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D'URGENCE CONTRE LA POLLUTION MARINE ACCIDENTELLE (REMPEC)**

**MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN
PLAN D'ACTION POUR LA MEDITERRANEE**



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**PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF REMPEC ACTIVITIES
AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR BIENNIUM 2006/2007**

Note by REMPEC

I INTRODUCTION

1. The 2002 Protocol concerning Cooperation in Preventing Pollution from Ships and, in Cases of Emergency, Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea (hereinafter referred to as "2002 Prevention and Emergency Protocol") that was adopted on the 25 January 2002 by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries (Malta, 24-25 January 2002), entered into force on 17 March 2004, after being ratified by six contracting Parties. At present, seven Contracting Parties have ratified the Protocol.

2. Besides activities related to preparedness for and response to marine pollution incidents, since the 6th Meeting of its Focal Points REMPEC carried out, initiated or prepared a number of activities or projects, related to the implementation of the provisions of the 2002 Prevention and Emergency Protocol in the domain of prevention of pollution from ships (c.f. REMPEC/WG.26/4). These actions were taken in conformity with the Resolution of the Conference of the Plenipotentiaries convened in Malta in January 2002, which calls for commencement of the implementation at both the national and regional levels of the Prevention and Emergency Protocol, pending its entry into force.

3. With a view to implementing the Prevention and Emergency Protocol, the Thirteenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties, held in Catania, Italy, 11-14 November 2003 decided to adopt, at its Fourteenth Meeting scheduled to be held in November 2005 in Slovenia, a Regional Strategy for prevention of and response to marine pollution from ships. The same Meeting also adopted the "Catania Declaration" thus clearly expressing the political will of the Contracting Parties to take concerted action to reduce and, as much as possible, eliminate the pollution of the Mediterranean Sea from ships and sea based activities in general. The "Catania Declaration" *inter alia* identified specific issues that the future Regional Strategy should address as priority.

4. In order to prepare the draft Regional Strategy for submission to the Fourteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties, REMPEC convened two Meetings of National Experts, the first of which was held in Castelgandolfo (Rome), Italy, between 8 and 10 July 2004, and the second one was convened, immediately prior to the present Meeting, in Malta between 21 and 23 April 2005. These Meetings, as well as comments on the three draft versions of the Regional Strategy received from the Contracting Parties since the 6th Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points, identified the needs of the Contracting Parties in the fields of prevention of, preparedness for and response to marine pollution from ships, as well as the appropriate actions to be taken with a view to meeting these needs.

5. In 2004 the EC approached REMPEC with a view to developing a project on Euro-Mediterranean (Euromed) cooperation on maritime safety and prevention of pollution from ships

(SAFEMED) within the framework of the Euromed Transport Forum (c.f. REMPEC/WG.26/7). The objective of the project was to enhance maritime safety and the protection of marine environment in the Mediterranean region through promoting a coherent, effective and uniform implementation of the relevant international conventions and related EU legislation, and was therefore fully compatible with the priority goals of the Regional Strategy. The EC identified REMPEC as the most appropriate regional institution for the implementation of the SAFEMED project considering the important role the Centre plays in this field within the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) and in close collaboration with the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

6. With the assistance of a consultant and in close co-operation with the relevant services of the EC and IMO, REMPEC prepared and submitted to the EC the draft project document, which is at present awaiting the final approval and the signing of the contract for its implementation by the EC and IMO on behalf of REMPEC.

II PRELIMINARY DRAFT PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE BIENNIUM 2006/2007

7. REMPEC prepared the proposed preliminary draft programme of activities, which is attached in **Annex I** to the present document, taking into consideration the following elements:

- a) Continuation of and upgrading the core activities of the Centre originating from the 2002 Prevention and Emergency Protocol and from the present Objectives and Functions assigned to the Centre by the Contracting Parties at their Twelfth Ordinary Meeting, held in Monaco in November 2001;
- b) Activities and projects carried out, initiated, prepared or being implemented during the biennium 2004/2005, in the fields of prevention of, preparedness for and response to pollution of the Mediterranean Sea from sea based activities;
- c) The priority issues to be addressed at the national, sub-regional and regional levels, as identified by the Contracting Parties in the "Catania Declaration";
- d) The work carried out so far on the development of the Regional Strategy for prevention of and response to marine pollution from ships, and its already agreed general and specific objectives; and
- e) The proposed SAFEMED project, with the assumption that it would be approved for implementation by the Centre during the period September 2005 - 2008.

