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Introduction

The present report covers the progress achieved in the various activities carried out since the last meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties (Ankara, Turkey, 2-3 February 1994). A separate document (UNEP/BUR/44/3) covers the recommendations of the Secretariat concerning few specific issues.

A. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BARCELONA CONVENTION

(i) Programme coordination

1. The report of the last meeting of the Bureau convened in Ankara on 2-3 February 1994 (UNEP/BUR/43/3) was distributed to all MAP focal points, International Governmental and Non Governmental Organizations.
2. In response to the decision of the last meeting of the Bureau concerning non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the Secretariat received comments from Bureau members on the criteria upon which an NGO can be accredited the observer status in the framework of MAP as well as the procedure for cooperation with MAP. On the basis of these written comments, the Secretariat has prepared a new proposal for consideration by the Bureau which is reflected in Annex VII of document UNEP/BUR/44/3.
3. As decided by the last meeting of the Bureau, its next meeting will be convened in Tunis, immediately after the Tunis Conference on Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean. Consequently, the next meeting of the Bureau will be held on 2-3 November 1994, taking into consideration the announcement made during the last meeting by the Vice-President from Tunisia of the willingness of Tunisia to assume the full cost of the meeting including participation costs (travel and full accommodation for the Bureau members and the Secretariat).
4. The Calendar of meetings organized within the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan as at 1 May 1994 is contained in Annex I to this report.

(ii) Legal issues

5. As decided by the last meeting of the Bureau and after consultation with Spain, the Fourth meeting of experts on the Offshore Protocol will be hosted, financed and convened in Madrid on 11-12 October 1994. The meeting will be followed by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries to be held also in Madrid on 13-14 October 1994. A UNEP/MAP technical mission visited Madrid on 19-23 April 1994, with the objective of reviewing all details relevant to the two meetings including a draft host country agreement to be signed by the two parties, specifying the responsibilities of each of them. The main documents of the meetings as well as the

invitation letters will be sent to all Contracting Parties during June 1994, in order to give enough time to the Contracting Parties to review the draft protocol.

6. The last meeting of the Bureau authorized the Secretariat to contact the Italian MAP focal point (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), with a view to ascertaining its position regarding the convening under its aegis of the Second Meeting of Mediterranean experts on the preparation of a protocol for the prevention of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal. A letter was sent to the Italian Focal Point on 15 February 1994, giving a time limit for response by the end of March 1994. The Italian response was received only on 14 April 1994 (**Attachment 1**). Taking this into consideration and conscious of the fact that no funds were available in the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF) due to delays in payment of contributions by the Contracting Parties, the Secretariat decided, in consultation with the Italian NGO (La Facoltà dell'Arte e della Scienza) which will partially cover the costs of the meeting to be held in Rome, to postpone the meeting till the second half of September 1994.
7. As decided by the Bureau during its February 1994 meeting, the first meeting of legal and technical experts to review the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) and the Barcelona Convention and its related four protocols, will be hosted, financed and convened in Barcelona on 14-18 November 1994. A UNEP MAP mission visited Madrid and Barcelona and reviewed all details relevant to the convening of the meeting in Barcelona including a host country agreement.
8. In pursuance to the decision of the Bureau at its last meeting, a revised terms of reference for the Bureau and the two standing committees (Scientific and Technical committee and Socio-economic Committee) were prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of comments received from the members of the Bureau. Specific recommendations for approval by the Bureau are contained in document UNEP/BUR/44/3.
9. The status of signatures and ratifications of the Barcelona Convention and its related protocols as at 1 May 1994 is contained in Annex II to this report.

(iii) Sustainable Development

(a) Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean

10. The Second Meeting of the Steering Committee for the Tunis Conference on Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean was convened in Tunis on 25-26 March 1994. Representatives from France, Monaco and Italy participated in the meeting, as well as representatives from the host country and MAP. The Committee reviewed the progress achieved relative to the

preparation of the Conference and agreed on documents to be submitted to the First Preparatory Meeting (Tunis, 16-20 May 1994). A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between UNEP/MAP and the Ministry of Environment of Tunisia, specifying the financial and technical assistance to be rendered by MAP to the Tunisian authorities as recommended by the Eighth Ordinary Meeting and the Bureau of the Contracting Parties (**Attachment 2**).

11. Invitations for the Conference and its two preparatory meetings were sent by the Tunisian Government to the Contracting Parties and relevant IGOs and NGOs.

(b) Coastal Areas Management Programme (CAMP)

12. Due to the lack of financial resources, no major activities were undertaken during the period under consideration, a matter which has inflicted a negative impact on MAP relations and credibility vis-à-vis the Contracting Parties hosting CAMP projects. The only CAMP exception in this regard was the Rhodes (Greece) CAMP project. This was due to the fact that the project is being financed by a grant from the European Investment Bank (EIB).

A brief report on the progress achieved in the various CAMP projects follows:

Syrian Coast

13. Provisions were made to organize the final presentation of the results of the CAMP in Syria on 26-27 September 1994.
14. PAP/RAC has prepared as a follow-up to the project, a document on "GIS project in the city of Banyas - Recommendations for the data base design". This document is intended to be a basis for the development of a GIS data base for management at a local level.
15. A Blue Plan draft report on Socio-Economic and International System and a draft report on Scenarios are being prepared. A Blue Plan mission to Syria took place on 3-10 May 1994 with a view to discussing and finalizing the contents of both reports.

Kastela Bay

16. Final results of the CAMP Kastela Bay were presented at the meeting held in Split, Croatia on 3 - 4 February 1994. About 50 participants attended the meeting.
17. A document was prepared by PAP/RAC in cooperation with SPA/RAC on "Evaluation of Pantan, an area of particular natural and historical

importance with a proposal for its protection and utilization".

The Island of Rhodes

18. The implementation of the contract signed between UNEP/MAP and the European Investment Bank (EIB) is in progress. A project document relative to this CAMP was signed with PAP/RAC which implements approximately 70% of the EIB contract. It is expected that the project, which is financed by a grant of 360,000 ECU from EIB, will last till the middle of 1995.

Izmir Bay

19. The final version of the document "Integrated Management Study for the Area of Izmir" was completed and disseminated.

Algeria

20. No indications were received from the Algerian Government which would show readiness to start the CAMP.

Morocco

21. A Group of Consultants from the Ministère de l'Intérieur, Direction Générale de l'Environnement, prepared on a contract with PAP/RAC a preliminary informative report on the environmental and socio-economic features of the CAMP area. The report was made available to the Coordinating Unit and to all RAC Directors and it is at present being studied in order to propose a draft list of activities as part of the CAMP Agreement to be signed by UNEP/MAP and the Government of Morocco at a later stage. The first policy/technical mission is planned during the second half of 1994. The postponement of the mission was due to the lack of funds.

Sfax

22. The Agreement relative to the project was signed by UNEP/MAP and the Tunisian Government on 24 January 1994.
23. A Consultation meeting was held in Tunis on 26 March with the participation of MAP and the Director of the Regional Activity Centre for the Environment Remote Sensing (ERS/RAC) with a view to discussing the role of the ERS Centre within the framework of the Sfax project. Two proposals were submitted to the Tunisian Government for consideration on:
 - a training course for two Tunisian experts at the Centre's headquarters in Italy;

- the use of remote sensing techniques in the Sfax project.
- 24. A MED Unit mission was undertaken on 28 March - 2 April 1994 relative to three activities: LBS Survey, Monitoring programme and climatic changes, during which a workplan and timetable for the implementation of these three activities were prepared. The first results are expected during the summer of 1994.
- 25. A Blue Plan mission to Tunisia took place on 5 to 9 April 1994, concerning Activity under the title "Prospective studies including environment/development scenario". The agreement was to initiate the study, prepare a detailed work programme and identify local consultants.
- 26. A mission was undertaken to Sfax on 21-23 April 1994, by the Director of the Marseille Secretariat for Historic Sites concerning Activity entitled "Protection and management of the Medina of Sfax". A working programme was agreed upon with the Tunisian authorities.
- 27. A preliminary contact was made with the Director of I.N.S.T.O.P. concerning the study of the marine habitat of the area concerned. A meeting between SPA/RAC and A.N.P.E. (CAMP National Coordinator), aimed at establishing a working team and launching the activity, is expected to be held in May 1994.
- 28. It was agreed by PAP/RAC and the National Coordinator for this project to have the GIS training programme started, as well as the activities in the field of solid and liquid waste management, and integrated coastal area management.

