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Corrigendum

Annex I and Annex II

This Corrigendum presents changes introduced by the UNEP Headquarters on the MOUs with CEDARE and MedCities, presented in Annexes I and II respectively. The new or amended text is highlighted in **green**, while a **strikethrough** is used for the deleted parts of the text.

Annex III and Note by the Secretariat

The Corrigendum also includes an editorial change in the Note by the Secretariat under “b) MAP Partners”, Paragraph 8, and in Annex III, pages 31 and 32, under section B, Paragraphs 6 and 7. The new amended text is highlighted in **green**, while a **strikethrough** is used for the deleted part of the text. Annex III has been corrected in the French version of UNEP/MED WG.620/5.

Annex I

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UNEP/MAP and the Center for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE):

The words (UNEP /MAP) and CEDARE replaced wherever they existed in this MOU by the following words (The Parties)

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WHEREAS the United Nations Environment Programme (hereinafter referred to as “UNEP”) is the leading organization within the United Nations system in the field of environment and has as a major area of focus of its global mandate, the conservation, protection, enhancement and support of nature and natural resources, including biological diversity, worldwide; global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment;

Page 7, Article 3: ~~having regard to the respective mandates of the Parties, t~~ The purpose of this MOU is to provide a framework of cooperation and understanding,

Page 8, Article 4, Paragraph 1: The following paragraph has been moved from article 5 (last paragraph) to article 4.1, as new sub-paragraph “k”, and subsequently removed from article 5: k. Within the scope of the Parties’ respective regulatory framework, the Parties may consider the possibility of joint missions and the hosting of joint training activities and information sessions.

Page 9, Article 4, Paragraph 4: The paragraph has been adjusted as follows: Within the scope of the Parties’ respective regulatory framework and, within the remit of their respective mandates, the Parties shall collaborate for the implementation of the activities undertaken pursuant to this MoU.

Page 9, Article 5, Paragraph 1.b: The paragraph has been adjusted as follows: b. Review progress of collaboration and related work undertaken by the Parties in the priority areas of cooperation mentioned in Article 4 above.

Page 9, Article 5, Paragraph 2: The paragraph has been adjusted as follows: In implementing activities, projects and programmes in the agreed priority areas, the Parties shall execute a separate legal instrument appropriate for the implementation of such initiatives in accordance with Article 1.2 above. In identifying the areas of cooperation under this MoU, due regard shall be given to CEDARE’s geographic coverage; capacity for implementation and experience in the related field”.

Page 10, Article 6, paragraph 1, the following text has been deleted: ~~While confirming their strong willingness to cooperate and to the extent, possibly create synergies in the implementation of their respective activities,~~

Page 10, Article 9, paragraph 1, the following text has been deleted: ~~or for use in any manner that suggests an endorsement by UNEP/MAP of CEDARE products, business practices, or services.~~

Page 12, Article 15: The following phrase has been added to the end of paragraph (3): under this MOU or legal instrument executed pursuant to this MOU.

Annex II

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UNEP/MAP and MedCities

The words (UNEP/MAP) and MedCities replaced wherever they existed in this MOU by the following words
(The Parties)

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The second, third and fourth preambular paragraphs have been adjusted as follows:

WHEREAS the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) provides the Secretariat of the Barcelona Convention and the Mediterranean Action Plan (hereinafter referred to as “UNEP/MAP”), which was established under the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, adopted in 1976 and amended in 1995;

WHEREAS UNEP/MAP is mandated to assist the Contracting Parties in the implementation of the Convention and its seven Protocols, with the objective of assessing and controlling marine pollution; ensuring the sustainable management of marine and coastal natural resources; addressing challenges related to the prevention and reduction of pollution from land-based sources, ships, dumping, offshore installations, and the movement of hazardous substances; protecting biodiversity; and promoting the integrated management of coastal zones;

WHEREAS UNEP/MAP is also mandated to support the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP), initially adopted in 1975 and revised in 1995 as MAP II, through a regional governance framework which includes the Secretariat, a consolidated system of national focal points, and six Regional Activity Centers, all of which facilitate the implementation of the Protocols to the Barcelona Convention and the decisions adopted by the Meetings of the Contracting Parties;

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The paragraph regarding the “main aims and objectives” mentioned in the preamble has been deleted, as follows:

~~The main aims and objectives of the network as for its statutes are as follows:~~

- ~~1) To develop awareness of interdependence and common responsibility in regard to sustainable development, environmental preservation and social cohesion in the Mediterranean basin.~~
- ~~2) To reinforce the role, competences and resources (institutional, financial and technical) of local administrations in the adoption and implementation of sustainable local development policies.~~
- ~~3) To develop citizens’ awareness and involvement in the sustainable development of their towns and cities.~~
- ~~4) To set in motion and develop policies for direct cooperation and partnership between partners and with other associations.~~

Page 16, Article 3, Paragraph 2. c. has been deleted as follows: ~~e. MedCities should maintain an active presence in the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention bodies, adhering to their established rules and procedures.~~

Page 16, Article 4, Paragraph 2: last sentence has been adjusted as follows: *All could be strengthened through the cooperation of the Parties and in accordance with each Party’s respective regulatory framework*

Page 16, Article 4, Paragraph 2.c., has been adjusted as follows: *Exchange information on regional and global policy developments and initiatives relevant to the local authorities and their role as cross-cutting actors in promoting and implementing sustainable development, green transition and climate resilience actions.*

Page 17, Article 5, Paragraph 4, has been adjusted as follows: *Each Party undertakes to share knowledge and*

information in its area of operations and expertise relevant to the MOU with the other Party, and invite, where appropriate, the other party to events with external participation at which policy matters related to the aims of this MoU shall be discussed.

Page 17, Article 6, Paragraph 1, the first sentence was deleted as follows: “~~While confirming their strong willingness to cooperate and to the extent possible create synergies in the implementation of their respective activities~~”

Page 18, Article 12, Paragraph 3, has been deleted as follows: ~~3. The same responsibility clause applies to UNEP/MAP towards MedCities organization and its personnel and representatives~~

Page 19, Article 15: The number of months regarding the termination was changed to **(2)** instead of ~~(6)~~.

Annex III and Note by the Secretariat

In the **Note by the Secretariat, under c) Updated Constitutive Documents of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD), Paragraph 8:** correct text is **(in its Annex V)** instead of ~~(in its Annex VI)~~

In **Annex III, Page 31, B., Paragraph 6:** correct text is **(in its Annex V)** instead of ~~(in its Annex VI)~~

In **Annex III, Page 32, B. Paragraph 7, sub-paragraph I:** correct text is **(in its Annex V)** instead of ~~(in its Annex VI)~~