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(November 1992 - February 1993)

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Introduction

The present report covers, in summary form, the activities which were carried out since the last meeting of the Bureau (Cairo, 9-10 November 1992). It contains a number of recommendations on a few specific issues.

I. Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its related protocols

A. Implementation of the Barcelona Convention

Meetings of the Contracting Parties

1. The Sixth meeting of MED UNIT and Regional Activity Centres (RAC) on MAP Programme was convened in Athens on 26 November 1992. The meeting continued its general assessment of the on-going CAMP projects and the preparation for the new projects. The report of the meeting was issued as document: UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.61/2.
2. The Seventh Meeting of the MED UNIT and Regional Activity Centres (RAC), took place in Malta on 15-16 February 1993. The meeting reviewed the preparation for the forthcoming Joint Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties. It exchanged views on the programme and the budget for the 1994-1995 biennium. The report of the meeting was issued as document: UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.62/2.
3. The preparation for the forthcoming Joint Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Committee and the Socio-Economic Committee is underway. The meeting will be held in Athens from 3 to 7 May 1993. The main objective of the meeting would be the finalization of the 1994-1995 programme and budget for subsequent presentation and approval by the next Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Turkey, October 1993).
4. The Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties will be held in Antalya, Turkey, from 12 to 15 October 1993. The Secretariat in consultation with the UNEP H.Q. has prepared the host Country Agreement, on the basis of the MAP technical mission, which visited Turkey during October 1992. It is expected that the Agreement which specifies the responsibilities of UNEP/MAP and the Host Country, will be signed during the visit of the MAP Co-ordinator in April 1993.
5. The calendar of meetings to be organized within the framework of MAP during 1993, is attached as Annex I to this report.

Remote Sensing

6. In conformity with the decision of the last meeting of the Bureau (Cairo, November 1992), the Secretariat undertook the necessary consultation with the Italian authorities and the CTM Centre on the organization of training programmes for Mediterranean experts on the application of remote sensing techniques and their use. The first two experts to benefit from this programme were from Egypt, within the framework of the Fuka-Matrouh CAMP project. The course will start on 8 March 1993, and will last for three months. All costs of the training course will be covered by the CTM Centre.

Black Sea

7. During his forthcoming visit to Turkey (April 1993), the MAP Co-ordinator will discuss with the Turkish authorities, as the Host Country for the Black Sea Secretariat, ways and means of cooperation between the two Secretariats.
- B. Implementation of the Land-based Sources (LBS) and the Dumping Protocols
 - a) **Monitoring of Marine Pollution**
 1. Agreements on National pollution monitoring programmes for 1992 were signed with Albania, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria and Tunisia.
 2. Concerning research projects in the framework of MED POL, there are at present 113 on-going projects, and 33 project proposals which are being considered by relevant UN Agencies including 5 Case Studies on eutrophication and plankton bloom.
 3. The research component of the MED POL programme was under strain during 1992 as only 55% of the approved budget was made available. In consequence, many new research proposals had to be turned down and others were not extended. The financial problems continue into 1993.
 4. At the request of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties (Cairo, 9-10 November 1992) the evaluation of the MED POL programme is being prepared by three consultants (Mr M. Bernhard, team leader, Mr M. Ruivo, Mr A. Jernelev). They held a Consultation meeting (Athens, 7-8 January 1993) at which the terms of reference, outline and timetable of the evaluation were agreed upon. The consultants will meet again (Athens, 26-28 April 1993) in order to review the draft evaluation, which is to be finalized by June 1993. Progress in the preparation of the evaluation will be reported at the Joint Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Committee and the Socio-Economic Committee (Athens, 3-7 May 1993). The final document will be presented to the Contracting Parties meeting (Antalya, 12-15 October 1993). The report of the Consultation meeting was published as document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.67/1.
 5. With regards to data processing, data on microbial pollution (in sea water), and heavy metal and halogenated hydrocarbons in biota, sediment, suspended matter and in plankton were computerized. Two manuals (namely "CODES" and "DATA TRANSFER FORMATS") were updated and sent to the countries as guidelines on the pollution data computerization.
 6. Work in the framework of MED POL/METAP project continued through the purchase of instruments for Albania, Egypt and Slovenia and through the organization of training courses in cooperation with the IAEA/MEL laboratory in Monaco.
 7. A group training course was organized (23 November - 4 December 1992) in MESL/MEL/IAEA under MED POL/METAP project on total and methyl mercury determination in marine biological and environmental samples (five trainees).

