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Thirteenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties
to the Convention for the Protection of the
Mediterranean Sea against Pollution

Catania (Italy), 11-14 November 2003

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Introduction

The 12th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (Monaco, 14-17 November 2001) accepted the offer of the Government of Italy to host the 13th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in Catania (Italy) from 11 to 14 November 2003.

The following annotations to the proposed agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations. The opening session will be preceded, as per usual practice by an informal meeting among the heads of delegations at 09.00 hrs.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

As requested by the Rules of Procedure of meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties, the meeting will be opened by the President elected by the 12th Ordinary Meeting, S.E. M. Bernard Fautrier, at 10.00 hrs on Tuesday 11 November 2003 at the "Ex Monastero dei Benedettini", Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia, Università degli Studi di Catania, Piazza Dante 32, Catania Tel : +39-095-7102111. It is expected that the Italian authorities and the Executive Director of UNEP, Dr Klaus Töpfer, or his representative will also address the Participants.

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, as amended (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) will apply to this meeting.

Agenda item 3: Election of Bureau

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, as amended, the meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a President, four Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. It is recalled that "*the principle of equitable geographical distribution shall be observed*" according to Article 19 of the Convention. Also in accordance with Article III of the Terms of Reference of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties "*out of the six members, one or two members may be re-elected for one further consecutive term in order to ensure continuity*".

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

The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat in agreement with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties and finalized during the MAP National Focal Points meeting was distributed as document UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/1.

The meeting is expected to review and adopt the proposed agenda and timetable appearing in the Annex to the present document.

Simultaneous Arabic, English, French and Spanish interpretation will be available in all plenary sessions throughout the meeting.

Agenda item 5: Credentials of representative

Each Contracting Party shall be represented by an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternates and advisers as may be required (Rule 18). The credentials of the representatives and the names of the alternate representatives should be submitted to the Executive Director before the opening sitting of the meeting. In accordance with Rule 19, the Bureau shall examine the credentials of representatives and submit its report to the meeting.

Agenda item 6: Adoption of Recommendations and Programme Budget for 2004–2005; future of the RAC/ERS

The Secretariat will introduce to the Contracting Parties the documents UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/5 Recommendations for 2004–2005 and UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/6 Programme Budget for 2004 – 2005, as reviewed by the Meeting of the MAP National Focal Points.

The meeting is expected to endorse those recommendations, which were adopted by the MAP NFP meeting and to consider, in view of their final adoption, the draft programme and budget for 2004-2005 and those recommendations (in bold and brackets) that were left for the consideration of the Contracting Parties in Catania.

The meeting is also expected to discuss and finalize the text of the Catania Ministerial Declaration.

Ministers are expected to participate in the meeting starting from 12 November 2003. On that occasion, the Minister for Environment and Territory of Italy, H.E. Mr. Altero Matteoli, as well as the regional and municipal authorities will welcome the participants. With a view to rationalizing the ministerial agenda, the ministers, if their wish is to make a general opening speech, might deem appropriate to do so while taking the floor to address any following agenda item:

Agenda item 7: Implementing the Johannesburg Plan in the Mediterranean: Prospects for the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development and preparation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development

The Secretariat will introduce the chapter “Implementing the Johannesburg Plan in the Mediterranean”, of the working document “Report by the Coordinator for the 13th Contracting Parties meeting (UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/3) as well as the Annex II to this report on the MCSD prospects together with the working documents UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/10 and UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/11.

The Contracting Parties are expected to review the process of preparation of the Mediterranean strategy for sustainable development, including the common vision and the framework orientations; they are also expected to discuss the MCSD prospects.

Agenda item 8: Implementing the strategy for the reduction of pollution from land based sources (LBS)

The Secretariat will introduce chapter two of the document UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/3 "Report by the Coordinator for the 13th Contracting Parties meeting" together with the working documents UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/6 and UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/7. The Contracting Parties are expected to review the process of implementation of the SAP and to discuss and adopt two regional plans for the reduction of industrial pollution.

