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## **MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN**

Meeting of MAP National Focal Points

Athens (Greece), 15-18 September 2003

## **ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

## INTRODUCTION

The Twelfth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Monaco, November 2001) decided to convene the Meeting of the National Focal Points in Athens, from 15 to 18 September 2003. The objectives of the meeting are to consider the progress in implementing the programme of work of MAP and finalize the 2004-2005 programme budget and recommendations

The following annotations to the proposed agenda for the present 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 hrs on Monday, 15 September 2003 at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 50 Michalakopoulou Avenue, Athens, by the Coordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP). All MAP Focal Points have been invited to attend or to designate representatives. Representatives of relevant International Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations have been invited to attend the meeting as observers.

### **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 protocols will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

### **Agenda item 3: Election of officers**

In accordance with the amended Rule 20 of the Rules of procedure, the meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a President, four Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

### **Agenda item 4: Adoption of the Agenda and organization of work**

The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat and appearing in document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.228/1 and annotated in the present document, will be proposed for adoption by the meeting.

The Provisional Agenda was prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, and the Directors of the Regional Activity Centres. If necessary *Ad hoc* discussion groups or drafting sub-committees may be formed by the meeting, in consultation with the Secretariat. The meeting will review and adopt the proposed timetable appearing in the Annex I to the present document.

Simultaneous English-French interpretation will be available for all sessions.

### **Agenda items 5 and 6: Report of the Coordinator on the activities carried out during the 2002-2003 biennium and financial implementation**

The Coordinator will give a general introduction of document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.228/3 "Report by the Coordinator on the activities carried out during the 2002-2003 biennium" and document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.228/Inf.4 Financial Implementation. A panorama of the main actions and activities under the framework of MAP would be

presented in view of implementation of the recommendations of the 12<sup>th</sup> CP meeting in Monaco, 2001 and obligations arisen from the Convention and protocols.

**Agenda item 7**                                      **Report of the Coordinator on the activities carried out during the 2000-2001 biennium and Recommendations and Programme Budget for 2004-2005 biennium**

The Coordinator will give a general introduction of document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.228/4 "Report by the Coordinator on programme budget and recommendations for 2004-2005 biennium". The meeting is expected to concentrate its work on the recommendations and the budget and take the necessary decisions on the various sub-agenda items and their relevant recommendations and budget. The meeting is invited to refer at the respective working documents for the overall background and relevant set of recommendations.

The meeting is invited to pay a particular attention to the following issues

1. Efforts and measures to be taken by the parties in view of speeding up the entry into force of the revised and new legal instruments.
2. Ways and means in view of activating the process of ratification of the Offshore and Hazardous waste protocols.
3. Options for a legal instrument on integrated coastal area management (ICAM)
4. Findings and recommendations drawn from the reporting exercise with a particular attention to initiate the implementation of the article 26 of the Barcelona Convention and need to starting working for the establishment of a mechanism to monitor and promote compliance and implementation.
5. Recommendations drawn from the process of MAP and RACs evaluation with a special focus on their follow up.
6. Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development; preparatory process for the Mediterranean strategy for sustainable development and MCSD prospects.
7. Platform of the cooperation with EU and other regional initiatives
8. Preparations for a MEDPOL phase IV, implementation of the LBS Protocol and the Strategic Action Programme (SAP), the transboundary diagnostic assessment,
9. Strategy for the implementation of the Prevention and Emergency Protocol,
10. Ministerial Declaration for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution from ships.
11. Sustainable development and enterprise, a new role for CP / RAC
12. Consideration of the Strategic Action Plan for the conservation of biological diversity in the Mediterranean region (SAP BIO) together with three new specialized plans in view to implementing the SPA protocol
13. Proposal to elaborate a strategic review on the future of MAP activities in the field of coastal area management programme (CAMP) and integrated coastal area management (ICAM)"
14. The environment and development report, and future on thematic and indicator activities
15. The meeting is expected to review and finalise the programme budget for the next biennium.