8. A group training course was organized (26 October - 13 November 1992) in MESL/MEL/IAEA under MED POL/METAP project on the determination of heavy metals and usage of the Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometers (AAS) (six trainees).
9. The WHO/UNEP 5th training course and intercalibration exercise on microbiological methods for marine pollution monitoring was held at the Athens School of Hygiene from 2 to 7 November 1992. It was attended by 16 participants from 7 English-speaking Mediterranean Countries.
10. Preparation for the 6th training course and intercalibration exercise on microbiological methods for marine pollution monitoring, which will be in French, and scheduled to be held at the Institut Pasteur de Tunis from 21 to 26 September 1993, were commenced.
11. The WHO/UNEP Consultation on determination of pathogenic micro-organisms in coastal marine waters was held in Chioggia, Italy, in collaboration with the Institute of Hygiene, University of Padua. It was attended by 21 participants from 11 Mediterranean countries. The meeting reviewed and finalized six recommended methods for pathogen determination, reviewed the general situation concerning pathogen occurrence in coastal recreational and shellfish waters, and also reviewed the capabilities of Mediterranean laboratories to deal with pathogen monitoring on a routine basis.
12. A UNEP/FAO Consultation meeting on the evaluation of the Israeli monitoring programme was organized in Haifa (21-22 December 1992) in the framework of the activities relative to the review and evaluation of MED POL Phase II and the preparation of Phase III. The results of the meeting will help national authorities in Israel to re-design their monitoring programme and the Secretariat to make proposals for the MED POL Phase III.
13. A FAO/UNEP/EUROMED Working Group on Biomonitoring in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea was convened in collaboration with the Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Marine Contamination Hazards (Council of Europe) which also covered all relevant expenses. The Group which met in Malta on 10 and 11 November 1992 concluded that biomonitoring could be initiated on a pilot scale and prepared a relevant programme for its implementation. They recommend two general stress and two specific stress indices to be included in the programme.
14. The FAO/UNEP/IOC Training Workshop on the techniques for monitoring biological effects of pollutants in marine organisms was held in Nice, France. It was attended by 27 participants from Mediterranean and Black Sea Countries.
15. Preparations for the FAO/UNEP/IAEA Training workshop on the design of monitoring programmes and management of data concerning chemical contaminants in marine organisms (Athens, 22-26 June 1993) are well underway.
16. The document on the assessment of the state of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Copper and Zinc is near completion. Other assessment documents under preparation are those for Arsenic, Lead, Chromium and Nickel.

17. The XXVI Meeting of the Inter-Agency Advisory Committee (IAAC) was held in Athens, 8-11 December 1992. The Meeting reviewed the MED POL activities in 1992-1993 and adopted a programme proposal, including budget, for 1994-1995. Of particular interest were the discussions and the proposals concerning the evaluation of MEDPOL - Phase II and the preparation of the proposals for MED POL - Phase III (1996-2005). The report of the XXVI IAAC meeting was published as document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.58/1.
18. The book "Climate Change and the Mediterranean" (673 pages), edited by Messrs. L. Jeftic, J.D. Milliman and G. Sestini was published by Edward Arnold publishers. The book contains 16 articles of which six are the first generation site specific case studies (deltas of rivers Nile, Po, Rhone and Ebro, Ichkeul/Bizerte lakes and Thermaikos Gulf). The book covers the work coordinated by Mediterranean Co-ordinating Unit from 1987 to 1990.
19. Six issues of the MAP Technical Reports Series (Nos. 67-72) were published since the last meeting of the Bureau. They covered the following subjects: Applicability of remote sensing for survey of water quality parameters in the Mediterranean (No.67); Evaluation of the training workshops on the statistical treatment and interpretation of marine community data (No.68); Proceedings of the FAO/UNEP/IOC Workshop on the biological effects of pollutants on marine organisms (No.69); Organohalogen Compounds in the marine environment (No.70); Selected techniques for monitoring biological effects of pollutants in marine organisms (No.71); and Costs and benefits of measures for the reduction of degradation of the environment from land-based sources of pollution in coastal areas (No.72).
- b) **Land-based Sources Protocol**
20. The pilot monitoring projects on anionic detergents, in which institutions from Greece, Italy, Malta, Slovenia and Spain participated, was completed on 31 December 1992. Results are currently being analyzed.
21. Arrangements have been finalized for a specialist to finalize the draft version of the guidelines for treatment and discharge of effluents containing substances listed in Annexes I and II to the LBS protocol. The scheduled date for completion is 30 June 1993.
22. Work has been commenced by a specialist on the preparation of the final draft version of the guidelines for submarine outfalls in the Mediterranean. The scheduled date for completion is 31 May 1993.
23. The survey of pollutants from Land-based Sources in the Mediterranean organized by WHO, continued. Replies so far have been received from Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece (Rhodes), Spain and Syria. Work in Egypt is currently on-going, and preparations for work to commence in Albania, Morocco and Tunisia started.
24. Following the receipt of various comments and suggestions, work commenced on the revised version of the assessment of the state of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by carcinogenic, teratogenic and mutagenic marine pollutants, which is scheduled for submission to the MAP Joint Committees' meeting in May 1993.

c) **Dumping Protocol**

25. At the request of the Bureau (Cairo, 9-10 November 1992) Contracting Parties were asked to send information on the sources of dumping in the Mediterranean. By 25 February 1993 three countries replied that dredged materials are source of dumping, one country replied that industrial waste is source of dumping and six countries replied that dumping is not permitted.