8. It is emphasized that the proposed preliminary draft programme of activities of the Centre for the biennium 2006/2007 includes a number of activities complementing certain tasks of the SAFEMED project. These are meant to be carried out in the thirteen Mediterranean coastal States which are Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention but which are not eligible for funding under the SAFEMED project.

9. On the basis of the above listed elements, the following general needs among the Contracting Parties could be identified in each of the three main areas of REMPEC's mandate, namely the co-operation in prevention of pollution from ships, preparedness for and response to accidental marine pollution:

Prevention of the pollution of the marine environment from ships

- The need to promote through regional co-operation the implementation and the enforcement of the IMO Conventions for prevention of pollution of the marine environment by ships.

Preparedness for and response to accidental marine pollution, and related co-operation

- The need to assist those Mediterranean coastal States which still do not have national capabilities for response to accidents causing or likely to cause pollution of the sea by oil and other harmful substances, to develop such capabilities;

- The need to strengthen the capacities of the Mediterranean coastal States for responding to accidents causing or likely to cause pollution of the sea by oil and other harmful substances, particularly in cases of emergency, in which there is grave and imminent danger to the marine environment, or when these can affect human lives;
- The need to facilitate co-operation among the Contracting Parties in order to respond to such events;

Capacity building and co-operation

- The need to facilitate information exchange, technological co-operation and training;
- The need to provide a framework for exchange of information on operational, technical, scientific, legal and financial matters.

10. Bearing in mind the importance which the 2002 Prevention and Emergency Protocol gives to prevention of pollution from ships, as well as the significant results already achieved in the field of preparedness for and response to marine pollution accidents, the proposed preliminary draft programme of activities for the biennium 2006/2007 puts emphasis on prevention related activities.

III PREVENTION OF POLLUTIONS FROM SHIPS

11. The general orientations of the proposed future activities and actions of the Centre, as regards prevention of ship generated pollution of the marine environment in the Mediterranean, that were presented to the 6th Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points in document REMPEC/WG.21/10 and subsequently endorsed by the Meeting, were also taken into consideration when preparing the proposed programme for the next biennium. The same applies to the activities planned in the preparedness and response field. This approach ensured the necessary continuity between the activities completed, initiated and prepared during the biennium 2004/2005 and those planned for the biennium 2006/2007.

12. It is recalled that the general orientations of REMPEC activities and actions for the prevention of ship generated pollution outlined in 2003 (REMPEC/WG.21/10) included in particular:

- Actions related to the analysis of the current situation in the region (marine pollution prevention policies and actions, assessment of the situation regarding ship generated pollution, assessment of risks in relation to maritime traffic)
- Capacity building at national, sub-regional and regional levels (assistance in development of national administrative systems and legislation for effective implementation and enforcement of international conventions through training, dissemination of information, expert advisory services and pilot programmes; support the development of required infrastructural resources through studies and pilot projects)
- Development of regional co-operation (providing a framework for organizing consultations and co-ordinating actions on specific issues at sub-regional, regional and global levels, development and facilitation of specific programmes, studying and co-ordinating actions on matters of regional interest, studying the feasibility of harmonizing national policies for sanctioning offences of Annex I of MARPOL)

13. A number of specific activities in the field of prevention of pollution from ships, included in the programme of activities for the current biennium, were either carried out and implemented or are still being carried out (c.f. REMPEC/WG. 26/4), while others were either prepared or incorporated into the SAFEMED project for the implementation in the forthcoming biennium. These include in particular:

- CLEANMED project on prevention of operational marine pollution in the Mediterranean, whose first component (improvement of the legislative framework) will be financed under SAFEMED project, while the second one (reinforcement of human resources) under GEF-Mediterranean partnership

- a geographically limited pilot project on surveillance and detection of illicit pollution (AESOP), which will be implemented in co-operation with the EC/JRC, ERS/RAC and several Italian governmental bodies and public institutions
- a study on maritime transport in the Mediterranean with a specific reference to oil and chemical transport (included in SAFEMED), and
- activities related to prevention of pollution from pleasure craft (c.f. REMPEC/WG.26/8)

IV PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TO ACCIDENTAL MARINE POLLUTION

14. In 2003 the general orientations of REMPEC proposed activities and actions related to accidental marine pollution preparedness, response and co-operation addressed the following main groups of issues, which still remain valid:

- further strengthening of the regional mechanisms for co-operation and assistance, in particular in case of emergency
- development of sub-regional systems for preparedness and response, including in particular bilateral or multilateral operational agreements among the neighbouring countries, and
- maintaining and/or developing, as appropriate, national capacities for dealing with marine pollution incidents.

V OTHER ACTIVITIES

15. Eventually, as regards the actions planned in order to meet the needs of the Contracting Parties regarding information exchange and dissemination, training and technological co-operation, the activities proposed to be carried out in 2006/2007 biennium focus on actions that complement general orientations in the three major areas within the mandate of REMPEC.

VI FINANCING

16. In addition to the activities meant to be financed by the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF), the proposed preliminary draft programme also lists the activities that are expected to be financed, completely or partly, by various external sources of financing. These include in particular the MEDA mechanism of the EC, Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) of the Technical Cooperation Division of IMO, Global Environment Facility (GEF), as well as possible voluntary contributions of individual Contracting Parties such as the EC, Italy and Monaco which had voluntarily contributed to the REMPEC's budget during the current biennium. It is expected that the external sources of financing will largely contribute to satisfying identified needs of the Contracting Parties, which could not be covered under the expected MTF budget alone, in view of its limitations.

17. The envisaged sources of financing of activities proposed in the preliminary draft programme of activities for the biennium 2006/2007 are also indicated in **Annex I** to the present document.

18. The budgetary allocations shown in the proposed programme of activities in **Annex I** are only tentative. It is assumed that total amount of REMPEC budget, as approved by the Contracting Parties for the biennium 2004/2005 at the Thirteen Ordinary Meeting held in Catania, Italy, 11-14 November 2003 (UNEP(DEC)/MED IG.13/8, Annex V, page 3) will not change. However, it is emphasized that the MAP Coordinating Unit informed the Centre that any increases and/or changes in salaries for the next biennium would have to be compensated by a decrease in allocations for the activities. On the basis of the views expressed by the present Meeting, REMPEC will present the estimated budget allocations for each proposed activity to the next Meeting of MAP Focal Points, scheduled for September 2005, prior to their submission for approval to the Fourteenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, scheduled for November 2005.

VII PERSONNEL

19. The effective implementation of the proposed programme of activities for the biennium 2006/7 requires complementing the present staff of REMPEC as outlined in **Annex II**. The SAFEMED project proposal envisages the employment of three additional professional staff members (Programme Officer L4, Programme Officer L3 and an Administrator L3) as well as an additional general service

staff member (Administrative Assistant G6). It is emphasized that the implementation of the proposed preliminary draft programme of activities strictly depends on the strengthening of the present complement of REMPEC's staff, paid by the MTF, with the additional personnel paid through the voluntary contributions of the Italian Government and the French oil industry, and with the personnel envisaged to be recruited under the SAFEMED project.

The Meeting of Focal Points is invited to examine and endorse the preliminary draft programme of activities for 2006/2007 biennium, which will be presented to the forthcoming Meeting of MAP Focal Points and subsequently submitted for approval to the Contracting Parties at their Fourteenth Ordinary Meeting.