Albania Coast

- 29. The work on the CAMP of Albania is progressing in accordance with the programme of work and the present financial constraints.
- 30. Phase I of activity under the title "Specially Protected Areas and implementation of the SPA Protocol", consisting of the collection and synthesis of the available documentation and information, is presently being implemented by SPA/RAC and a team of national experts. A meeting between the working team and SPA/RAC is expected to be held on the occasion of the International Seminar "Management of Albanian coastal lagoons" (Tirana, 29 May - 4 June 1994).
- 31. A ERS/RAC-PAP/RAC mission visited Tirana on 18-21 April 1994 with the objective to coordinate the activities on the programme for Durres-Vlore. At the invitation of the World Bank, a proposal was prepared for the preparation of coastal zone management plans for the northern and southern sections of the Albanian coast. A four-member team started working on the Durres-Vlore. Two members of the team prepared a

paper each for an international symposium on coastal lagoons in Albania, explaining the basic aspects of the programme as well as those of tourism development in Albania.

32. The Blue Plan is collecting data in cooperation with a local team and a mission is planned for August/September 1994.

Fuka-Matrouh (Egypt)

33. A draft report is being prepared by Blue Plan on the Socio-economic system and data collection is ongoing by local teams.
34. A PAP/RAC mission will visit Egypt on 10-17 June 1994, together with RAC/ERS, with the objective to launch the activities within the "Soil Erosion and Desertification activities, as well as the GIS training programme.

Israel

35. Due to lack of funds no action was undertaken. A letter to initiate the activities will be sent to the Israeli authorities in June 1994.
36. A Blue Plan mission will be organized to visit Israel with a view to strengthening cooperation and initiate preparation of a CAMP project.

Lebanon

37. A proposal of a list of activities to be incorporated in a draft Agreement to be signed by MAP and Lebanon was sent to the relevant authority in Lebanon for comments.
38. MAP was informed that a workshop will be organized by the Marine Research Centre of Lebanon, during the first week of June 1994. The objective of the workshop will be to review the situation of the coast and come out with suggestions for priority action. The development of a CAMP project for Lebanon will be one of the main prominent issues on the agenda of the workshop.

Malta

39. A preliminary outline for the activities to be included in an Agreement concerning the CAMP project for Malta is being reviewed.

(iv) Information and training

40. Four new MAP Technical Reports Series issues (Nos 78-81) were issued and distributed to 381 institutions and individuals, while 50 of each were dispatched to UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi:

- MAP Technical Reports Series No. 78 "Final Reports on research projects dealing with eutrophication problems",
 - MAP Technical Reports Series No. 79 "Final Reports on research projects dealing with toxicity of pollutants on marine organisms",
 - MAP Technical Reports Series No. 80 "Final Reports on research projects dealing with the effects of pollutants on marine organisms and communities" and
 - MAP Technical Reports Series No. 81 "Data Quality Review for MED POL: Nineteen years of progress".
41. The MED Unit Library received and assisted 47 visitors in their study and research.
 42. Seventy-two mail requests for MAP Technical Reports Series, copies of MED Unit documents and other relevant publications were filled, for a total of 456 items.
 43. Volume II of the "Mediterranean Action Plan: List of Meetings and Documents" containing all Intergovernmental, Working Group and Bureau meetings from 1992 to the end of 1993 was published.
 44. One Greek National was trained in Library assistance (February-March 1994).
 45. A new issue of the MAP Bulletin "MEDWAVES" was published in English and French. This issue covers the Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Antalya, October 1993).
 46. The Vice-President from France informed the last meeting of the Bureau (Ankara, February 1994) about the initiative in several countries which aimed at a better control and ownership of coastal strips in order to safeguard the environment. He had asked members of the Bureau to reflect on the matter and inform him on the relevance and feasibility of holding a meeting on this subject to be hosted by France.
 47. In response to Secretariat requests for comments sent to all Bureau members on 18 and 28 February 1994, on this issue, only one reply was received (Morocco) which stated that the proposed meeting by France could be an occasion to discuss and exchange views and experience in this domain. The meeting could come out with a concise plan and mobilize different actors for the implementation and application of recommended measures.

B. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LBS PROTOCOL AND THE DUMPING PROTOCOL

(v) LBS and Dumping activities

48. Although a number of countries expressed interest in supporting the organization of the technical meeting on the handling of contaminated dredged spoils, no firm offers were made.
49. As to the protocol on LBS, guidelines for monitoring land-based sources of marine pollution were completed by WHO and sent to national MED POL coordinators for comments.
50. Comprehensive guidelines for health-related monitoring of coastal recreational and shellfish waters, including recommended methodology for both bacterial indications and pathogens, statistical methods and quality control, were completed by WHO, and will be shortly issued by WHO/EURO, Copenhagen.
51. A document on health risks from marine pollution in the Mediterranean has been completed by WHO. The draft will be reviewed by a small expert group later this year. This is being financed by WHO/EURO, Copenhagen.

C. MONITORING AND RESEARCH OF POLLUTION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA (MED POL)

(vi) Monitoring and research activities

52. Proposed 1994 National Monitoring Programmes were received from Tunisia and Morocco and will be soon ready for signature.
53. Extensive work was carried out on the statistical analysis of all available data related to heavy metals in biota and sediments. In addition, the project financed by the Italian Government concerning the processing, analysis and graphical presentation of pollution data became operational and a professional staff seconded by the Italian Government is soon expected to join MEDU for a period of 18 months.
54. A consultation meeting on the evaluation of the Croatian Monitoring Programme took place in Zagreb from 15 - 17 February 1994. The meeting was attended by Croatian scientists as well as by outside experts.
55. Extensive work was carried out by the secretariat and the Cooperating Agencies to prepare the first draft of the MED POL-PHASE III programme (1996-2005). The draft will be discussed and analyzed at the meeting to

be held in Izmir from 20 to 23 June 1994 with the partial financial support of Turkey.

D. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTOCOL CONCERNING COOPERATION IN COMBATING POLLUTION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA BY OIL AND OTHER HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN CASES OF EMERGENCY

(vii) Prevention and Combating pollution from ships

56. The Second Meeting of the Steering Committee created for the management and the follow-up of the implementation of the project for the development of a subregional system for combating major marine pollution accidents affecting or likely to affect the territorial sea, coasts and other related interests of Cyprus, Egypt and Israel, was convened in Cairo, 31 January to 1 February 1994, at the joint invitation of REMPEC and the Commission of the European Communities, Directorate-General for Environment, Nuclear Safety and Civil Protection (DG XI).

The main objectives of the meeting were to:

- a) review and examine the reports prepared by the consultants team (e.g. National reports, draft subregional contingency plan, proposals regarding equipment which should be considered for acquisition, proposals regarding training programme and exercise); and
 - b) decide on the follow-up action to be taken concerning: the improvement of national systems, the finalization and approval of the subregional contingency plan, and the training programme.
57. In February, REMPEC initiated the preparation in cooperation with IFREMER (France) of an Atlas for the Mediterranean region for preparedness and response to marine pollution accidents.
58. Following the collision between MT "NASSIA" and MV "SHIPBROKER" which occurred on 13 March 1994, in the evening, causing explosions and fire on board of both ships and resulting in the serious pollution of the Bosphorous Strait by crude oil carried by the "NASSIA", the Turkish authorities in charge of response to this accident requested REMPEC for the assistance of the Mediterranean Assistance Unit (MAU) created by the Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties. Although the accident occurred outside the limits of the geographical coverage of the Emergency Protocol to the Barcelona Convention, the Director of REMPEC, following consultations with the Coordinating Unit for the

Mediterranean Action Plan and the International Maritime Organization, decided to activate the MAU. For the purpose of this mission the MAU

team was composed of the technical expert of REMPEC as the team leader and of Mr. François Cabioch, an expert from CEDRE (France).

Both experts arrived in Istanbul in the evening of 15 March 1994, and worked with the competent Turkish authorities and the other parties involved in responding to the emergency and in dealing with the consequences of the accident until 22 March 1994. By that date, the situation regarding pollution was deemed sufficiently stabilized and the necessary arrangements were made for the commencement of clean-up activities. In accordance with the general terms of reference of MAU, which stipulate that the objective of MAU is to assist the authorities of the requesting Party during the initial stages of the emergency, it was decided by a mutual agreement between competent Turkish authorities and the Director of REMPEC on 22 March, that the MAU team had completed its task and that the mission could be terminated. Approximately, US\$ 7,000 were spent for the mission from the MTF funds received for MAU. These expenditures will be claimed from the insurers.