C. Implementation of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas (SPA)

Assistance to countries in the selection, establishment and management of Specially Protected Areas of ecological value.

1. At the request of the Tunisian NFP for SPA [Agence Nationale pour la Protection de l'Environnement (A.N.P.E.)], RAC/SPA has undertaken a feasibility study on the establishment of natural reserves in 8 Tunisian coastal sites. The report of the consultant is expected by February 1993.
2. An expert mission went to Albania from 9 to 16 December 1992, aimed at:
 - making direct contact with Albanian authorities and scientists,
 - evaluating the present situation of coastal protected areas in Albania, and potentialities of the country for the implementation of the SPA Protocol.
3. RAC/SPA is receiving from the different countries the revised sheets for the second edition of the "Directory of marine and coastal Protected Areas in the Mediterranean region - Part I: Sites of biological and ecological value". Some of the sheets received sheets have already been sent to IUCN. A reminder was sent to those countries which have not yet answered.

Assistance to countries in the selection, establishment and management of Specially Protected Areas of cultural interest

4. A case study on the historical site of Carthage is in progress. The final report is expected soon.

Implementation of the Action Plan for the management of the monk seal

5. RAC/SPA charged the National Park of Port-Cros to prepare two documents on the Mediterranean monk seal: one with a scientific aspect and another for public awareness. Both documents will be prepared in English and French. Provisional versions of the documents are expected by March 1993; the final version by June 1993.

Conservation of other endangered species and ecosystems

6. Examination and technical advice on a project concerning the creation of a monitoring network on Posidonia oceanica meadows along the coasts of Tunisia (on Tunisian NFP request).

Assistance to countries to set their legislation dealing with Specially Protected Areas and species conservation.

7. RAC/SPA is editing an Arabic version of the document "Protected Areas in the Mediterranean: Analytical study of the interesting legislation".
8. RAC/SPA is receiving from the NFPs the revisions by the different countries of the draft version of the following documents, under preparations by RAC/SPA:
 - "Directory of Environmental legislation in the Mediterranean region",
 - review of the document "Protected Areas in the Mediterranean Region: Analytical Study of the interesting legislation".A part of the documents received was already sent to the IUCN Environmental Law Centre, consultant of RAC/SPA for the preparation of the above mentioned documents. A reminder was sent to those countries which have not yet answered.

II. Environmentally Sound Management of the Mediterranean Coastal Zones

A. Coastal planning and management (PAP)

1. Within the MAP CAMP, PAP has accomplished the following:

CAMP "Rhodes": Within a joint MAP action, a presentation of PAP related activities was organized (Rhodes, December 14-15, 1992). The document "Carrying Capacity Assessment for Tourism Activities in the Central-Eastern Part of the Island of Rhodes" was completed. A meeting with IGME, Athens, and the Greek authorities was organized in order to prepare the action on Water Resources Master Plan for the island. EIA for the sewage treatment plant of the island was also completed and presented to the national and local authorities.

CAMP "Izmir": A five-expert mission visited Izmir to work with the Turkish team on the preparation of Integrated Management Study (November 1-9, 1992). A Workshop on Environment-Development Interactions in the Metropolitan Municipality of Izmir was organized and attended by 50 local and national experts (November 6, 1992). Within the work on the preparation of the Integrated Management Study, GIS documentation was completed.

CAMP "Syrian Coast": The EIA on Amrit Tourist Complex was completed. The Arabic version of the document "Coastal Resources Management Plan" was finalized and disseminated. The Syrian Government requested additions to the original programme (assistance for arranging database for the city of Banyas, and for the application of EIA in the process of approving investment projects). Through the above actions, the PAP activities within this project have been completed.

CAMP "Kastela Bay": The document "Selection of the Optimum Treatment Level for the Central Treatment Plant" was completed and disseminated. The study "Assessment and Protection of the Pantan Area" (an area of specific natural and historic value) was completed and submitted to SPA/RAC for review. With the above, the PAP activities within this project have been completed.

CAMP "Sfax": A Report on the natural characteristics and problems of the area has been prepared and updated. PAP also participated in the MAP mission which had been organized in order to discuss the programme of this CAMP with the Tunisian national and local authorities and institutions (February 6-10, 1993).

