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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Introduction

1. In consultation with the host country (Tunisia) and the members of the Bureau, the meeting will be held in Tunis, on Friday, 27 March 1998.

2. The following annotations to the provisional agenda for the meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

3. The meeting will be opened at 09.30 hrs on Friday, 27 March 1998, by the President of the Bureau.

4. It is expected that the Bureau will tackle all items inscribed in the Provisional Agenda during its one day meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting of the Bureau at 18.30 hrs on 27 March 1998. The report of the meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat and sent to all members for their comments, before its finalization and distribution.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organisation of work

5. The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat, in consultation with the President and members of the Bureau, was distributed as document UNEP/BUR/52/1 and annotated in the present document.

   The meeting will review and adopt the proposed Provisional Agenda. Simultaneous English-French interpretation will be available for all sessions.

Agenda item 3: Progress Report by the Coordinator on activities carried out since the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties, including draft recommendations on specific activities (November 1997 - March 1998)

6. The Coordinator of MAP will give a general introduction of document UNEP/BUR/51/3 "Progress Report by the Coordinator on activities carried out since the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties, including draft recommendations on specific activities (November 1997 - March 1998)".

   The meeting is expected to comment on and take note of the progress report on the implementation of the activities carried out during this period and review and approve the draft recommendations proposed by the Secretariat.

Agenda item 4: Completion of the selection of additional members of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) to fill the four vacant membership-posts

7. In conformity with the decision of the Tunis meeting to renew the mandate given to the Bureau, to complete the selection of the membership of the MCSD, the Bureau is requested to select from the list of candidates received so far by the Secretariat, and reflected in the Coordinator's progress report, four new members in order to fill the four vacant posts (two for the local authorities category and two for the socio-economic actors category.

Agenda item 5: Information on the on-going MAP-GEF project "Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme to address Pollution from Land-Based Activities in the Mediterranean Region" (SAP)

8. The Coordinator will brief the meeting on the project being finalized by MAP and GEF concerning the Strategic Action Programme to address Pollution from Land-Based Activities in the Mediterranean Region.

Agenda item 6: MAP collaboration with Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)

9. At their Tenth Ordinary Meeting, the Contracting Parties decided to delete one NGO from the MAP/NGO list of partners and invited the Secretariat to make a final attempt to establish contact with the University of the Mediterranean UNIMED (Italy), and authorized the Bureau to take the necessary decisions at its next meeting.

10. The Secretariat will inform the meeting on the results of its contacts and the Bureau is expected to take a decision concerning this issue.

11. The Bureau will have before it for information, an updated Directory of Non-Governmental Organisations, MAP partners, contained in document UNEP/BUR/52/Inf.3.

Agenda item 7: Date and place of the next meeting of the Bureau

12. The meeting will decide on the date and place of the next meeting of the Bureau, keeping in mind that Libya offered to host the next meeting of the Bureau, and that Turkey has offered to host one of the Bureau meetings in Turkey.

Agenda item 8: Any other business

13. The Bureau will consider any other issues which might be raised during the meeting.

Agenda item 9: Adoption of the report of the meeting

14. A draft report of the meeting will be sent to all members in English and French for their comments before its finalization.

Agenda item 10: Closure of the meeting

15. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President at 18.30 hrs on Friday, 27 March 1998.

Working Sessions: 09.30 - 12.30 hrs
14.30 - 18.30 hrs

Coffee Breaks: 11.00 hrs
16.00 hrs