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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

The Protocol for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution from land-based sources adopted at Athens on 17 May 1980, entered into force on 17 June 1983. At present nine Parties to the Barcelona Convention have ratified the Protocol (Algeria, Egypt, France, Italy, Monaco, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey and the EEC) and several other states have indicated that their instruments of acceptance, approval, or accession will be deposited with the Depositary in the near future.

The Parties agreed to "elaborate and implement, jointly or individually, as appropriate, necessary (suitable) programmes and measures" in order to "eliminate pollution of the Protocol Area from land-based sources by substances listed in annex I" of the Protocol (Article 5) and "to strictly limit pollution from land-based sources in the Protocol Area by substances or sources listed in annex II" of the Protocol (Article 6).

The Parties also agreed to "progressively formulate and adopt, in co-operation with the competent international organisations, common guidelines and, as appropriate, standards or criteria" (Article 7) necessary for the effective implementation of the Protocol.

In order to facilitate the formulation and progressive adoption of programmes, measures, guidelines, standards and criteria referred to above, the third meeting of Contracting Parties (Dubrovnik, 28 February - 4 March 1983) decided that the Secretariat should convene this meeting of experts on the technical implementation of the Protocol.(UNEP/IG.43/6, para. 87)

The following annotations to the provisional agenda for the Meeting have been prepared by the secretariat to assist the meeting's deliberations.

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting will be opened at 10:00 hours on Monday, 9 December 1985, in the Conference Room of the Co-ordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan, Athens, by the representative(s) of the Executive Director of UNEP. All Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its Related Protocols have been invited to nominate representatives to attend the Meeting. Representatives of FAO, UNESCO, IOC, UNIDO, EEC, WHO, WMO, IAEA and IMO have also been invited to attend the Meeting.

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 (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex VI) will apply, *mutatis mutandis* for the Meeting.

Agenda item 3. Election of Officers

The Meeting will be invited to elect a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

Agenda item 4. Adoption of the Agenda

The Provisional Agenda, as proposed in document UNEP/WG.125/1, and elaborated in UNEP/WG.125/2 (this document) will be proposed for adoption by the Meeting.

Agenda item 5. Organization of work

It is proposed that the Meeting works only in plenary sessions, with the exception of any ad hoc working or drafting groups which may be formed in connection with any specific issue. Simultaneous English-French interpretation will be available for the plenary sessions of the Meeting, and the Meeting's documentation will be available in these two languages.

Agenda item 6 General principles for progressive implementation of the Protocol

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/WG.125/3, prepared in collaboration with the relevant international organisations. The document will contain proposals for the general principles for progressive implementation of the Protocol, including proposals for the mechanisms which may be used for the elaboration of the programmes, measures, guidelines, standards and criteria required by the Protocol. The meeting will be invited to examine the contents of the document and to advise the Secretariat on the suitability of the proposed general principles and mechanisms. Document UNEP/WG.125/Inf.3 will be at the disposal of the meeting for background information.

Agenda item 7. Programmes and measures for the elimination of pollution from land-based sources by substances listed in annex I (Article 5).

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/WG. 125/4 prepared in collaboration with the relevant international organisations and containing proposals for the elaboration and implementation of necessary programmes and measures for the elimination of pollution from land-based sources by substances listed in annex I, required according to Article 5 of the Protocol. The meeting will be invited to examine the contents of the document and to advise the Secretariat on the suitability of the proposed programmes and measures as well as on the mechanisms and timetable proposed for their elaboration and implementation. In examining the document the meeting will be invited to take into account also document UNEP/WG.125/Inf.4.

Agenda item 8. Programmes and measures for limiting pollution from land-based sources by substances or sources listed in annex II (Article 6)

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/WG.125/5 prepared in collaboration with the relevant international organisations and containing proposals for the elaboration and implementation of suitable programmes and measures for limiting pollution from land-based sources by substances or sources listed in annex II, required according to Article 6 of the Protocol. The meeting will be invited to examine the contents of the document and to advise the Secretariat on the suitability of the proposed programmes and measures as well as on the mechanisms and timetable proposed for their implementation. In examining the document the meeting will be invited to take into account also documents UNEP/WG.125/Inf.4 and UNEP/WG.125/Inf.5.

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Agenda item 10 MED POL monitoring and research activities relevant to the Protocol (Article 8 and 9)

An oral presentation on results of monitoring and research activities obtained to date will be made by the secretariat and documents UNEP/WG.118/3, UNEP/WG.118/4 and UNEP/WG.118/9 will be available to the meeting as reference documents containing information on the latest developments in MED POL. The Meeting will be invited to take note of the fact that research activities 'B', 'C' and 'E', which are directly related to the implementation of the Protocol, have been held in abeyance pending the results of the present Meeting. The Meeting will be invited to make recommendations regarding monitoring and research requirements relevant to the Protocol, in addition to those already specified under other Agenda items.

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