CAMP "Albania": An expert mission was organized related to the water resources management activity (December 21-24, 1992). Contents of the programme were agreed upon with the Albanian authorities, as well as the area of coverage. Within MAP, a proposal concerning PAP activities related to the Integrated Management Study, GIS, EIA and CCA was agreed upon and will be discussed with the Albanian authorities and institutions during a mission scheduled for the end of March 1993.

2. Within the cooperative projects, PAP has accomplished the following:

Soil erosion: The sub-project of mapping of soil erosion process was completed, national reports of Spain, Tunisia and Turkey were finalized and presented in a workshop held in Malaga (December 2-4, 1992). The workshop appreciated the results of the sub-projects, adopted a common mapping methodology, and recommended it for urgent implementation through the organization of adequate training at both regional and national levels.

Aquaculture: Up-dated version of the project proposal "Implementation of Ecological Criteria for a Rational Development and Protection of Aquaculture in the Mediterranean Region" was prepared. The document was presented in the meeting of the Steering Committee of MEDRAP II (Tirana, December 10-11, 1992). A meeting was organized with the MEDRAP II Director, on the occasion of MAP mission to Tunisia (Tunis, February 16, 1993), at which it was agreed that a workshop on the environmental network of MEDRAP II would be organized in April in Athens.

3. Within the individual priority actions, PAP has accomplished the following:

Water resources management: A regional training course on the use of aquifer models in WRM was organized in Malta (Valetta, November 16-21, 1992). A second training course, on database for WRM, was held in Valetta on January 6-10, 1993. The relevant set of training documents was disseminated to all NFPs for PAP.

Environmental Impact Assessment: A national training course on the application of EIA was organized in Turkey (Mersin, January 18-22, 1993). An expert mission was sent to Syria in order to assist the Ministry of Environment in the introduction of EIA into the national system of approving development projects (Damascus, January 8-15, 1993). EIA on the Patara tourist Complex (Turkey) has been completed and disseminated.

Historic settlements: A workshop was organized on the methodology of conservation of Mediterranean historic settlements (Genoa, December 10-12, 1992). The workshop adopted the developed methodology and recommended it for urgent implementation through the preparation of relevant guidelines and organization of adequate training at both regional and national levels.

Solid and liquid wastes management: An English version of training documents (originally in French) has been prepared and disseminated.

General activities

A meeting of the National Focal Points for PAP was organized (Athens, November 23-25, 1992). The meeting discussed and approved the implementation of PAP and gave instructions for future work. Following a decision of the

Bureau, the Co-ordinator of MAP visited the PAP Centre (January 11-12, 1993). A meeting was held with the representatives of OCA/PAC and FAO in order to review the draft Guidelines for Coastal Area Management prepared by PAP/RAC (Geneva, February 1-3 1993, funded by OCA/PAC).

B. Coastal Areas Management Programme (CAMP)

1. The Seventh Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Cairo, October 1991) decided that the work should continue on the four on-going CAMP projects (Bay of Kastela, Bay of Izmir, Island of Rhodes and the Coast of Syria). Moreover, the meeting approved two more CAMP projects (Fuka-Egypt and Sfax-Tunisia). Preparations have started for the three new projects (Albania, Algeria and Morocco).

2. In addition to the information given under II - A in relation to CAMP projects, the following major developments occurred:

Rhodes CAMP project (Greece)

A presentation Conference of some of the activities completed or will be completed soon, was convened in Rhodes on 14-15 December 1992.

A contract was signed between MAP and the European Investment Bank (EIB) by which the Bank will finance some activities within the Rhodes CAMP project. The total amount of assistance would be 360,000 ECU.

Fuka-Matrouh CAMP project (Egypt)

The CAMP project for this area was signed during the last meeting of the Bureau (Cairo, 9-10 November 1992). The first MAP policy/technical mission to the area will take place in the beginning of April 1993.

Sfax CAMP project (Tunisia)

The MAP policy/technical mission to Tunisia took place from 6 to 10 February 1993. Various high level meetings as well as technical meetings were held in Tunis and in Sfax. The list of activities to be included in the Agreement to be signed by MAP and Tunisia was agreed upon. It is expected that the Agreement could be ready for signature before the forthcoming meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Albania CAMP project

A meeting of all experts of the project as well as the representative of Albania, was convened in Malta on 13 February 1993, subsequent to the meeting of experts on Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean. The draft project document was reviewed and various suggestions were included in the new draft Agreement which is expected to be signed by MAP and Albania by May 1993.

Morocco

A mission to Morocco by a MAP official was undertaken from 12 to 15 February 1993. The proposal for a CAMP project in Morocco was reviewed with the Moroccan authorities.