The terms of reference of the mission were in conformity with the general terms of reference of the Mediterranean Assistance Unit (MAU), adopted by the above-mentioned meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention. The MAU team leader was reporting daily to the Turkish authorities and providing them with the necessary technical, organizational and administrative advice concerning response measures. Activities of the team leader included regular surveillance flights in the area affected by the pollution, inspections of contaminated parts of the shore, reporting the situation to the Turkish authorities and to REMPEC, advising on recommended response measures to be taken, participation in meetings and briefings with the Turkish authorities and with the other parties engaged in the response operations, and providing liaison between the authorities and such other parties (ITOPF, ship owner's representatives, insurers, etc.).

59. A workshop on preparedness for and response to maritime related accidents involving hazardous substances in Mediterranean port areas and their approaches, was convened in Barcelona, Spain, 22-26 March 1994. The workshop was organized jointly by REMPEC and the Industry and Environment Programme Activity Centre of UNEP (UNEP IE/PAC) within the context of its APELL programme.

The workshop discussed the issues associated with accidents in ports involving hazardous substances and adopted conclusions and a strategy for preparedness and response to maritime related accidents involving such substances in Mediterranean port areas and their approaches. The workshop also approved recommendations and a workplan for future activities related to preparedness for and response to accidents in ports involving hazardous substances.

60. On 20 April 1994, the Ministry of Environment of Tunisia organized an exercise on combating marine pollution. The Director of REMPEC participated in the exercise and the Centre was involved in connection with the aspect of international assistance.
61. During the period covered by this report, REMPEC circulated the updated version of the following document of the Regional Information System:
 - a) version four of the database "Transport of Chemical Substances" (TROCS) which contains the following new features:
 - data on the properties of crude oils (including the explanation of the fields of the various data);
 - shoreline countermeasures for oil spills (extracted from the *Shoreline Countermeasures Manual* submitted by the United States to the 34th Sessions of IMO's MEPC;
 - operational utilities in the form of a unit conversion feature and a description of the criteria of the Beaufort notation of wind force.
 - b) basic documents, recommendations, principles and guidelines concerning accidental marine pollution preparedness, response and mutual assistance;
 - c) directory of competent national authorities in charge of accidental marine pollution preparedness, response and mutual assistance and other relevant information;
 - d) list of alerts and accidents in the Mediterranean;
 - e) guidelines for the use of dispersants for combating oil pollution at sea in the Mediterranean region.

E. ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT OF THE MEDITERRANEAN COASTAL ZONES

(viii) Environmentally sound management of the Mediterranean Coastal Zones

- (a) Prospective analysis of the relation between Environment and Development (Blue Plan - BP/RAC)
62. The BP/RAC Board meeting was convened in Paris on 28 February 1994. It was attended by French institutes concerned.

63. The BP/RAC Centre contributed to the preparation of MED 21 Tunis, both as BP/RAC and through its Deputy Director's direct contribution.

Mediterranean Environment and Development Observatory MEDO

64. The Observatory's Panel of Experts was held on 21 January 1994. A follow-up report was issued.

The development of the Information System and the acquisition and installation of hardware and software for more efficient exploitation of data and information PC-ArcInfo are progressing.

A mission to Turkey was undertaken on 21-24 March 1994 to assist in the preparation of the project document on the the Turkish Environment and Development Observatory. Discussions with local authorities concerned, UNDP and EU representatives were held.

Preparation of a draft document on Environmental Institutions in Turkey and Tunisia is underway.

Preparation is also underway for an intermediary report on MEDO's activities including a proposed set of Mediterranean Environment and Development Indicators, thematic reports on selected sectors (socio-economic, water, soil, biodiversity) and research on Mediterranean documentation.

Communication and training

65. Preparation of a workshop on "Regional Sustainable Development and Systemic and Prospective Tools", to be jointly organized by the Tunisian authorities (MEAT, ANPE), the World Bank and MAP-BP/RAC.

Preparation of fascicules on Tourism and Transport is going on.

Active participation and contribution to several Mediterranean seminars in Turkey, Tunisia, Spain, France, Greece.

66. Activities concerning CAMP projects are reflected in the relevant section on CAMPs in this report.

(b) Coastal planning and management (Priority Actions Programme - PAP/RAC)

67. Mr. Arsen Pavasovic retired as of 31 March 1994. Mr. Ivica Trumbic was designated by the Croatian Government as Acting Director of PAP/RAC effective 1 April 1994.

Integrated Coastal and Marine Areas Management in the Mediterranean

68. The group of experts who were preparing "Guidelines for Integrated Coastal and Marine Areas Management with Special Reference to the Mediterranean Basin" had the final meeting in Nairobi (14-18 February 1994). The final version of the guidelines was completed in May 1994, and the document is about to be distributed. As to the activity on economic instruments in the management of Mediterranean coastal zones, the relevant questionnaires were filled out by the majority of countries and an analysis was made of the questionnaires received and presented in a summary ("Implementation of Economic Instruments for Environmental Protection and Integrated Management of Mediterranean Coastal Areas"). This document will be discussed at a regional workshop envisaged for the second half of 1994. The first draft of the document "Guidelines for Carrying Capacity Assessment for Tourism" was produced and discussed with the authors at a meeting held in Split in May.

Soil Protection

69. A meeting of a working group was held in Rome on 14-17 February 1994, with the objective to review the first version of "Guidelines for the Application of a Common Methodology for Mapping of Rainfall-induced Erosion Process in the Mediterranean Coastal Areas". The meeting was chaired by the Director of PAP. A one-member mission visited Tunis (27 March - 1 April) to assist the Tunisian experts in finalizing their case study on erosion mapping which is the integral part of the Guidelines.

Aquaculture

70. In cooperation with IFREMER (France), PAP made necessary preparations for the Workshop on Environmental Aspects of Shellfish Culture in the Mediterranean, with Special Reference to Monitoring which is to be held in Dubrovnik on 18-21 July, as part of FAO-MEDRAP II-IFREMER-PAP activities relative to EAMP Network. A note explaining the purpose of the workshop was disseminated to all the countries of the region, and 10 countries which are active in shellfish bearing were invited to prepare national reports for presentation at the workshop. A meeting of the working group preparing the workshop was held in La Rochelle (France) on 19-20 May 1994.

Solid and Liquid Waste Management

71. For the needs of the training course on solid waste management, a document entitled "Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste -Sanitary Landfills" was prepared, as well as a case study on solid waste management in the Kastela Bay Area.

General Activities

72. In April the computer equipment in PAP/RAC was upgraded and the staff was trained to use the 'Word for Windows' software. The financial statement for 1993 and financial auditing were completed in March. Financial reports for the first quarter of 1994 were also prepared for PAP activities as well as those carried out within the EIB-financed CAMP project for the Island of Rhodes.
73. Activities concerning CAMP projects are reflected in the relevant section on CAMPs in this report.

(c) Environment Remote Sensing (Environment Remote Sensing - ERS/RAC)

74. Extensive work was carried out by ERS/RAC including contacts with several Mediterranean counterparts. Nomination of national focal points was solicited by MEDU and now the list is almost complete.
75. As a follow up to the last RAC Directors meeting (December 1993) which was attended for the first time by RAC/ERS, contacts were furthered with all RACs and MEDU in order to explore the possibilities to cooperate in the ongoing and planned programmes.
76. As a result, provisions were made to participate in the CAMP Albania, Fuka and Sfax and specific project proposals were prepared.
77. A questionnaire for the preparation of an inventory of Mediterranean Remote Sensing Centres was finalized in cooperation with MEDU and sent to all focal points.
78. The Director of ERS/RAC participated at several meetings in and outside the Mediterranean and presented papers describing the role and the work of the ERS/RAC.
79. The first meeting of the National Focal Points for RAC/ERS is scheduled to take place in Palermo from 9 to 11 September 1994.

F. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTOCOL ON SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS AND HISTORIC SITES

(ix) Protection of the Common Mediterranean Heritage

(a) Specialty Protected Areas (SPA/RAC)

Assistance to countries in the selection, establishment and management of Specially Protected Areas of ecological value

80. A feasibility study on the establishment of protected areas in several marine and coastal sites of Algeria is underway. However, the activity is being delayed because of internal situation in Algeria.
81. A study aimed at the identification of protection and management measures for the Burullus Lake (Egypt) is underway. A mission to the site was accomplished by the SPA/RAC consultant, Mr. Roberto Tinarelli, with the main objectives of assessing the natural resources of the lake and the main threats on them, and identifying appropriate protection and management measures. A preliminary report has been received from the consultant.
82. SPA/RAC is preparing a mission to Syria aimed at (i) selecting sites to be proposed for designation as protected areas and (ii) identifying co-operation projects with Syrian Authorities. Proposed mission date: 29 May - 2 June 1994.

Assistance to countries in the selection, establishment and management of Specially Protected Areas of cultural interest

83. The document "Carthage, Site d'Intérêt Scientifique, Historique, Archéologique, Culturel, Esthétique et Educatif", prepared by SPA/RAC, was jointly published with the Tunisian "Agence Nationale de Mise en Valeur et d'Exploitation du Patrimoine Archéologique et Historique" (ANEP).

Assistance to countries to set up their legislation concerning Specially Protected Areas

84. An activity of assistance in setting up Maltese legislation concerning marine SPAs is underway. SPA/RAC established a working group composed by a legal consultant and a marine biologist. The main tasks of the working team are (i) to evaluate the adequacy of the present Maltese legislation for the establishment and management of marine SPAs, (ii) to select the most appropriate legal instruments to be used, (iii) to make proposals, where appropriate, for the setting up of new legal instruments, and (iv) to draft the legal acts for the establishment proposed areas. A first meeting of the working group was held in Malta in April 1994. A report concerning the scientific aspects of the project was received. The activity is expected to be completed by August 1994.

Implementation of the Action Plan for the management of the Mediterranean monk seal

85. SPA/RAC is organizing a field study for evaluating the status of the monk seal population inhabiting the Karaburun Peninsula (Albania). To this aim, an agreement was signed with the Hellenic Society for the Protection of the Environment and Cultural Heritage (ELLINIKI ETAIRIA). A mission to the site is expected to be accomplished in May 1994 by a team of Greek and Albanian experts. The study is expected to be completed by October 1994.
86. An awareness document of the Mediterranean monk seal, prepared for SPA/RAC by the Parc National de Port Cros (PNPC) was published. A draft of the scientific document on the biology and status of the Mediterranean monk seal, and prepared by the PNPC, was examined and comments were sent to the author.
87. The organization of a meeting of experts for the evaluation of the implementation of the Action Plan for the management of the Mediterranean monk seal is underway. The provisional agenda of the meeting was prepared; several contacts have been made in order to identify an appropriate locality to hold the meeting. The meeting is expected to be held at the beginning of October 1994.

Implementation of the Action Plan for the conservation of Mediterranean marine turtles

88. A research programme on the population genetics of the marine turtle Caretta caretta in the Mediterranean, which SPA/RAC is partially sponsoring, is underway.

Implementation of the Action Plan for the conservation of cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea

89. SPA/RAC convened a meeting of an ad hoc group of experts (as provided by the Annex to the Action Plan), mainly aimed at:
 - defining actions to be considered as priorities for the implementation of the Action Plan;
 - drafting recommendations for the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention with a view to implementing efficient conservation measures in the Mediterranean.

A meeting was held on 5 March 1994 in Montpellier, France, in the occasion of the eighth European Cetacean Society Annual Conference.

Other activities

90. Following a recommendation of the Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Antalya, Oct. 1993), SPA/RAC pursued the preparatory work on possible amendment of the SPA Protocol. A working group was established, including SPA/RAC professional staff, Mr. T. Scovazzi (University of Genoa, Italy), Mr. O. Klemm (IUCN/ELC), Ms. M. Dejeant-Pons (Council of Europe), Mr. P. Van Klaveren (Chairman of the Ustica meeting on environmental legislation). A meeting of the group was held in Tunis (6-7 April 1994), in which a draft revised version of the protocol was prepared. The draft was transmitted to the Coordinating Unit for comments.
 91. SPA/RAC participates in the preparation and organization of the Conference MED21, as member of the Steering Committee and of the Organizing Committee, ensuring also some logistic support. SPA/RAC staff will participate in the first PrepCom Meeting to be held in Tunis, 16-20 May 1994.
 92. In the general framework of the activities of the Centre, members of the SPA/RAC staff attended the following meetings or seminars:
 - MedWet sub-project on wetlands inventory and monitoring - 2nd Advisory Group Meeting. Bizerte, Tunisia, 18-21 April 1994.
 - Conference "Information and Social Impact in Coastal Protected Areas. Italy, 12-14 May 1994.
 93. The Arabic version of a booklet concerning the Protocol and SPA/RAC activities was edited and printed.
 94. A document containing the English, French and Arabic versions of the Action Plan for the conservation of Cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea was published.
- (b) Historic Coastal Sites of Common Mediterranean Interest
95. No input was received from the Marseille Secretariat for 100 Historic Sites.

G. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

(x) Financial and Administrative issues

(a) Financial issues

Status of Contributions to the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF)

Unpaid pledges for 1993 and prior years

96. The unpaid pledges to the Mediterranean Trust Fund, as at 31 December 1993, amounted to US\$ 4,282,392. As at 30 April 1994, US\$ 590,590 has been collected in the MTF for unpaid pledges for prior years. Included in this amount is US\$ 577,115 representing the 1993 contribution of the Government of Spain to the MTF.
97. Concerning the unpaid pledges of the Government of Italy, a strong action was initiated by the Bureau and the Secretariat. Unfortunately the elections and the change of government have further postponed the approval by the Parliament of the payment of this contribution.
98. Concerning the contribution from the EU, considerable progress has been recorded in the negotiations between the EU and UNEP concerning the legal problem, and at last the payment of the normal contribution of the EU to the MTF is expected.
99. As at 30 April 1994 the unpaid pledges for 1993 and prior years amount to US\$ 3,691,802 (Annex III).

Pledges for 1994

100. A total amount of US\$ 1,699,456 was received as at 30 April 1994. This amount includes the contributions of the Governments of France (US\$ 1,534,937), Turkey (US\$ 90,956), Israel (US\$ 59,425), Cyprus (US\$ 5,660), Lebanon (US\$ 2,830), Malta (US\$ 2,830), and Monaco (US\$ 2,818).
101. In 1993, an advance of US\$ 7,853 towards its 1994 contribution was received from the Government of Algeria.
102. Not yet recorded in the official UNEP status of contributions is the payment by the Government of Spain of its 1994 contribution (US\$ 605,971), expected beginning of May.
103. The total of 1994's unpaid pledges amounts to US\$ 2,904,176.
Detailed financial report is contained in document UNEP/BUR/44/Inf.3

Status of the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF)

104. As at 31 December 1993, the status of the MTF showed US\$ 348,782. In order to urgently cover the salaries in the Mediterranean Action Plan Offices for six months and basic operating costs for two months, US\$ 998,000 was borrowed through the UNEP Programme Reserve Allocation. UNEP OCA/PAC allocated an additional US\$ 101,000 from the Environment Fund to cover part of the salaries of IAEA/MEL staff involved in the Mediterranean Action Plan. With the payment of the above-mentioned MTF contributions that have occurred during the month of April, the situation has drastically improved and as at 30 April 1994, the status of the MTF shows US\$ 2,888,010.
105. Revisions of project documents are being prepared with the objective of committing these funds to cover salaries and operating costs in the Mediterranean Action Plan Office for the whole year, with the remaining being allocated to the most urgent activities.

Counterpart contributions

106. The host country contribution of the Government of Greece was fully received early in April 1994.
107. During the same period, the contribution of US\$ 312,000 from the Government of Italy for the project "Enhancement of Data Processing Facilities and Methods for Environmental Data at the Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan" was received.
108. The status of contributions to the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF) as at 30 April 1994 is contained in Annex III to this report.