Agenda item 9: Adoption of the Strategic Action Plan for Biodiversity (SAP BIO)

The Secretariat will introduce chapter three of document UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/3 "Report by the Coordinator for the 13th Contracting Parties meeting" together with the working document UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/9.

The Contracting Parties are expected to embark a general debate on biodiversity conservation issues in the Mediterranean, and review and adopt the Strategic Action Plan for Biodiversity (SAP BIO).

Agenda item 10: Promoting European Commission/MAP partnership

The Secretariat will introduce chapter four of document UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/3 "Report by the Coordinator for the 13th Contracting Parties meeting".

The Contracting Parties are expected to launch a debate on the themes and the modalities of the mutual cooperation between MAP and the European Commission.

Agenda item 11: Adoption of the Catania Declaration

The Secretariat will introduce the Catania Declaration (document UNEP(DEC)/MED IG15/4), which provides for some strategic objectives for the implementation of MAP in the context of sustainable development, as well as for the cooperation with the European Commission in the framework of the preparation of the European marine Strategy and for the implementation of the new prevention and emergency protocol.

The meeting is expected to adopt the Ministerial Catania Declaration.

Agenda item 12: Date and place of the 14th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2005

The meeting will be invited to consider the dates and place of the 14th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to be convened during 2005.

Agenda item 13: Other business

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

Agenda item 14: Adoption of the Report

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

Agenda item 15: Closure of the Meeting

The meeting is expected to be closed by the President at 18.00 hrs on Friday 14 November 2003.

ANNEX

SUGGESTED TIMETABLE

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME		
Date	Agenda items	Documents
Tuesday 11 November 2003		
10.00 – 11.00	Agenda items 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Rules of Procedure 3. Election of the Bureau 4. Adoption of the Agenda and organization of work 5. Credentials of Representatives	<u>Working documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/1 UNEP(DEC) MED IG.15/2
	Coffee break	
11.30 -13.00	Agenda item 6 Adoption of Recommendations and Programme budget for 2004 – 2005	<u>Working documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/5 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/6 <u>Information documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/Inf.5-Inf.25
	Lunch break	
14.30 - 16.00	Agenda item 6 - continued Adoption of Recommendations and Programme Budget for 2004 – 2005	<u>Working documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/5 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/6 <u>Information documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/Inf.5-Inf.25
	Coffee break	
16.30 - 18.00	Agenda item 6 - continued Future of ERS/RAC	<u>Working documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/5 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/6 <u>Information documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/Inf.5-Inf.25
Wednesday 12 November 2003		
09.00 - 09.30	Welcome Speech by H.E Mr Altero Matteoli, Minister for Environment and Territory of Italy, and Local Authorities of the Region of Sicily	
09.30 – 11.00	Agenda item 7 Implementing the Johannesburg Plan in the Mediterranean: Prospects for the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development and Preparation of the Mediterranean strategy on	<u>Working documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/3 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/10

	Sustainable Development	
	Coffee Break	
11.30 – 13.00	Agenda item 7 - continued:	
	Lunch break	
14.30 – 16.00	Agenda item 7 – continued	
	Coffee break	
16.30 – 18.00	Agenda item 8 Implementing the strategy for the reduction of LBS pollution	<u>Working documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/3 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/7 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/8
Thursday 13 November 2003		
09.00 – 11.00	Agenda item 9 Adoption of the Strategic Action Plan for Biodiversity (SAP BIO)	<u>Working documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/3 UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/9 <u>Information documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/Inf.19
	Coffee Break	
11.30 – 13.00	Agenda item 10 Promoting European Commission/ MAP Partnership	<u>Working documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/3
	Lunch Break	
14.30 – 16.00	Agenda Item 11 Adoption of the Catania Declaration.	<u>Working documents</u> UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.15/4
	Coffee Break	
16.30 – 18.00	Agenda item 12 Date and Place of the 14 th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2005	
Friday 14 November 2003		
09.00 – 15.00	no session (in order that the Secretariat prepares the Draft Report of the Meeting)	
	Coffee Break	
15.00 – 18.00	Agenda items 13. Other business 14. Adoption of the Report 15. Closure of the Meeting	