3. Two requests for new CAMP projects were received: one from Israel and another from Malta.

Recommendation

The Bureau may wish to approve the two requests and to suggest to the next Joint meeting of the two standing committees (Athens, 3-7 May 1993), to recommend the approval of these two new projects by the Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Antalya, Turkey, 12-15 October 1993).

4. As regards the CAMP project for the Venice Lagoon in Italy, which the Bureau at its last meeting requested that additional information was required, before taking a final decision, the Secretariat received a reply from Italy on 28 January 1993 to its request for additional information. The following is a resumé of the Italian reply:

- Delimitation of the area:
The project will concern the whole lagoon and the western basin.
- Objectives:
To include an area strongly developed the CAMP projects of MAP. In this way other countries, above all developing countries, may receive information, concrete experience and operational contacts, administrative procedures, monitoring, data interpretation and decisional processes concerning the salvage of the Venetian lagoon.
- Financing:
It is intended to contact the following institutions:

EEC (LIFE programme) - Mr. Brinkhorst had expressed a favourable opinion, on condition that this initiative be approved by MAP.

The Ministry of Environment had expressed its interest in the creation of an "Observatory on the lagoon", and of an information centre with the Regione Veneta, Province of Venice and the Municipality of Venice. Contacts are very promising and we are informed that the CAMP project will be hosted in a prestigious location, on the island of San Servolo and San Clemente.

Recommendation

The Bureau may wish to approve the Italian request and suggest to the next Joint Meeting (May 1993) to recommend the approval of the project by the Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Turkey, October 1993).

5. During the recent RAC's meeting on CAMP projects (Malta, Nov. 1992), the idea of creating a consultative steering Group of three Mediterranean experts with a main responsibility of reviewing individual CAMP projects and advise MAP on their implementation. The Group which would convene twice a year, would work closely with and under the supervision of the MAP Liaison Officer for CAMP exercise and sustainable development. The Group would be composed of a Regional Planner, an Economist and a Marine Scientist. The terms of reference of the Group are to be submitted separately.

Recommendation

The Bureau may wish to take note of this proposal and authorize the Secretariat to proceed.

C. Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean

1. As recommended by the last meeting of the Bureau (Cairo, Nov. 1992), the informal consultation meeting on the preparation of an "Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean" was convened in Malta from 11 to 13 February 1993. The meeting was hosted and partially financed by the Foundation of International Studies of Malta (FIS). More than 50 participants from governmental, non-governmental organizations, the media and representatives of the industrial sector attended the meeting which was intended as a brainstorming session, where it was anticipated that the proposals and suggestions put forward will form the basis of concrete recommendations and decisions, leading to the formulation of an "Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean".

2. Discussion at this important meeting centered on three main axes:

The scientific assessment of the state of the Mediterranean Environment;
Sustainable development in the Mediterranean;
Institutional aspects.

Various proposals emerged from the general discussion which could be the basis and guidelines for concrete recommendations to be approved by the Contracting Parties.

The report of the meeting is contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.63/4.

Recommendation

- i. The Bureau may wish to suggest that the proposals contained in the report of the informal consultation on Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean, be discussed at the next Joint Meeting of the two standing committees (Athens, 3-7 May 1993).
- ii. As sustainable development concept becomes an important factor in our work as evaluated by UNCED, and as this concept has already in operation vis-à-vis the Mediterranean Action Plan in the form of the CAMP projects, as well as within the newly established follow-up mechanism within the framework of the Nicosia Charter (EC/MAP programme for the Mediterranean), the Bureau may wish to create a new budget line for sustainable development within the framework of MAP projects. A specific amount would be allocated under this budget line for the next biennium 1994-1995.

- iii. The Bureau may wish to propose to the next meeting of the Contracting Parties the creation of a new staff member post (P.4) be responsible for sustainable development and CAMPs programme.

III. Legal Matters

A. Admission of new states and the status of PAP/RAC

1. In conformity with the decision of the last Bureau meeting concerning the admission of Croatia to the Barcelona Convention, the Secretariat had informed the Croatian authorities that the issue was then deferred to the Eighth Ordinary Meeting (October 1993) and that Croatia should apply for membership to the Barcelona Convention under the usual procedure as stipulated in Article 26 of the Convention.

2. Confirmation was received from the Croatian Government on 22 February 1993, to the effect that the Croatian Government viewed to this matter with great interest, expressing the hope that it would be resolved as soon as possible, and reconfirmed that would continue fulfilling all its obligations towards MAP when admitted as a full member. Moreover, the letter underlined that Croatia was fulfilling its obligations towards the Split Centre (PAP/RAC) and that it would continue to do so. Finally, the Croatian authorities expressed their gratitude for allowing PAP/RAC to continue working efficiently according to the "business as usual" formula in the interim period until the admission of Croatia to MAP, as well as for allowing Croatia to participate in MAP's activities as an observer.