(b) Administrative issues

UN Agencies staff outposted to Athens

109. As Dr. L. Saliba, WHO Senior Scientist in the Coordinating Unit will retire as of 31 May 1994, WHO in consultation with UNEP/MAP has circulated on 4 February 1994 the Vacancy Notice No. WHO-P94/6 for the position of the Senior Scientist. On 2 March 1994 a letter was sent by the Coordinating Unit to all MAP Focal Points together with the Vacancy Notice from WHO requesting its distribution to national institutions or individuals who may have an interest in this position (**Attachment 3**). It is expected that Dr. Saliba's replacement will be effected after relevant selection by the end of May 1994.
110. In conformity with the decision of the Bureau (Antalya, October 1993) concerning the costs of participation of the members of the Bureau to

the Bureau Meetings, the Secretariat has contacted the two members from developed Mediterranean countries with the view to requesting them to bear the cost of their travel. Only Spain offered to cover the costs of its representative to the Bureau meeting in Morocco.

ANNEX I

Calendar of Meetings as at 1 May 1994

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
	<u>1994</u>			
Consultation Meeting relative to the CAMP project of Rhodes	10-11 Jan. Athens	UNEP-MEDU	I. Dharat	Issued by MEDU
Eighth Meeting of RAC's Directors and MEDU on MAP	12-14 Jan. Athens	UNEP-MEDU	L. Jetic I. Dharat	UNEP(OCA)/ MED WG.79/2
Meeting of obser- vatory's advisory panel	21 January Sophia Antipolis	BLUE PLAN (UNEP-MEDU)	A. Hoballah	Issued by BP/RAC
First Meeting of the Steering Committee for the Conference on "MED 21"	25 January Tunis	TUNISIA (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Dharat*	-Prepared by TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT -Mission Report
Meeting of the Bureau (BUR/43)	2-3 Feb. Ankara	UNEP-MEDU (TURKEY)	L. Jetic* I. Dharat*	UNEP/BUR/ 43/3
Consultation Meeting on the evaluation of the Croatian monitoring programme	15-17 Feb. Zagreb	UNEP-MEDU	L. Jetic*	UNEP(OCA) MED WG.80/2
"Paper Exercise" between Tunisia, France, Italy	February (tentative)	REMPEC (UNEP-MEDU)	J-C Sainlos	to be issued by REMPEC
Meeting of Experts on the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Mediterranean	5 March Montpellier	SPA (UNEP-MEDU)	M. Saied	to be issued by SPA/RAC
Second Meeting of the Steering Committee for the Conference on "MED 21"	25-26 March Tunis	TUNISIA (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Dharat*	-to be issued by TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT -Mission Report

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
First Preparatory Meeting of Mediterranean Experts on Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean	16-20 May Tunis	TUNISIA (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Dharat*	to be issued by TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT
Alert Exercise on the Testing of Standart Alert Message and Communication Network	May Tunisia	REMPEC (UNEP-MEDU)	J-C Sainlos	to be issued by REMPEC
Regional Workshop on Systemic and Prospective Methods and Tools together with Statistics and Indicators for Sustainable Development	May-June Magreb country	BLUE PLAN (UNEP-MEDU)	A. Hoballah*	to be issued by BP/RAC
Meeting of the Bureau (BUR/44)	8-9 June Rabat (Morocco)	UNEP-MEDU (MOROCCO)	L. Jeftic* I. Dharat*	to be issued by MEDU
Training Course on the management of marine and coastal protected areas	6-11 June Tunis	SPA/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	M. Saied	to be issued by SPA/RAC
Consultation Meeting on the formulation of MED POL-PHASE III	20-23 June Izmir (Turkey)	UNEP-MEDU (TURKEY)	L. Jeftic* F.S. Civili*	to be issued by MEDU
First Meeting of the Task Team on implications of climatic changes in the coastal region of Albania	June Tirana (tentative)	UNEP-MEDU	L. Jeftic*	to be issued by MEDU

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Inter-Agency Advisory Committee (IAAC) meeting	24-25 June Izmir (Turkey)	UNEP-MEDU (TURKEY)	L. Jeftic* F.S. Civili*	to be issued by MEDU
First Meeting of Focal Points for Environmental Remote Sensing	June Rome (tentative)	RAC/ERS (UNEP-MEDU)	M. Raimondi F.S. Civili*	to be issued by RAC/ERS
Regional training course on solid waste management	June Tel Aviv (tentative)	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	S. Tedeschi	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Regional Workshop on Guidelines for ICAM	June Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Expert Meeting on guidelines for carrying capacity assessment for tourism	June Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Regional Training Course on Oil Pollution	June	REMPEC (UNEP-MEDU)	J-C Sainlos	to be issued by REMPEC
Second Meeting of the Task Team on implications of climatic changes for Fuka-Matruh CAMP	June Alexandria (tentative)	UNEP-MEDU	L. Jeftic*	to be issued by MEDU
Specialized Regional Training Course on Oil Pollution Combating Techniques	June	REMPEC (UNEP-MEDU)	J-C Sainlos	to be issued by REMPEC
Meeting of the Steering Committee for the CAMP project for Fuka (Egypt)	June Cairo (tentative)	UNEP-MEDU (EGYPT)	I. Dharat*	to be issued by MEDU

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Workshop on monitoring network on mollusc culture	4-6 July France	PAP/RAC (IFREMER)	I. Katavic	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Training Course on the management of marine turtles' nesting beaches 1st Session	July Cyprus	SPA/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	M. Saied	to be issued by SPA/RAC
Training course on the study and protection of cetaceans	July	SPA/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	M. Saied	to be issued by SPA/RAC
National training course on the application of environmentally sound approach to planning and development of tourism activities	July Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Training Course on the management of marine turtles' nesting beaches 2nd Session	August Turkey	SPA/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	M. Saied	to be issued by SPA/RAC
Third Meeting of the Steering Committee for the Conference on "MED 21"	13-14 Sept. Tunis	TUNISIA (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Dharat*	to be issued by TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT
Meeting of Experts on the evaluation of the implementation of the Action Plan for the management of the Mediterranean Monk Seals	29-30 Sept.	SPA/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	M. Saied	to be issued by SPA/RAC

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Second Meeting of Mediterranean Experts for the preparation of a draft protocol on Hazardous Wastes	September (tentative)	(UNEP-MEDU)	I. Dharat	to be issued by MEDU
National training course on the application of EIA	September Tunis	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	A. Baric	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Workshop on determination of Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and other contaminants in sediments	September Lesvos island (tentative)	IAEA/IOC (UNEP-MEDU)	A. Wagener	to be issued by IAEA
Meeting of BP coordination and Synthesis Committee	September Sophia Antipolis	BLUE PLAN (UNEP-MEDU)	B. Glass	to be issued by BP/RAC
Meeting of REMPEC National Focal Points	September	REMPEC (UNEP-MEDU)	J.C. Sainlos F.S. Civili*	to be issued by REMPEC
Meeting of experts on airborne pollution	Sept/Oct Barcelona	WMO (UNEP-MEDU)	A. Soudine	to be issued by WMO
First Sub-regional workshop on monitoring of chemical contaminants using marine organisms	4-7 Oct. Lesvos island (tentative)	FAO (UNEP-MEDU)	G. Gabrielides*	to be issued by FAO
Expert Meeting on Offshore Protocol	10-11 Oct. Madrid	UNEP-MEDU (SPAIN)	L. Jettic* I. Dharat*	to be issued by MEDU
Conference of Plenipotentiaries on Offshore Protocol	13-14 Oct. Madrid	UNEP-MEDU (SPAIN)	L. Jettic* I. Dharat*	to be issued by MEDU

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Working group meeting on selection and protection of sites suitable for aquaculture	26-28 Oct. Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Katavic	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Second Preparatory Meeting of Mediterranean Experts on Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean	30-31 Oct. Tunis	TUNISIA (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Dharat*	to be issued by TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT
Training course on identification and quantification of algal toxins	October Bremen (Germany) (tentative)	IOC/WHO FAO/ STATE OF BREMEN	G. Kullenberg	to be issued by IOC
National training course on determination of microbiological pollution	October Athens	WHO (UNEP-MEDU)	L. Saliba	to be issued by WHO
GIS training course for national experts to be involved in MAP CAMPs	October Malta	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Seminar on systemic and prospective analysis for Egypt and Matruh region (CAMP Fuka)	October Cairo or Alexandria	BLUE PLAN (UNEP-MEDU)	A. Hoballah*	to be issued by BP/RAC
Second Sub-regional workshop on monitoring of chemical contaminants using marine organisms	October Rovinj (tentative)	FAO (UNEP-MEDU)	G. Gabrielides*	to be issued by FAO