ANNEX I: PRELIMINARY DRAFT PROGRAMME OF REMPEC ACTIVITIES FOR THE BIENNIUM 2006/2007

ACTIVITY	OBJECTIVES	BUDGET SOURCE	
<p>1. PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS</p> <p><u>Identified needs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to promote through regional co-operation the implementation and the enforcement of the IMO Conventions for prevention of pollution of the marine environment by ships. 			
1.1	Preparation by consultants of a study concerning the level of enforcement in the Mediterranean region of international regulations concerning prevention and control of operational pollution ¹	– To propose the establishment of a framework for regional cooperation in the field of prevention and control of operational pollution, including in particular monitoring of illegal discharges and related recommendations	SAFEMED (EXT), complemented by MTF
1.2	Development of comprehensive guidelines for the application of principles underlying the sustainable development and respect for the environment by pleasure craft activities in the Mediterranean Sea	– To provide a basis for establishing in the Mediterranean region a regime for regulating pleasure craft activities with regard to sustainable development and respect for the environment	MTF
1.3	<i>Preparation of a study on maritime traffic flows in the Mediterranean Sea (with specific reference to transport of oil and HNS)</i>	– <i>To create a basis for actions aimed at improving the safety of navigation and at more effective protection of the Mediterranean marine environment from ship generated pollution</i>	SAFEMED (EXT)
1.4	<i>Identification of additional initiatives on port reception facilities (based on experience gained at the EU level through the implementation of EU Directive 2000/59)</i>	– <i>To prepare proposal concerning additional initiatives on port reception facilities</i>	SAFEMED (EXT)
1.5	AESOP – a short term, geographically limited pilot project on surveillance and detection of illicit pollution of the marine environment (to be carried out in the Adriatic Sea as a preliminary activity for Component III of CLEANMED project)	– To define the possibility of introducing within the Mediterranean region a service aimed at both detecting oil pollution and monitoring the main shipping routes by means of remote sensing from satellites, complemented by aircraft surveillance	MTF (core activity) Partnerships with: - ERS/RAC (EXT) - EC/JRC (EXT) - Italian Gov. and public institutions (EXT) EXT (to be identified)

¹ This activity, which complements SAFEMED Task 3.4 O, is to be carried out in 13 Mediterranean coastal States that are not eligible for funding under SAFEMED. It corresponds to **Component I** (improvement of the legislative framework) of the comprehensive **CLEANMED project** for improving detection of illegal discharges of oily waters and residues in the Mediterranean and prosecution of offenders.

ACTIVITY	OBJECTIVES	BUDGET SOURCE	
2. PREPAREDNESS FOR AND RESPONSE TO MARINE POLLUTION ACCIDENTS			
<u>Identified needs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To assist those Mediterranean coastal States which still do not have national capabilities for response to accidents causing or likely to cause pollution of the sea by oil and other harmful substances, to develop such capabilities; ▪ To strengthen the capacities of the Mediterranean coastal States for responding to accidents causing or likely to cause pollution of the sea by oil and other harmful substances, particularly in cases of emergency, in which there is grave and imminent danger to the marine environment, or when these can affect human lives; ▪ To facilitate co-operation among the Contracting Parties in order to respond to such events. 			
<i>Strengthening regional mechanism for mutual assistance and co-operation in case of emergency</i>			
2.1	Maintaining the level of preparedness of the Mediterranean Assistance Unit (MAU), for assisting the CPs in case of emergency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To rapidly provide the CPs with advisory services in case of marine pollution emergencies (oil and HNS) - To reduce the consequences of pollution incidents 	MTF
2.2	Organizing an alert and communication exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To test and improve the efficiency and reliability of regional and sub-regional alert and communication system 	MTF Ind. CPs (EXT)
<i>Assistance to the Mediterranean coastal States in developing, improving and maintaining local, national and sub-regional systems and operational arrangements for prevention of, preparedness for and response to marine pollution incidents</i>			
2.3	Preparation by consultants or consultancy firms of national legal acts, contingency plans, equipment lists, proposals for national spill response centres, training programmes, and other related technical or legal documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To increase response capabilities of individual CPs - To facilitate the accession of the CPs to the relevant International Conventions (OPRC. OPRC-HNS) 	MTF ITCP (EXT) Ind. CPs (EXT)
2.4	Provision by consultants or consultancy firms of requested advisory services to individual countries or groups of countries, aimed at development, improving and maintaining their local, national and sub-regional systems and operational agreements for prevention of, preparedness for and response to marine pollution incidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To increase the level of preparedness of the CPs for responding to major marine pollution incidents through developing, improving and maintaining local, national and sub-regional systems and arrangements for prevention of, preparedness for and response to marine pollution incidents 	MTF ITCP (EXT) Ind. CPs (EXT)