3. With regard to the status of the PAP/RAC Centre in Split, and in conformity with the decision of the last Bureau meeting, the MAP Co-ordinator paid a visit to Split on 11-12 January 1993.

A confidential mission report was sent to the President and the Members of the Bureau on 1 February 1993.

Recommendation

- i. The Bureau may wish to reconfirm its previous decision taken during its last meeting, namely, that the question of admission of Croatia should be deferred to the Eighth Ordinary Meeting (Turkey, October 1993).
- ii. The Bureau may wish to recommend that the present supervisory arrangement decided on by the Bureau at its last meeting (Nov. 92) regarding PAP/RAC should remain in force till the Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (October 1993).
- iii. The Bureau may wish to authorize the Co-ordinator to act in accordance with the recommendations expressed in the above-mentioned mission report.

B. Offshore Protocol

1. As requested by the Bureau during its last meeting, a new version of the draft protocol on the Offshore was prepared by the International Juridical Organization for Environment and Development (IJO), the MAP consultant. The new draft will be sent soon to the Contracting Parties for their views by a date to be stipulated.

2. Taking into consideration the critical situation of the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF), the Secretariat is discussing with the Italian authorities the proposal of hosting, and partial financing of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries for the Offshore protocol. Following a meeting on this matter at the Italian Foreign Ministry on 17 February 1993, the Co-ordinator is awaiting further progress from Italy.

Recommendation

The Bureau may request the Secretariat to pursue its efforts with the Italian authorities with a view to hosting and partial financing the Conference of Plenipotentiaries during the last quarter of 1993.

C. Hazardous Wastes

In conformity with the decision of the last Bureau meeting to accept the offer of the Italian NGO (La Facoltà dell'Arte e della Scienza) to host and partially finance the meeting of experts on this issue, the first meeting of experts on the preparation of a draft protocol on hazardous wastes in the Mediterranean will be hosted by this Italian NGO at the city of Cervia (Emilia Romagna), Italy from 23 to 25 April 1993.

D. Status of signature and ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its related protocols

The status of signature and ratification as at 31 December 1992 is contained in Annex II to this report.

IV. Administrative and financial matters

Status of MTF

1. Once again, the issue of the payment of contributions to the MTF has come to the surface. The collection of contributions outstanding for the MTF become an increasing problem in spite of repeated reminders sent to Contracting Parties to secure payment. The delayed payment of contributions, combined with the impact of inflation rates and exchange rate fluctuations, led to a situation in which there were insufficient funds to renew the contacts of the MAP staff. Moreover, the lack of funds had seriously affected the operations of the Mediterranean Action Plan and the Regional Centres.
2. The status of the MTF as at 31 January 1993 is contained in Annex III to this report.

ANNEX I

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN

(as at 1 February 1993)

Meeting	Date, place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets).	Responsible officer. Travel marked with *	Report Status
1993				
Training workshop on the monitoring and assessment of airborne pollution	9-18 Feb. Malta	WMO (UNEP-MEDU) EUROMED CENTER	A. Soudine*	to be issued by WMO
Meeting of Mediterranean Experts on "Agenda 21" for the Mediterranean	11-13 Feb. Malta (Tentative)	UNEP-MEDU	S. Busuttil*	to be issued by MEDU
Meeting of experts on Historic Sites (underwater archeology)	11-14 Feb. Bodrum-Turkey	ATELIER DU PATRIMOINE OF MARSEILLE	D. Drocourt*	to be issued by Marseille Centre
Seventh Meeting of RAC's Directors and MEDU	15-16 Feb. Malta	UNEP-MEDU	S. Busuttil*	to be issued by MEDU
Meeting of the Bureau (BUR 42)	4-5 March Athens	UNEP-MEDU	S. Busuttil L. Jeftic I. Dharat	to be issued by MEDU
Consultation Meeting on guidelines on data quality assurance	March Monaco	IAEA (UNEP-MEDU)	L. Mee M. Horvat	to be issued by IAEA