**Agenda item 8:**                                      **Draft agenda for the XIII<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Contracting Parties (Catania (Italy), 2003)**

The meeting is expected to review and finalise a provisional agenda for the XIII<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Contracting Parties (Catania, 2003).

**Agenda item 9:                      Other business**

Other issues relevant to the Mediterranean Action Plan, which might be brought to the attention of the meeting, when adopting the agenda under item 4 by the participants or by the Secretariat, will be discussed under this agenda item.

**Agenda item 10:                      Adoption of the Report of the meeting**

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

**Closure of the Meeting**

The meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairman at 18.00 hrs on Thursday, 18 September 2003.

## ANNEX I

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

| DATE                             | PLENARY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2003</b>  | <p>10.00 – 11.00 a.m.</p> <p>Agenda item 1: Opening</p> <p>Agenda item 2: Rules of procedure</p> <p>Agenda item 3: Election of officers</p> <p>Agenda item 4: Adoption of the agenda</p>                                                                                       |
| <b>Coffee Break</b>              | <p>11.00 – 11.30 a.m.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                  | <p>11.30 – 13.00 p.m.</p> <p>Agenda item 5:</p> <p>5A Coordination</p> <p>5A.1: Legal framework</p> <p>5A.2: Institutional Framework</p> <p>5A.3: MCSD</p> <p>5A.4: Cooperation with UN Agencies, IGOs NGOs</p> <p>5A.5: Information</p> <p>5A.6: Meetings and Conferences</p> |
| <b>Lunch Break</b>               | <p>13.00 – 14.30 p.m.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                  | <p>14.30 – 16.00 p.m.</p> <p>Agenda item 5 (continued):</p> <p>5.A.7 Financial issues</p> <p>Agenda item 6 A. Financial implementation</p>                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Coffee Break</b>              | <p>16.00 – 16.30 p.m.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                  | <p>16.30 – 18.00 p.m.</p> <p>Agenda item 5 (continued)</p> <p>5B Components</p> <p>5B.1: Pollution prevention and control</p> <p>5B.2: Conservation of Biological Diversity</p>                                                                                                |
| <b>TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2003</b> | <p>09.30 – 11.00 a.m.</p> <p>Agenda item 5 (continued)</p> <p>5B.3: Sustainable Management of Coastal Zones</p> <p>5B.4: Integrating Environment and Development</p>                                                                                                           |
| <b>Coffee Break</b>              | <p>11.00 – 11.30 a.m.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

11.30 – 13.00 p.m.

**Agenda item 7A Coordination**

Agenda item 7A 1: Legal framework

Agenda item 7A.2: Institutional Framework

**Lunch Break**

13.00 – 14.30 p.m.

14.30 – 16.00 p.m.

Agenda item 7A.3: MCSD

Agenda item 7A.4: Information

Agenda item 7A.5: Cooperation with, EU, UN  
Agencies and IGOs

**Coffee Break**

16.00 – 16.30 p.m.

16.30 – 18.00 p.m.

**Agenda item 7B: Components**

Agenda item 7B.1: Pollution prevention and  
control

**WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2003**

09.00 – 11.00 a.m.

Agenda item 7B1 (continued)

Agenda item 7B.2: Conservation of Biological  
Diversity

**Coffee Break**

11.00 – 11.30 a.m.

11.30 – 13.00 p.m.

Agenda item 7B2 (continued)

Agenda item 7B.3: Sustainable Management  
of Coastal Zones

Agenda item 7B.4: Integrating Environment  
and Development

**Lunch Break**

13.00 – 14.30 p.m.

14.30 – 16.00 p.m.

Agenda item 7.C: Programme and Budget  
for the biennium 2004-  
2005

**Coffee Break**

16.00 – 16.30 p.m.

16.30 – 18.00 p.m.

Agenda item 8: Review of the draft for the  
XIII<sup>th</sup> meeting of the  
Contracting Parties(Catania,  
2003)

Agenda item 9: Any other business

**THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2003**

No session in the morning  
(The Secretariat will prepare the report  
of the meeting)

17.00 – 18.00 p.m.

Agenda item 10: Adoption of the report

Agenda item 11: Closure of the meeting