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Meeting of the Expanded Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its related protocols

Athens, 1-2 November 1988

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Introduction

The Fifth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution (Athens, 7-11 September 1987) decided to convene an expanded meeting of the Bureau open to all Contracting Parties in Athens, on 1-2 November 1988. The purpose of the Meeting is to decide on the apportionment of 1989 budget for the Mediterranean Action Plan, to carry out an analytical study of the Executive Director's proposals concerning the re-focussing of the Mediterranean Action Plan and to discuss the question of the composition of the Bureau. The following annotations to the proposed agenda for the meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda Item 1 - Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened at 10.00 hours on Tuesday 1 November 1988, at the premises of the Co-ordinating Unit, by the President of the Bureau. All MAP Focal Points have been invited to send their representatives at the meeting. Relevant United Nations Organizations and other organizations have also been invited to attend the meeting, as well as the Directors of relevant Regional Activity Centres.

Agenda Item 2 - 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 related protocols will apply for the meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

Agenda Item 3 - Adoption of the Agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda prepared by the secretariat has been distributed as UNEP/BUR/33/1 for adoption by the meeting.

Simultaneous English-French interpretation will be available for the meeting.

The meeting will review and adopt the proposed timetable appearing in the Annex to the present document.

Agenda Item 4 - Apportionment of 1989 budget for the Mediterranean Action Plan

The Expanded Bureau has been instructed by the Contracting Parties to decide on the apportionment of the 1989 budget. The relevant parts have been approved by the Scientific and Technical Committee and by the Socio-Economic Committee, as appropriate. The budget is contained in document UNEP/BUR/33/3.

Agenda Item 5- Report of the Executive Director concerning the re-focussing of the Mediterranean Action Plan

The Co-ordinator will introduce the report of the Executive Director on the re-focussing of MAP contained in document UNEP/BUR/33/4, prepared in pursuance to the decision of the Contracting Parties during their Fifth Ordinary Meeting.

The report contains an analytical presentation of the proposed re-focussing as it affects the individual MAP components, describes the status of coastal management pilot projects, refers to developments in other programmes closely related to the objectives of the Action Plan, and expresses in tentative form some budgetary implications for 1990-1991.

The Bureau is expected to review the document and take a decision on the recommendations proposed by the Executive Director.

Agenda Item 6 - Composition of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties

During its meeting on 18 February 1988, the Bureau briefly discussed the question of the Composition of the Bureau and decided that the secretariat should submit at the Expanded meeting of the Bureau realistic proposals which should be in the form of principles, so that an acceptable solution could be reached and implemented during the next meeting of the Contracting Parties (Athens, 3-6 October 1989).

In its endeavour to assist the Contracting Parties to reach a consensus on this critical issue, the secretariat has prepared document UNEP/BUR/33/5, which contains various proposals in the form of principles. The Bureau is requested to examine the document and take a decision in this regard.

Agenda Item 7 - Other business

Other subjects relevant to the Mediterranean Action Plan as a whole 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 8 - Adoption of Report

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

Agenda Item 9 - Closure of the Meeting

The meeting is expected to be closed by the President of the Bureau and by the representative of the Executive Director of UNEP at 18.00 hours on Wednesday, 2 November 1988.

Provisional Timetable

Agenda Items

Date	9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	2.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 1 Nov.	1, 2, 3, 4	5
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