Meeting	Date, place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets).	Responsible officer. Travel marked with *	Report Status
First Meeting of experts on the Draft Protocol on Hazardous Wastes in the Mediterranean	23-25 Apr. Cervia Italy	UNEP-MEDU ITALY	I. Dharat*	to be issued by MEDU
Consultation Meeting on the fungicides pilot survey	April Ioannina (Greece)	FAO/IAEA (UNEP/MEDU)	G. Gabrielides*	to be issued by FAO
Joint Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Committee and the Socio- economic Committee	3-7 May Athens	UNEP-MEDU	S. Busuttil L. Jeftic I. Dharat	to be issued by MEDU
Training workshop on the monitoring of chemical contaminants using marine organisms	22-26 June Athens	FAO/IAEA (UNEP-MEDU)	G. Gabrielides	to be issued by FAO
Consultation Meeting on the treatment and discharge of toxic wastes	June Istanbul	WHO (UNEP-MEDU)	L.J. Saliba*	to be issued by WHO
Consultation Meeting on MEDPOL data processing programme and guidance for future work	June Athens	UNEP-MEDU	L. Jeftic A. Aksel	to be issued by MEDU

Meeting	Date, place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets).	Responsible officer. Travel marked with *	Report Status
Training workshop on the monitoring of chemical contaminants using marine sediments	September Monaco	IAEA/IOC (UNEP-MEDU)	L. Mee	to be issued by IAEA
Consultation Meeting on the application of chemical tracers of domestic contaminants for marine pollution surveys	September Monaco	IAEA/WHO (UNEP-MEDU)	L. Mee	to be issued by IAEA
Eigth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its related protocols	12-15 Oct. Antalya Turkey	UNEP/MEDU	S. Busuttil*	to be issued by MEDU
Training and intercalibration exercise on the determination of microbiological pollution	November	WHO (UNEP-MEDU)	L.J. Saliba	to be issued by WHO
Training workshop on collecting emission data for assessing airborne pollution	Nov.Dec	WMO (UNEP-MEDU)	A. Soudine	to be issued by WMO

Meeting	Date, place	Organizer & co-sponsor (co-sponsor in brackets).	Responsible officer. Travel marked with *	Report Status
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XXVII Meeting of the Inter-Agency Advisory Committee (IAAC) for MEDPOL	December Athens	UNEP-MEDU		to be issued by MEDU
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STATUS OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS OF THE CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA AGAINST POLLUTION AND ITS RELATED PROTOCOLS

Status as at 31 December 1992

	Convention(1)		Dumping(2)		Emergency(3)		Land-Based Sources(4)		Specially Protected Areas(5)	
	Signature	Ratification	Signature	Ratification	Signature	Ratification	Signature	Ratification	Signature	Ratification
Albania	--	30 May 90/AC	--	30 May 90/AC	--	30 May 90/AC	--	30 May 90/AC	--	30 May 90/AC
Algeria	--	16 Feb 76	--	16 Mar 81/AC	--	16 Mar 81/AC	--	2 May 83/AC	--	16 May 85/AC
Cyprus	16 Feb 76	19 Nov 79	16 Feb 76	19 Nov 79	16 Feb 76	19 Nov 79	17 May 80	28 Jun 88/AC	--	28 Jun 88/AC
Egypt	16 Feb 76	24 Aug 78/AP	16 Feb 76	24 Aug 78/AP	16 Feb 76	24 Aug 78/AP	--	18 May 83/AC	16 Feb 83	8 Jul 83
France	16 Feb 76	11 Mar 78/AP-R	16 Feb 76	11 Mar 78/AP-R	16 Feb 76	11 Mar 78/AP-R	17 May 80	13 Jul 82/AP-R	3 Apr 82	2 Sep 86/AP-R
Greece	16 Feb 76	3 Jan 79	16 Feb 76	3 Jan 79	16 Feb 76	3 Jan 79	17 May 80	26 Jan 87	3 Apr 82	26 Jan 87
Israel	16 Feb 76	3 Mar 78	16 Feb 76	3 Mar 78	16 Feb 76	3 Mar 78	17 May 80	21 Feb 91	3 Apr 82	28 Oct 87
Italy	16 Feb 76	3 Feb 79	16 Feb 76	3 Feb 79	16 Feb 76	3 Feb 79	17 May 80	4 Jul 85	3 Apr 82	4 Jul 85
Lebanon	16 Feb 76	8 Nov 77/AC	16 Feb 76	8 Nov 77/AC	16 Feb 76	8 Nov 77/AC	17 May 80	--	--	--
Libya	31 Jan 77	31 Jan 79	31 Jan 77	31 Jan 79	31 Jan 77	31 Jan 79	17 May 80	6 Jun 89/AP	--	6 Jun 89/AP
Malta	16 Feb 76	30 Dec 77	16 Feb 76	30 Dec 77	16 Feb 76	30 Dec 77	17 May 80	2 Mar 89	3 Apr 82	11 Jan 88
Monaco	16 Feb 76	20 Sep 77	16 Feb 76	20 Sep 77	16 Feb 76	20 Sep 77	17 May 80	12 Jan 83	3 Apr 82	29 May 89/R
Morocco	16 Feb 76	15 Jan 80	16 Feb 76	15 Jan 80	16 Feb 76	15 Jan 80	17 May 80	9 Feb 87	2 Apr 83	22 Jun 90
Spain	16 Feb 76	17 Dec 76	16 Feb 76	17 Dec 76	16 Feb 76	17 Dec 76	17 May 80	6 Jun 84	3 Apr 82	22 Dec 87
Syria	--	26 Dec 78/AC-R	--	26 Dec 78/AC	--	26 Dec 78/AC	--	--	--	--
Tunisia	25 May 76	30 Jul 77	25 May 76	30 Jul 77	25 May 76	30 Jul 77	17 May 80	29 Oct 81	3 Apr 82	26 May 83/R
Turkey	16 Feb 76	6 Apr 81	16 Feb 76	6 Apr 81	16 Feb 76	6 Apr 81	--	21 Feb 83/AC	--	6 Nov 86/AC-R
Yugoslavia	15 Sep 76	13 Jan 78	15 Sep 76	13 Jan 78	15 Sep 76	13 Jan 78	--	16 Apr 90	30 Mar 83	21 Feb 86
EEC	13 Sep 76	16 Mar 78/AP	13 Sep 76	16 Mar 78/AP	13 Sep 76	12 Aug 81/AP	17 May 80	7 Oct 83/AP	30 Mar 83	30 Jun 84/AP
1- Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean sea against pollution Adopted (Barcelona): 16 February 1976 Entry into force: 12 February 1978										
2- The Protocol for the prevention of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by dumping from ships and aircraft Adopted (Barcelona): 16 February 1976 Entry into force: 12 February 1978										
3- The Protocol concerning co-operation in combating pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by oil and other harmful substances in cases of emergency Adopted (Barcelona): 16 February 1976 Entry into force: 12 February 1978										
4- The Protocol for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution from land-based sources Adopted (Athens): 17 May 1980 Entry into force: 17 June 1983										
5- The Protocol concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas Adopted (Geneva): 3 April 1982 Entry into force: 23 March 1986										
Accession	- AC	Approval	- AP	Reservation	- R					

