduce his progress report contained in document: UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.134/3, on the activities of the Commission since its second meeting.

Agenda item 5: Progress reports by the Task Managers for short-term activities

7. It is expected that the Task Managers for the themes on "Management of Water Demand" and "Sustainable Management of Coastal Regions" will introduce their progress report, including proposals for future programme and timetable for these two themes. It is expected that the present meeting will review these recommendations and suggest for their final adoption by the 10th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Tunis, 18-21 November 1997).

Agenda item 6: Preliminary reports by Task Managers for medium-term activities

8. It is also expected that the Task Managers for the other six themes approved during the first meeting of the Commission, will introduce preliminary reports on their

consultation with the members of the Thematic Working Groups and proposals for the future programme and timetable relevant to these themes.

Agenda item 7: Review of the draft Rules of Procedure for the MCSD

9. In conformity with the decision of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Montpellier, July 1996) and the First and Second Meetings of the MCSD (Rabat, December 1996 and Palma de Majorca, May 1997 respectively), a second draft of Rules of Procedure of the Commission is presented to the present meeting for its consideration (Doc: UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.134/4). It is expected that the meeting will review and comment on the document for subsequent submission to the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties for final approval.

Agenda item 8: Work programme, Provisional Agenda, date and venue of the fourth meeting of the MCSD

10. The meeting is requested to take action on the work programme, exact date, place and the Provisional agenda for its fourth meeting.

Agenda item 9: Any other matters

11. The meeting will consider any other issues which might be raised during the meeting.

Agenda item 10: Adoption of the report of the meeting

12. A draft report of the meeting will be submitted in English and French to the participants for adoption.

Agenda item 11: Closure of the meeting

13. The meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairman at 18.30 hours on Thursday, 30 October 1997.

ANNEX

Suggested time schedule

Date	Session	Agenda item
Tuesday 28 October	Morning (09.30 - 12.30)	1,2,3,4,5
	Afternoon (14.30 - 18.30)	5 (concluded), 6
Wednesday 29 October	Morning (09.30 - 12.30)	6 (concluded), 7
	Afternoon (14.30 - 18.30)	7 (concluded), 8, 9, 10
Thursday 30 October	Morning (09.30 - 12.30)	Free (Secretariat to prepare report)
	Afternoon (14.30 - 18.30)	11

Coffee break

11.00 hours
16.00 hours