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Training Course for on scene Commanders	October (tentative)	REMPEC (UNEP-MEDU)	J-C Sainlos	to be issued by REMPEC
Regional Training Course for Instructors	October (tentative)	REMPEC (UNEP-MEDU)	J-C Sainlos	to be issued by REMPEC
Conference on "Mediterranean 21"	1 November Tunis	TUNISIA (UNEP-MEDU)	L. Jettic* I. Dharat*	to be prepared by TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT
Meeting of the Bureau (BUR/45)	2-3 Nov. Tunis	UNEP-MEDU	L. Jettic* I. Dharat*	to be issued by MEDU
Experts Meeting for the revision of the Barcelona Convention and its related Protocols and MAP	14-18 Nov. Barcelona	UNEP-MEDU (SPAIN)	L. Jettic* I. Dharat*	to be issued by MEDU
Second Meeting of the Task Team on implications of climatic changes for Albanian coastal region	November Tirana (tentative)	UNEP-MEDU	L. Jettic*	to be issued by MEDU
Workshop on application of integrated approach to development and management of water resources	November Marseille	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	J. Margeta	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Evaluation of the LBS Survey	November (tentative)	WHO (UNEP-MEDU)	L. Saliba	to be issued by WHO
Third Sub-regional workshop on monitoring of chemical contaminants using marine organisms (in French)	November Rabat (tentative)	FAO (UNEP-MEDU)	G. Gabrielides	to be issued by FAO

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Third Meeting of the Task Team on implications of climatic changes for Fuka-Matruh region (CAMP Fuka)	December (tentative) Fuka	UNEP-MEDU	L. Jeftic*	to be issued by MEDU

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
	<u>1995</u>			
Joint Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Committee and the Socio-economic Committee	16-20 Jan. Athens	UNEP-MEDU	L. Jettic I. Dharat F.S. Civili	to be issued by MEDU
Third Meeting of the Task Team on implications of climatic changes for Albanian coastal region (CAMP Albania)	February (tentative) Tirana	UNEP-MEDU	L. Jettic*	to be issued by MEDU
GIS training course for national experts	March Cyprus	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Regional workshop on systemic and prospective methods and tools together with statistics and indicators for sustainable development	March/April Turkey	BLUE PLAN (UNEP-MEDU)	A. Hoballah*	to be issued by BP/RAC
National training course on application of environmental sound approach to planning and development of tourism	April Cairo	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic	to be issued by PAP/RAC
National training course on the application of EIA	April Tirana	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	A. Baric	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Seminar on Systemic and prospective methodologies and tools in the Mediterranean Basin	April/May Sophia Antipolis	BLUE PLAN (UNEP-MEDU)	A. Hoballah*	to be issued by BP/RAC

Meeting	Date, Place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets)	Responsible Officer	Report Status
Workshop on the selection and protection of sites suitable for aquaculture	May Iraklion (Greece)	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Katavic	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Regional training course on reuse of urban waste waters	May Spain or France	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	S. Tedeschi	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties-Conference of Plenipotentiaries for the revision of MAP instruments	5-10 June (tentative) Barcelona	UNEP-MEDU (SPAIN)	L. Jetic* I. Dharat* F.S. Civili*	to be issued by MEDU
Training course on the application of integrated approach to water resources management	September Cyprus or Greece (Rhodes)	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	J. Margeta	to be issued by PAP/RAC
National training course on the application of guidelines for ICAM	September Tel Aviv	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Workshop to present guidelines for monitoring of erosion processes	September Malaga	PAP/RAC (ICONA) (UNEP-MEDU)	I. Trumbic	to be issued by PAP/RAC
Meeting of BP Co-ordination and Synthesis Committee	September Sophia Antipolis	BLUE PLAN (UNEP-MEDU)	B. Glass	to be issued by BP/RAC

STATUS OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS OF THE CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA AGAINST POLLUTION AND ITS RELATED PROTOCOLS

Status as at 1 May 1994

Convention ^{1/}														Dumping ^{2/}		Emergency ^{3/}		Land-based Sources ^{4/}		Specially Protected Areas ^{5/}	
	Sign/re	Ratification	Sign/re	Ratification	Sign/re	Ratification	Sign/re	Ratification	Sign/re	Ratification	Sign/re	Ratification	Sign/re	Ratification							
Albania	-	30.5.90/AC	-	30.5.90/AC	-	30.5.90/AC	-	30.5.90/AC	-	30.5.90/AC	-	30.5.90/AC	-	30.5.90/AC							
Algeria	-	16.2.81/AC	-	16.3.81/AC	-	16.3.81/AC	-	16.3.81/AC	-	2.5.83/AC	-	16.5.85/AC	-	16.5.85/AC							
Bosnia & Herz/vina	-	12.10.93/AC	-	12.10.93/AC	-	12.10.93/AC	-	12.10.93/AC	-	12.10.93/AC	-	12.10.93/AC	-	12.10.93/AC							
Croatia	-	12.10.93/AC	-	12.10.93/AC	-	12.10.93/AC	-	12.10.93/AC	-	12.10.93/AC	-	12.10.93/AC	-	12.10.93/AC							
Cyprus	16.2.76	19.11.79	16.2.76	19.11.79	16.2.76	19.11.79	16.2.76	19.11.79	17.5.80	28.6.88/AC	-	28.6.88/AC	-	28.6.88/AC							
EEC	13.9.76	16.3.78/AP	13.9.76	16.3.78/AP	13.9.76	16.3.78/AP	13.9.76	12.8.81/AP	17.5.80	7.10.83/AP	30.3.83	30.6.84/AP	16.2.83	8.7.83							
Egypt	16.2.76	24.8.78/AP	16.2.76	24.8.78/AP	16.2.76	24.8.78/AC	-	18.5.83/AC	-	18.5.83/AC	16.2.83	8.7.83	16.2.83	8.7.83							
France	16.2.76	11.3.78/AP-R	16.2.76	11.3.78/AP-R	16.2.76	11.3.78/AP-R	17.5.80	13.7.82/AP-R	17.5.80	13.7.82/AP-R	3.4.82	2.9.86/AP-R	3.4.82	2.9.86/AP-R							
Greece	16.2.76	3.1.79	11.2.77	3.1.79	16.2.76	3.1.79	17.5.80	26.1.87	17.5.80	26.1.87	3.4.82	26.1.87	3.4.82	26.1.87							
Israel	16.2.76	3.3.78	16.2.76	1.3.84	16.2.76	3.3.78	17.5.80	21.2.91	17.5.80	21.2.91	3.4.82	28.10.87	3.4.82	28.10.87							
Italy	16.2.76	3.2.79	16.2.76	3.2.79	16.2.76	3.2.79	17.5.80	4.7.85	17.5.80	4.7.85	3.4.82	4.7.85	3.4.82	4.7.85							
Lebanon	16.2.76	8.11.77/AC	16.2.76	8.11.77/AC	16.2.76	8.11.77/AC	17.5.80	-	17.5.80	-	-	-	-	-							
Libya	31.1.77	31.1.79	31.1.77	31.1.79	31.1.77	31.1.79	17.5.80	6.6.89/AP	17.5.80	6.6.89/AP	-	6.6.89/AP	-	6.6.89/AP							
Malta	16.2.76	30.12.77	16.2.76	30.12.77	16.2.76	30.12.77	17.5.80	2.3.89	17.5.80	2.3.89	3.4.82	11.1.88	3.4.82	11.1.88							

Monaco	16.2.76	20.9.77	16.2.76	20.9.77	16.2.76	20.9.77	17.5.80	12.1.83	3.4.82	29.5.89/R
Morocco	16.2.76	15.1.80	16.2.76	15.1.80	16.2.76	15.1.80	17.5.80	9.2.87	2.4.83	22.6.90
Slovenia	-	15.3.94/AC	-	15.3.94/AC	-	15.3.94/AC	-	15.3.94/AC	-	15.3.94/AC
Spain	16.2.76	17.12.76	16.2.76	17.12.76	16.2.76	17.12.76	17.5.80	6.6.84	3.4.82	22.12.87
Syria	-	26.12.78/ AC-R	-	26.12.78/AC	-	26.12.78/AC	-	1.12.93/AC	-	-
Tunisia	25.5.76	30.7.77	25.5.76	30.7.77	25.5.76	30.7.77	17.5.80	29.10.81	3.4.82	26.5.83/R
Turkey	16.2.76	6.4.81	16.2.76	6.4.81	16.2.76	6.4.81	-	21.2.83/AC	-	6.11.86/AC-R
Yugoslavia	15.9.76	13.1.78	15.9.76	13.1.78	15.9.76	13.1.78	-	16.4.90	30.3.83	21.2.86