ANNEX III

(as at 31.1.93)

REGIONAL TRUST FUND FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA AGAINST POLLUTION Status of Contributions as at 31 December 1992 (in United States Dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid pledges as at 31 Dec. 1991	Adjustments for prior years	Pledges for 1992	Pledges for 1993	Collections during 1992 for prior years	Collections in 1992 for 1992 & fut. years	Unpaid pledges for 1992 and prior years	Unpaid pledges for 1993
Albania	0.00	0	2,695	2,695	0	2,695	0.00	2,695
Algeria	0.00	0	40,425	40,425	0	40,425	0.00	40,425
Cyprus	0.00	0	5,390	5,390	0	5,390	0.00	5,390
Egypt	0.00	0	18,865	18,865	0	37,730	0.00	0
France	1,330,140.00	0	1,461,845	1,461,845	1,330,140	1,461,845	0.00	1,461,845
Greece	0.00	0	108,185	108,185	0	101,019	7,166.00	108,185
Israel	0.00	0	56,595	56,595	0	56,595	0.00	56,595
Italy	2,032,693.00	0	1,158,080	1,158,080	2,032,693	24,359	1,133,721.00	1,158,080
Lebanon	2,459.00	0	2,695	2,695	2,459	0	2,695.00	2,695
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	181,438.00	0	75,845	75,845	0	0	257,283.00	75,845
Malta	12.00	0	2,695	2,695	12	2,695	0.00	2,695
Monaco	10.00	0	2,695	2,695	10	2,705	0.00	2,685
Morocco	0.00	0	10,780	10,780	0	10,780	0.00	10,780
Spain	0.00	0	577,115	577,115	0	577,115	0.00	577,115
Syrian Arab Republic	13,595.31	0	10,780	10,780	10,780	0	13,595.31	10,780
Tunisia	0.00	0	8,085	8,085	0	8,085	0.00	8,085
Turkey	0.00	0	86,625	86,625	0	56,912	29,713.00	86,625
Yugoslavia	221,265.40	0	124,355	124,355	0	0	345,620.40	124,355
European Economic Community pledge	0.00	0	96,250	96,250	0	96,250	0.00	96,250
T o t a l	3,781,612.71	0	3,850,000	3,850,000	3,376,094	2,484,600	1,789,793.71	3,831,125
EEC Voluntary Contribution	0.00	0	573,798	0	0	573,798	0.00	0
T o t a l	3,781,612.71	0	4,423,798	3,850,000	3,376,094	3,058,398	1,789,793.71	3,831,125

Total collections during 1992 as at 31 December 1992: US \$ 6,434,492.00