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Second Meeting of the open-ended working group of Legal and Technical Experts to propose Appropriate Rules and Procedures for the Determination of Liability and Compensation for Damage Resulting from Pollution of the Marine Environment in the Mediterranean Sea Area

Athens, Greece, 28-29 June 2007

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

1. In conformity with the recommendation of the Contracting Parties approved at the meeting held in Portoroz in November 2005, an open-ended working group of legal and technical experts (WG) was set up to propose appropriate rules and procedures for the determination of liability and compensation for damage resulting from pollution of the marine environment in the Mediterranean Sea Area as provided for in Article 16 of the Barcelona Convention.

2. Following the outcome of the First meeting of the WG, held in Loutraki, in March 2006, the Secretariat has prepared a first draft of Guidelines for Liability and Compensation for damage resulting from pollution of the marine environment in the Mediterranean Sea Area. It is expected that the second meeting of the Working Group will review the draft Guidelines and adopt them accordingly. The meeting will be held on 28-29 June 2007 at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Athens Greece (Mikhalakopoulou 50, .Tel: +30-210-7278000; Fax: +30-210-7278600).

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

3. The meeting will be opened on Thursday, 28 June 2007 at 09.30 hrs by the MAP Coordinator and will be closed at 18.00 hrs on Friday, 29 June 2007.

Agenda item 2: Election of Officers

4. In accordance with Rule 20 of the "Rules of Procedures of the Barcelona Convention", the Meeting will elect a Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur.

Agenda item 3: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organisation of work

5. The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat was distributed as document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.319/1 and its annotation is contained in the present document.

6. The meeting will review and adopt the proposed Provisional Agenda. A draft decision, including the draft Guidelines as Annex, will be submitted for adoption and transmission by the meeting to the meeting of MAP Focal Points for its consideration. The full report of the meeting will be prepared and circulated for adoption by all participants at a later stage. Simultaneous English-French interpretation will be available for all sessions.

Agenda item 4: Presentation of draft of Guidelines for Liability and Compensation for damage resulting from pollution of the marine environment in the Mediterranean Sea Area.

7. The Secretariat will make a general introduction of document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.319/3.

8. The meeting is expected to comment and provide its views and recommendations.

Agenda item 5: Review of draft of Guidelines for Liability and Compensation for damage resulting from pollution of the marine environment in the Mediterranean Sea Area.

9. The meeting is expected to review the draft Guidelines and provide its comments and proposals.

Agenda item 6: **Next steps**

10. The Secretariat will induce a general discussion on the necessary steps and actions needed to be carried out during the next biennium, in order to promote and facilitate the implementation of Article 16 of the revised Convention and the relevant Guidelines.

Agenda item 7 : **Adoption of conclusions and recommendations**

12. Under this Agenda item, the Secretariat will submit a Draft decision and the text of the draft Guidelines as agreed during previous discussions, for adoption.

Agenda item 8 : **Any other business**

13. The meeting will discuss any other issue that might arise.

Agenda item 9: **Closure of the meeting**

14. The meeting will be adjourned at 18.00 hours on Friday, 29 June 2007.

TIME TABLE**Thursday 28 June 2007**

09.00 – 09.30	Registration	
09.30 – 09.45	Opening of the meeting, Organization of Work and Adoption of the Agenda	Agenda items 1, 2 and 3
09.45 – 11.00	Presentation of draft of Guidelines for Liability and Compensation for damage resulting from pollution of the marine environment in the Mediterranean Sea Area	Agenda item 4
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break	
11.30 – 13.00	Review of draft of Guidelines for Liability and Compensation for damage resulting from pollution of the marine environment in the Mediterranean Sea Area.	Agenda item 5
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch Break	
14.30 – 16.00	Review of draft of Guidelines for Liability and Compensation for damage resulting from pollution of the marine environment in the Mediterranean Sea Area. (continued)	Agenda item 5
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee Break	
16.30 – 18.00	Review of draft of Guidelines for Liability and Compensation for damage resulting from pollution of the marine environment in the Mediterranean Sea Area. (continued)	Agenda item 5

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09.30 – 11.00	Review of draft of Guidelines for Liability and Compensation for damage resulting from pollution of the marine environment in the Mediterranean Sea Area. (continued)	Agenda item 5
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break	
11.30 – 13.00	Next steps	Agenda item 6
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch Break	
14.30 – 15.30	(No plenary; Preparation of the Draft decision by the Secretariat)	

15.30-16.00	Coffee break	
16.00 – 18.00	Adoption of Conclusions and Recommendations by the Working Group	Agenda item 7
18.00	Any other business, Closure of the Meeting	Agenda items 8 and 9