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**PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE BIENNIUM 2010-2011**

**Note by the Secretariat**

1. Based on its mandate, the 2002 Prevention and Emergency Protocol, and the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (hereinafter referred to as "the Strategy"), the Centre is proposing its programme of activities for the next biennium as attached in the **Annex** to the present document.

2. The proposed activities will primarily be financed by the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF). However, it should be noted that some activities, financed completely or partly by various external sources, will also be implemented during the biennium 2010-2011. These include in particular:

- activities to be implemented by REMPEC within the framework of the EU-funded MEDA regional project on Euro-Mediterranean Co-operation on Maritime Safety and Prevention of Pollution from Ships (SAFEMED), which implementation is continuing during the biennium 2010-2011 with a new SAFEMED II Project. It should be noted that, as was the case for activities carried out under SAFEMED I, several activities of the SAFEMED II Project correspond to activities to be carried out under the Strategy. As in the previous biennium, these latter activities will be, as far as possible, extended to Mediterranean coastal States which are not MEDA eligible countries;
- activities to be implemented under the GEF/UNDP/IMO project "Building Partnerships to Assist Developing Countries to Reduce the Transfer of Harmful Aquatic Organisms in Ships' Ballast Water (GloBallast Partnerships);
- activities expected to be financed by the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO); and
- activities financed by possible other voluntary contributions, such as contributions from the industry and contributions of individual Contracting Parties to the REMPEC budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

3. The proposed programme of activities is primarily aimed at facilitating the implementation of the 2002 Prevention and Emergency Protocol. It has to be noted that, within the five-year indicative programme of work of MAP, this mid-term perspective coincides with the timeframe adopted by the Contracting Parties for the attainment of the Specific Objectives of the Strategy. In this regard, bearing in mind that the implementation of the Strategy is also an objective of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD), an assessment of this Strategy should be conducted in 2010.

4. The proposed programme of activities for the next biennium will focus on three main objectives:

- Facilitate the ratification, implementation and enforcement of international conventions, rules and regulations related to pollution from ships,
- Maintain and develop the level of preparedness and capacities to respond to marine pollution emergencies in the region.
- Strengthen governance and provide for information and communication tools

5. With a view to provide more information to the REMPEC Focal Points, indicative budget estimates have been inserted in the proposed programme of activities. These estimates are based on the current budget allocated to the Centre, as the last Meeting of the Contracting Parties did not decide on an increase in the MTF budget. In this regard, in view of the increase in costs, it has to be noted that the Centre will not be in a position to finance the same level of participation to its activities as in the past.

**The Meeting of Focal Points is invited** to review, discuss and agree upon the programme of activities of the Centre for the 2010-2011 biennium prepared by the Secretariat, which will be presented to the forthcoming Meeting of MAP Focal Points and subsequently to the Sixteenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties, for approval.

## ANNEX

### PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE BIENNIUM 2010-2011

#### Sea Based Pollution

- **5-years vision:**

The primary goal for the activities proposed for the next five years, part of which being expected to be implemented under the biennium 2010-2011, is to facilitate the effective implementation of the 2002 Protocol Concerning Cooperation in Preventing Pollution from Ships and, in Cases of Emergency, Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea (“Prevention and Emergency” Protocol), which was adopted on the 25 January 2002 and entered into force on 17 March 2004, as well as the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (hereunder referred to as the “Strategy”), adopted by the Fourteenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Portoroz, Slovenia, 8-11 November 2005), which is expected to be fully implemented in five-years time (by 2015). Some of the activities envisaged are related to the five year indicative work-programme of MAP, in particular with the cross-cutting issue of climate change.

- **Biennium objectives:**

The general orientations of the Centre for the biennium 2010-2011 are reflected in the singled out specific objectives as follows:

- Objective 1. Facilitate the ratification, implementation and enforcement of international conventions, rules and regulations related to pollution from ships.** The Centre will focus its efforts, during the biennium 2010-2011, on the ratification, implementation and enforcement of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL), including MARPOL Annex VI (air pollution), and in line with the MAP 5 year indicative programme on climate change. The Centre will also implement a number of activities related to the ratification, implementation and enforcement of the International Convention for the Control and management of Ship’s Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (BWM), particularly those activities planned for 2010-2011 under the GloBallast Partnerships Project, which REMPEC is currently in the Mediterranean conducting in close cooperation with RAC/SPA. This objective will be achieved by providing to the Contracting Parties general and specialised knowledge, technical expertise and advisory services as well as by facilitating exchange of experience.

