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1. Introduction

Activities envisaged by this project had started before the project document was signed, that is before 29 May 1982.

At the Review Meeting of Priority Actions Programme, which was held in Geneva in November 1981, and which was attended by representatives of UNEP's Co-ordinating Unit for MAP, Yugoslav Government and PAP/RAC, a new approach to the implementation of PAP was agreed upon. In its letter of 27 November 1981, PAP/RAC informed about that all PAP Focal Points pointing out that the new approach should be based on existing national, bilateral, multilateral and international projects, which could, with additional external financial support, serve to interested Mediterranean countries as demonstration and training sites. Their results, when processed, would then be transferred to interested countries of the Region through various seminars, workshops, reports, etc.

However, the use of existing knowledge and results requires a better exchange of information between the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.

The new concept of PAP, therefore, underlines the engagement of national institutions which have been carrying out PAP-related projects, but as much requires a greater involvement of PAP National Focal Points in the compilation of data on these projects as well as in the distribution of other relevant information.

2. Purpose of the Project

The purpose of this project is to compile, sort out and systematize available data on completed, on-going and planned national, bilateral,

multilateral and international projects in the fields of renewable sources of energy, aquaculture and human settlements in Mediterranean coastal countries, as well as data about institutions and experts dealing in the Mediterranean with the problems of renewable sources of energy and aquaculture, with a view to appraising the possibility of using some of these projects as the basis for developing priority actions in the indicated fields. Data on institutions and experts to be compiled through this project could enable a selection of institutions and experts for involvement in priority actions in subsequent phases.

3. Compendium of Projects

PAP/RAC prepared the lists of national and regional projects in the PAP-related fields /human settlements, tourism, water resources management, soil protection, aquaculture, renewable sources of energy/ and sent them on 15 January 1982 to all PAP Focal Points, with the request to complete the lists with the projects which they deemed important, and which were accomplished or on-going in their respective countries. After the repeated request, several countries of the Region responded and returned to PAP/RAC the supplemented lists, which have been added to the documents prepared for the Meeting /as FPM.1/INF.15/.

4. Directories

Establishing a successful and efficient co-operation between Mediterranean Coastal States on the activities of integrated planning and management of Mediterranean resources in the frame of the Mediterranean Action Plan calls, among other things, for a survey of staff and institutional potential in Mediterranean countries. That is why a directory of national institutions and a directory of Mediterranean experts are about to be prepared in the six PAP fields of activity.

On 16 April 1982, PAP/RAC sent the questionnaires /in English and French/ for Directory of national experts and for Directory of national institutions to all PAP Focal Points, asking them to forward the questionnaires to their institutions and experts involved in the three PAP fields of activity /renewable sources of energy, aquaculture, water resources management/. Having received only several filled-in questionnaires,

PAP/RAC repeated the request and until now has been responded to by only half out of 18 Mediterranean countries, which is rather unsatisfactory. Additional effort will be needed to have this sped up, so that the first draft of both Directories be prepared by Spring 1983.

5. PAP/RAC Bulletin

At the beginning of 1982 PAP/RAC started publishing its bulletin in English and French. It is ment to provide information on the development of various PAP projects, as well as on all other activities that may be of interest to Mediterranean countries. The Bulletin is sent to about 200 addresses in all Mediterranean countries, Parties to the Barcelona Convention. Six numbers of the bulletin have been issued by now. PAP/RAC has hoped to establish a closer co-operation with Mediterranean countries through the bulletin, and has expected their reaction to it /namely, suggestions, comments, articles,etc./, but there has been none so far.