ACTIVITY		OBJECTIVES	BUDGET SOURCE
2.5	Supporting the organization of joint activities aimed at revision, completion or updating of sub-regional operational agreements in the Mediterranean	– To ensure the effectiveness and proper functioning of the existing sub-regional operational agreements	MTF
2.6	Assistance to individual countries on specific issues, upon their request	– To increase the level of preparedness of the individual CPs to respond to major pollution incidents	MTF Ind. CPs (EXT) ITCP (EXT)
2.7	Development and upgrading of technical and decision support tools, in particular sensitivity maps, spill forecasting models and databases	– To facilitate making decisions by the competent national authorities in case of emergency – To improve the quality, speed and effectiveness of decision making process in case of emergency	MTF Partnerships with: other RACs (EXT) Ind. CPs (EXT) EXT (to be identified)
3. CAPACITY BUILDING AND CO-OPERATION (including TRAINING and DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION)			
<u>Identified needs:</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The need to facilitate information exchange, technological co-operation and training; ▪ The need to provide a framework for exchange of information on operational, technical, scientific, legal and financial matters. 			
Training			
3.1	Organization and delivery of a regional workshop on places of refuge for ships in distress	– To identify appropriate procedures aimed at facilitating decision making when designating a place of refuge for a ship in distress – To facilitate the designation of places of refuge by the CPs	SAFEMED (EXT), complemented by MTF
3.2	Organization and delivery of a regional training activity on 2001 Bunker Convention	– To increase the capacity of the CPs to enforce applicable International Conventions	SAFEMED (EXT), complemented by MTF
3.3	Organization and delivery of a regional training course / exercise (MEDEXPOL)	– To increase the level of knowledge on a specific aspect (to be decided) of marine pollution response	MTF

ACTIVITY		OBJECTIVES	BUDGET SOURCE
3.4	Organization and delivery of a regional workshop on regional partnership for enforcement of maritime regulations on operational pollution	– To prepare the implementation of Component II (reinforcement of human resources and setting up of a dedicated information network) of the CLEANMED project	MTF Partnership with: ERS/RAC (EXT) GEF (EXT)
3.5	Support to the organization and delivery of a national training course on oil spill response	– To increase the level of knowledge on main principles and techniques of oil spill response	MTF
3.6	Support to the organization and delivery of a national training course on prevention of pollution from ships	– To increase the level of knowledge on prevention of pollution from ships	MTF
3.7	Participation in a full scale exercise involving deployment of equipment	– To facilitate the transfer of knowledge and to provide officers in charge of spill response operations with experience in testing operational pollution response systems	EXT (to be identified)
Dissemination of information			
3.8	Development of REMPEC information system (website, interactive databases, ...)	– To facilitate access by the CPs and other partners to information concerning prevention of, preparedness for and response to marine pollution from ships – To increase the visibility of outputs and results of REMPEC and MAP activities in the areas of REMPEC's mandate	MTF EXT (to be identified)
Cooperation with other partners			
	<i>SEE "CORE ACTIVITIES of REMPEC"</i>		
4. MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES			
4.1	8 th Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points ²	– To examine the progress of REMPEC activities in the biennium 2006/2007 – To discuss and give guidance on the program of activities for the biennium 2008/2009	MTF Vol. contributions of ind. CPs (EXT)
4.2	Meeting on guidelines for pleasure craft activities	– To develop comprehensive guidelines based on the agreed principles underlying the sustainable development and respect for the environment by pleasure craft activities in the Mediterranean Sea	EXT (to be identified)

² Only one Meeting of Focal Points was envisaged in the biennium due to budgetary limitations.