**Objective 2.** **Maintain and develop the level of preparedness and capacities to respond to marine pollution emergencies in the region.** A number of activities, carried out in cooperation with the IMO Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP), will also be directed to prepare Mediterranean coastal States to respond efficiently to marine pollution incidents, and the oil industry will be associated as much as possible to the implementation of such activities. This objective will be achieved by providing the Contracting Parties expertise and updated knowledge the Mediterranean coastal States aimed at revising, completing or updating national and sub-regional strategies, operational agreements and emergency plans.

**Objective 3.** **Strengthen governance and provide for information and communication tools.** The way to strengthen governance will be achieved by two types of activities: participating in overall projects which aim at enhancing the governance of the Mediterranean sea (application of the ecosystem approach, developing marine protected areas in the high seas) on one hand and on the other hand to follow the implementation of the Governance paper which aims at improving the internal governance of MAP. This will be achieved by the improvement of the accessibility of relevant information and decision support tools for the Contracting parties as well as through the organisation of the Meeting of Focal Points of REMPEC as well as with the organisation of one or two Meeting(s) of the ECP (Executive Coordination Panel) at the premises of the Centre.

- **Biennium expected outputs:**

**Objective 1 output:** Capacities of the Contracting Parties strengthened with respect to ratification, transposition and enforcement of major international regulations to prevent, reduce and control pollution of the marine environment from ships.

**Objective 2 output:** Contracting Parties prepared to respond to accidental marine pollution incidents at national, sub-regional and regional level enhanced.

**Objective 3 output:** Governance and exchange of information on technical, scientific, legal and administrative matters facilitated.

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<b>Facilitate the ratification, implementation and enforcement of international conventions, rules and regulations related to pollution from ships</b>											
<b>Strategy Specific Objective 7 a)</b> (All Mediterranean States ensure the existence of a national legal framework (regulations) as a basis for prosecuting discharge offenders for infringements of the MARPOL Convention or of any legal framework implementing it)	Provide expertise on transposition into national legislation of Annex I (Oil) of MARPOL Convention.	Draft national legislation on aspects related to the prosecution of offenders for infringements of MARPOL Annex I are prepared.	Provide legal assistance on transposition into national legislation of MARPOL Annex I.  CPs to develop or revise their national legislation as a basis for prosecuting offenders of MARPOL Annex I requirements with respect to discharges from ships.	National legislation implementing MARPOL Annex I established in CPs which benefitted from the expert support.	SAFEMED II Sub-task 5.1.2	5			5		

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<b>Strategy Specific Objective 1 a)</b> (To ratify MARPOL Convention and its annexes, to ensure their transposition into national law and to cooperate through REMPEC to ensure full compliance with its provisions)	Hold a workshop on MARPOL Annexes II (Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk) and III ((Packaged Harmful Substances) implementation.	Update knowledge of administration staff with respect to MARPOL Convention new Annex II and raise awareness on MARPOL Convention Annex III.	Organise a four-day workshop on the implementation of MARPOL Annexes II and III.  CPs to ensure that MARPOL Annexes II and III are properly implemented.	MARPOL Annexes II and III properly implemented by participating CPs.	SAFEMED II Subtask 5.1.3	30 (1p/c)					
<b>Strategy Specific Objective 1 a)</b> (To ratify MARPOL Convention and its annexes, to ensure their transposition into national law and to cooperate through REMPEC to ensure full compliance with its provisions).	Hold a workshop on MARPOL Annex VI (Air Pollution from Ships).	Raise awareness on the importance of ratifying and implementing MARPOL Annex VI and in view of the recent major amendments adopted.	Organise a two-day workshop in order to raise awareness and assist countries in the preparatory work for the ratification and implementation of MARPOL Annex VI.  CPs to achieve preparatory work for the ratification and implementation of Annex VI of MARPOL.	Annex VI of MARPOL ratified and implemented by participating CPs.	SAFEMED II Task 5.2  <b>MAP 5 year indicative programme (2009-2013)</b> <b>Climate change</b>  Blue Plan	24 (1p/c) <sup>1</sup>					