* Pending confirmation from the depositary state (Spain)

- 1/ Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution
Adopted (Barcelona): 16 February 1976
Entry into force: 12 February 1978
- 2/ The Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft
Adopted (Barcelona): 16 February 1976
Entry into force: 12 February 1978
- 3/ The Protocol concerning Co-operation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and other Harmful Substances in cases of Emergency
Adopted (Barcelona): 16 February 1976
Entry into force: 12 February 1978
- 4/ The Protocol for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-based Sources
Adopted (Athens): 17 May 1980
Entry into force: 17 June 1983
- 5/ The Protocol concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas
Adopted (Geneva): 3 April 1982
Entry into force: 23 March 1986

Accession: AC Approval: AP Reservation: R

ANNEX III

Status of contributions as at 30 April 1994

**REGIONAL TRUST FUND FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE
MEDITERRANEAN SEA AGAINST POLLUTION**
Status of Contributions as at 30 April 1994
(in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid pledges as at 31 Dec. 1993	Adjustments for prior years	Pledges for 1994	Collections during 1993 for 1994 and fut. years	Collections during 1994 for prior years	Collections in 1994 for 1994 and future years	Unpaid pledges for prior years	Unpaid pledges for 1994
Albania	2,695.00	0.00	2,830	0	0	0	2,695	2,830
Algeria	0.00	0.00	42,446	7,853	0	0	0	34,593
Bosnia Heregovina	0.00	0.00	12,128	0	0	0	0	12,128
Croatia	0.00	0.00	39,212	0	0	0	0	39,212
Cyprus	0.00	0.00	5,660	0	0	5,660	0	0
Egypt	0.00	0.00	19,808	0	0	0	0	19,808
France	0.00	0.00	1,534,937	0	0	1,534,937	0	0
Greece	0.00	0.00	113,594	0	0	0	0	113,594
Israel	0.00	0.00	59,425	0	0	59,425	0	0
Italy	2,291,801.00	0.00	1,268,132	0	0	0	2,291,801	1,268,132
Lebanon	2,695.00	0.00	2,830	0	2,695	2,830	0	0
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	257,283.00	0.00	79,637	0	0	0	257,283	79,637
Malta	0.00	0.00	2,830	0	0	2,830	0	0
Monaco	0.00	0.00	2,830	0	0	2,818	0	12
Morocco	0.00	0.00	11,319	0	0	0	0	11,319
Slovenia	0.00	0.00	27,085	0	0	0	0	27,085
Spain	577,115.00	0.00	605,971	0	577,115	0	0	605,971
Syrian Arab Republic	10,780.00	0.00	11,319	0	10,780	0	0	11,319
Tunisia	0.00	0.00	8,489	0	0	0	0	8,489
Turkey	0.00	0.00	90,956	0	0	90,956	0	0
Yugoslavia	469,975.40	0.00	0	0	0	0	469,975	0
European Economic Community pledge	96,250.00	0.00	101,063	0	0	0	96,250	101,063
Total	3,708,594.40	0.00	4,042,501	7,853	590,590	1,699,456	3,118,004	2,335,192
EEC Voluntary Contribution	573,798.00	0.00	568,984	0	0	0	573,798	568,984
Total	4,282,392.40	0.00	4,611,485	7,853	590,590	1,699,456	3,691,802	2,904,176

Total contributions during 1994 as at 30 April 1994 is USD 2,291,46.00

**TRUST FUND FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA
AGAINST POLLUTION
STATUS AS AT
12/31/93**

	US\$
<u>INCOME:</u>	
Balance available as at 01.01.1992	935,981
Contributions received in 1992/93	7,810,107
Interest accrued in 1992/93	246,044
A. TOTAL INCOME OF TRUST FUND AS AT 12/31/93	8,992,132
<u>COMMITMENTS:</u>	
1992/93 allocation issued by the Deputy Executive Director	8,582,992
<u>APPROVED COMMITMENTS:</u>	
Approved commitments for 1992/93	7,532,983
Approved provisions for programme support costs for 1992/93	979,288
B. TOTAL APPROVED 1992/93 COMMITMENTS/PROVISIONS	8,512,271
C. BALANCE AVAILABLE (A-B)	479,862
<u>PROPOSED COMMITMENTS:</u>	
Proposed commitments for 1993/94	116,000
Proposed provisions for programme support costs for 1993/94	15,080
D. TOTAL PROPOSED COMMITMENTS/PROVISIONS AS AT 12/31/93	131,080
E. TOTAL APPROVED/PROPOSED COMMITMENTS/PROVISIONS (B+D)	8,643,351
F. SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) OF TRUST FUND (A-E)	348,782

**TRUST FUND FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA
AGAINST POLLUTION
STATUS AS AT
30/04/94**

	US\$
<u>INCOME:</u>	
Balance available as at 01.01.1994	818,759
Contributions received in 1994/95	2,292,876
Interest accrued in 1994/95	10,397
A. TOTAL INCOME OF TRUST FUND AS AT 30/04/94	3,122,032
<u>COMMITMENTS:</u>	
1994/95 allocation issued by the Executive Director	2,569,345
<u>APPROVED COMMITMENTS:</u>	
Approved commitments for 1994/95	207,100
Approved provisions for programme support costs for 1994/95	26,923
B. TOTAL APPROVED 1994/95 COMMITMENTS/PROVISIONS	234,023
C. BALANCE AVAILABLE (A-B)	2,888,009
<u>PROPOSED COMMITMENTS:</u>	
Proposed commitments for 1994/95	0
Proposed provisions for programme support costs for 1994/95	0
D. TOTAL PROPOSED COMMITMENTS/PROVISIONS AS AT 30/04/94	0
E. TOTAL APPROVED/PROPOSED COMMITMENTS/PROVISIONS (B+D)	234,023
F. SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) OF TRUST FUND (A-E)	2,888,010

Attachment 1

Letter from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs relative
to the Second Meeting on Hazardous Wastes



*Il Sottosegretario di Stato
per gli Affari Esteri*

Roma, 11 aprile 1994

UNEP CO-ORDINATING UNIT MEDITERRANEAN
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FROM (b)
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H. Wates
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Mr. L. Jeffle
Officer in charge
UNEP/MAP
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e p.c. Dr. S. Illuminato
Presidente della
"Facoltà dell'Arte e della
Scienza" (FAS)
ROMA

Faccio seguito alla precorsa corrispondenza intrattenuta con Voi e con la FAS "La Facoltà dell'Arte e della Scienza" - riguardante la futura realizzazione in Italia del II° *Meeting of Mediterranean Experts on the draft Protocol of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes for the Mediterranean Region* -, ed, in particolare, alle richieste avanzate di porre sotto l'egida di questo Ministero la manifestazione organizzata dalla sopra menzionata Organizzazione non governativa.

A tal proposito Vi informo che con nota telegrafica del 23 marzo scorso n. 9013 è stata data comunicazione al dr. Illuminato, presidente della FAS, che le richieste hanno trovato accoglimento e ottenuto così la concessione del patrocinio del Ministero degli Affari Esteri.

L'occasione è gradita per augurare il buon proseguimento di lavoro e per inviare cordiali saluti.

Laura Finato

- On. Laura Finato -

Informal translation

I refer to the previous correspondence with you and with F.A.S. on the subject of the convening in Italy of the *"II Meeting of Mediterranean Experts on the draft Protocol of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes for the Mediterranean Region"*, and in particular to the request to put the Meeting organized by the above-mentioned NGO under the aegis of this Ministry.

In this connection I wish to inform you that with telex no. 9013 dated 23 March 1994 Dr Illuminato has been informed that his requests have been accepted and that he has obtained the patronage from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Best wishes for the successful continuation of your work and best regards.