ACTIVITY	OBJECTIVES	BUDGET SOURCE
CORE ACTIVITIES OF REMPEC		
PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS		
Assistance to individual countries on the ratification / implementation of relevant IMO Conventions, upon their request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – To consolidate the legal basis for the protection of marine environment in Mediterranean from pollution from ships – To improve the level of enforcement of relevant international regulations 	MTF (core activity)
PREPAREDNESS FOR AND RESPONSE TO MARINE POLLUTION ACCIDENTS		
Expanding the range of expertise available through MAU and including in it additional centres of expertise	– To extend the range of expertise readily available to the CPs in case of emergency	MTF (core activity)
Review of the existing recommendations, principles and guidelines for facilitating mutual assistance and co-operation in case of emergency, and identification of needs for the new ones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – To facilitate mutual assistance in case of emergency – To facilitate implementation of the Prevention and Emergency Protocol – To accelerate receiving/rendering assistance in case of emergency 	MTF (core activity)
Assistance by REMPEC to national authorities in case of emergency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – To rapidly provide the CPs with advisory services in case of marine pollution emergencies (oil and HNS) – To reduce the consequences of pollution incidents – To facilitate mutual assistance in case of emergency 	MTF (core activity)
CAPACITY BUILDING AND CO-OPERATION (including TRAINING and DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION)		
Dissemination of information		
Updating of the Regional Information System, technical documents and teaching aids	– To provide the CPs with the up-to-date information on issues related to prevention of, preparedness for and response to marine pollution from ships, and on regional co-operation	MTF (core activity)
Cooperation with other partners		
Development of co-operation with the oil, chemical and shipping industry	– To strengthen the base for implementation of the Regional Strategy	MTF (core activity)

ANNEX II

REMPEC STAFF

TITLE	GRADE	Paid by	Remarks
PERMANENT STAFF			
Director	D1	MTF	
Senior Programme Officer (OPRC)	P5	MTF	
Programme Officer (Marine Environment Protection)	P4	MTF	Currently vacant
Programme Officer (Prevention)	P4	MTF	
Information Assistant / Documentalist	G7	MTF	
Administrative / Financial Assistant	G7	MTF	
Assistant to the Director	G7	MTF	Currently vacant
Secretary / Administrative Assistant	G5	MTF	
Clerk / Secretary	G4	MTF	
Technical Assistant (logistics)	G4	MTF	
TEMPORARY STAFF			
Temporary Technical Officer	P3	contract	Until 26 May 2005
Junior Programme Officer	P2	TOTAL ¹	Until 30 April 2005
Junior Programme Officer	P2	ICRAM ²	Until 30 April 2005
Secretary (bilingual)	G6	Italian Gov. ³	Until 31 Dec. 2005
Administrative Assistant	G6	Italian Gov. ⁴	Until 31 Dec. 2005
STAFF EXPECTED TO BE RECRUITED SAFEMED PROJECT			
Programme Officer	L4	SAFEMED	Sept. 2005 - 2008
Programme Officer	L3	SAFEMED	Sept. 2005 – 2008
Administrator	L3	SAFEMED	Sept. 2005 – 2008
Administrative Assistant	G6	SAFEMED	Sept. 2005 - 2008

¹ Position financed by the French oil industry (TOTAL) under the “Volontariat international scientifique” mechanism. The assignment of the current Junior Programme Officer terminates on 30 April 2005.

² Position financed by the Italian Central Institute for Applied Marine Research (ICRAM), under an agreement between the Institute and the managers of CLEOPATRA projects on satellite monitoring of oil pollution from ships. The assignment terminates on 30 April 2005.

³ Position financed by the Italian Government (EURO 35,000 in 2004 and 2005) as part of its voluntary contribution to MTF for REMPEC (EURO 45,000/year)

⁴ same as ³