H.E. Laura Fincato
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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MESSAGE:

Subject: Meeting of Mediterranean Experts on the draft Protocol on Hazardous Wastes
for the Mediterranean region

It gives me pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your fax of 14 January 1994, concerning the support of your Government to the Italian NGO "La Facoltà dell'Arte et della Scienza" which is going to host the above mentioned meeting of experts in Rome next April 1994. In this connection, I would like to inform you that this issue was discussed during the last meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention held in Ankara, Turkey, on 2-3 February 1994. Members of the Bureau are: Turkey (President), Morocco, France, Spain, Tunisia (Vice-Presidents) and Lebanon (Rapporteur).

After a general exchange of views on this issue, the Bureau agreed on the following decision:

"The proposal to accept the offer of an Italian NGO to host the Second Meeting of Experts on Hazardous Wastes was questioned. It was agreed that the Secretariat should approach the Italian Government with the suggestion that the meeting of experts should be convened under the aegis of the Government of Italy, with the eventual collaboration with the Italian NGO in question".

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Taking into consideration the above mentioned decision of the Bureau, and in the event that your Government is ready to convene this meeting under its aegis, I would appreciate receiving as early as possible a confirmation from your side to that effect.

In case we receive your positive answer, invitations as well as a provisional agenda and other documentation will be sent from this office to the Contracting Parties. As regards the financial assistance from your Government, we expect that it will be according to what has been previously discussed.

Attachment 2

Memorandum of Understanding between
the Ministry of Environment of Tunisia and MAP



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Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding is concluded between the United Nations Environment Programme, Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan, Athens, Greece (hereinafter referred to as UNEP/MEDU) and the Ministry of Environment of the Government of Tunisia ((hereinafter referred to as the Ministry of Environment), Centre Urbain Nord, Immeuble I.C.F., Ariana, Tunis, Tunisia, regarding the activity "Preparation of an Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean and the covering of a meetings of experts and a conference in Tunis, for this purpose.

- 1-The meetings are being held on the initiative of the Tunisian Government as a follow-up to the UNCED Conference and the decision taken by the Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Antalya, 11-15 October 1993) and the meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties (Ankara, 2 - 3 February 1994), that a meeting of experts and a Conference "Mediterranean 21" be convened during 1994, in Tunis, to review and prepare an Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean region.
- 2-UNEP/MEDU shall pay the Ministry of Environment a sum not exceeding US\$ 20,000 , subject to availability of funds in the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF). A cash advance of US\$ 17,000 will be paid upon signature of this Memorandum of Understanding (subject to availability of Funds in the MTF). The balance of US\$ 3,000 will be paid upon submission of an expenditure statement.
- 3-The sum payable under this agreement will partially cover the cost of the following issues :
 - translation of the study into English, French and Arabic, to be prepared by two consultants (North-South of the Mediterranean);

- interpretation costs (2, Arabic, 2 English, 2 French) to be recruited locally;
 - costs of travel of some representatives from southern Mediterranean countries selected in cooperation with UNEP/MAP.
4. All correspondence regarding substantive, administrative, financial and technical matters between the Ministry of Environment and UNEP/MEDU should be addressed to:

The Coordinator
UNEP Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan
P.O. Box 18019
Leof. Vassileos Konstantinou 48
116 10 Athens
Greece

5. The Ministry of Environment shall indemnify, hold and save harmless and defend at its own expense UNEP, its officers, agents and employees from and against all suits, claims, demands and liability of any nature or kind, including cost or expenses, arising out of acts or omissions of the Ministry of Environment or its employees in the performance of the terms of this Memorandum.
6. The Ministry of Environment shall be considered as having the legal status of an independent contractor. Agents or employees of the contractor shall not be considered in any respect as being officials or staff members of UNEP.
7. The Ministry of Environment shall refrain from any action which may adversely affect UNEP or the United Nations and shall fulfill its commitments with fullest regard for the interest of the United Nations.
8. UNEP has no liability for any risks to the Ministry of Environment or its personnel arising as a result of the work carried out under this agreement, whether it is undertaken on the premises of UNEP or elsewhere.
9. Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Memorandum shall, if attempted at settlement by negotiation have failed, be submitted to arbitration in New York by a single arbitrator agreed upon by both parties. Should the parties be unable to agree on a single arbitrator within thirty days of their request of arbitration, then each party shall proceed to appoint one arbitrator and the two arbitrators thus appointed shall agree on a third. Failing such agreement, either party may request the appointment of a third arbitrator by the President of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal. The arbitrator shall rule on the costs which may be divided between the parties. The decision rendered in the arbitration shall constitute the final adjudication of the dispute.

10. I have the honour to propose that the present Memorandum of Understanding, signed in the places indicated by both parties, should constitute between UNEP/MEDU and the Ministry of Environment an Agreement that shall remain in force for a period of 8 months from the date of the signature.

For the Government of Tunisia
Ministry of Environment

For the United Nations Environment Programme
Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean
Action Plan

Amal Benzarti
Director, International Relations

Ibrahim Dharat
Senior Programme Officer

Date: 5th April 1994

Date: 25 April 1994

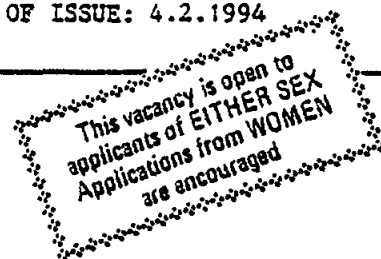
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Directeur de la Coopération
Internationale

I. DHARAT

Attachment 3

Vacancy Announcement No: WHO-94/6 and
letter addressed to MAP Focal Points



FUNCTIONAL TITLE : Senior Scientist
GRADE : P.5
OFFICIAL STATION (COUNTRY) : Athens, Greece
ORGANIZATIONAL LOCATION/UNIT : Regional Office for Europe (EURO)
Environment and Health
Mediterranean Action Plan

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME:

The overall objectives of the Long-Term Programme of Pollution Monitoring and Research in the Mediterranean Sea (MED POL Phase II) include the provision of technical advice and assistance to countries to enhance their capabilities for marine pollution prevention and control, and to evaluate the state of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea on a continuous basis.

FUNCTIONS OF THE INCUMBENT:

The incumbent plans, implements and evaluates the health-related components of the MED POL programme assigned to WHO, including the development of national monitoring programmes for coastal recreational and shellfish waters; surveys and monitors the pollution sources; organizes research to fill identified gaps in knowledge, and prepares waste management guidelines and other guidelines.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

EDUCATION AND SKILLS: Ph.D. in biological or chemical sciences or in environment engineering. Postgraduate training in marine pollution and environmental management. Broad scientific background desirable. Good knowledge of health-related aspects of marine pollution control. Ability to work within the framework of an international agency programme, and with national institutions.

EXPERIENCE: Extensive research experience and several years' organizational experience at the national level. Some years' participation at international meetings and inter-country programmes. Some experience of MED POL activities would be an advantage. Experience in working with people of different nationalities would be an asset.

LANGUAGES: Excellent knowledge of English and good working knowledge of French. Some knowledge of other Mediterranean language(s) desirable.

ANNUAL SALARY (net of tax): . US\$ 51 466 at single rate and US\$ 55 530 with primary dependants. Post adjustment: at present 13.6% of the above figures. This percentage is to be considered as indicative since variations may occur each month either upwards or downwards.

PLEASE TRANSMIT YOUR APPLICATIONS IN TWO COPIES QUOTING VACANCY NOTICE NUMBER

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 21 MARCH 1994

EXTERNAL APPLICANTS WILL BE CONTACTED ONLY IF THEY ARE UNDER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION

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- NOTE. (1) Staff members at Headquarters and Regional Offices should apply to their Personnel Office. Project staff of WHO should notify the Personnel Officer of their Regional Office by cable or airmail. Applicants from the UN or specialized agencies should apply through the Personnel Office of their Organization, and attach a completed personal history form. All other applicants should apply to the Personnel Office, World Health Organization, Geneva.
- (2) Appointments to the staff of WHO are usually for a two-year period initially. Normally, staff members will not be promoted during a probationary period of service.
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March 2, 1994

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a vacancy notice from WHO for the position of the Senior Scientist in the Coordinating Unit of the Mediterranean Action Plan, Athens, Greece.

This position will be vacant as of 31 May 1994 due to the retirement of Dr. L. Saliba.

Kindly distribute the enclosed vacancy notice to institutions or individuals who may have an interest in this position.

Yours sincerely,

L. Jetic
Deputy Co-ordinator
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