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<p><b>Strategy Specific Objective 13</b></p> <p>(To examine the possibility of designating the Mediterranean Sea as a SOx emission control area under MARPOL Annex VI)</p>	Produce a study assessing gas emissions from ships.	Raise awareness on the importance of ratifying and implementing MARPOL Annex VI (Air Pollution from Ships).	Assess gas emissions from commercial ships in the Mediterranean, by using the relevant information provided by the REMPEC's database on maritime traffic trends in the Mediterranean.	General knowledge of climate change and shipping related issues enhanced.	<p><b>MAP 5 year indicative programme (2009-2013)</b></p> <p><b>Climate change</b></p> <p>Blue Plan</p>			*			
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<p><b>Strategy Specific Objective 7 e)</b></p> <p>(...to disseminate information to enforcement personnel and legal personnel / prosecutors / magistrates on the relevant issues required to secure successful prosecutions in court, e.g. procedures for the collection of data, submission of evidence to courts etc...)</p>	Hold a workshop on violations to MARPOL Annex I discharges requirements.	Enhance knowledge of staff involved in preparing and processing prosecution cases of violations to MARPOL Annex I discharges requirements.	<p>Support the organisation of a 3-day sub-regional workshop to discuss possible common procedure aimed at facilitating the prosecution of offenders.</p> <p>CPs to agree upon possible procedures for the prosecution of offenders to MARPOL Annex I discharges requirements.</p>	Procedures for the prosecution of offenders in courts by Flag States and Coastal States authorities established by CPs participating.	<p>HELCOM and Bonn Agreement</p> <p>Network of prosecutors</p>	17 (2p/c)					

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(To establish systems and procedures for national monitoring and surveillance, including, where applicable, aerial surveillance in the waters under the jurisdiction of Contracting Parties).	Provide expertise on systems and procedures for national monitoring and surveillance.	Develop or improve national aerial surveillance system.	Provision of expert advice for feasibility studies on aerial surveillance to combat oil pollution at sea, including illicit discharges, in the waters under the jurisdiction of Contracting Parties.  CPs to establish or improve national aerial surveillance system.	Gaps related to national aerial surveillance system identified and improvements undertaken by CPs which benefitted from the expert support.	-	10					
<b>REMPEC mandate and Prevention and Emergency Protocol</b>	Produce a study investigating best use of port reception facilities in the region.	Identification of possible sub-regional agreements between ports on the use of their existing port reception facilities.	Commission of a detailed analytical study on the possible establishment of pools of port reception facilities to be used by ships in the Mediterranean region and ways forward.	Most effective way to use port reception facilities to discharge oily residues from ships identified.	IMO  International Association of Ports and harbours (IAPH)  Waste Environment Cooperation Centre (WE 2C)			*			

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<b>REMPEC mandate and Prevention and Emergency Protocol</b>	Investigate the possibility of developing a sub-regional policy related to surveillance of marine areas under jurisdiction (illicit discharges).	Progress achieved towards the development of a sub-regional policy related to surveillance of marine areas under jurisdiction (illicit discharges).	Facilitate the development of a sub-regional policy related to surveillance of marine areas under jurisdiction (illicit discharges).	Sub-regional system of surveillance investigated.	Sub-regional agreement between Italy, Slovenia and Croatia.	-					
<b>REMPEC mandate and Prevention and Emergency Protocol Strategy Annex 3 (List of relevant international conventions)</b>	Hold a Workshop on the International Convention on the Control of harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships (AFS Convention).	Raise knowledge of the maritime administrations on the way to enforce the AFS Convention.	<p>Organisation of a two days workshop, bringing together inspectors/surveyors of the countries and representatives of EU Member States involved in AFS survey and inspections will be organised.</p> <p>CPs to exchange views about the best practices with regard to these flag States surveys and inspections and agree on possible harmonised inspections procedures.</p>	Ways of establishing harmonized surveys and inspections under the AFS Convention investigated by participating CPs.	SAFEMED II Task 5.4			*			

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<b>Strategy Specific Objective 3 e)</b>  (REMPEC to work in association with the MoUs on port State control on the organisation and follow- up analysis of concentrated inspections campaigns on MARPOL deficiencies.	Facilitate exchange of experience between the MED MoU Port State Control inspectors and the Paris MoU Port State Control inspectors.	Agreement between Med MoU and Paris MoU Secretariats to exchange of experience reached.	Explore the possibility of organising of a 3-day joint concentrated inspections campaign on MARPOL Annex I deficiencies	3-day concentrated inspections campaign on MARPOL Annex I deficiencies agreed upon.	SAFEMED II Task 3.6  MoU Secretariats	-					

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<b>REMPEC mandate and Prevention and Emergency Protocol Strategy Annex 3</b>	Hold a meeting of the GloBallast Regional Task Force / Regional Harmonisation workshop aiming at providing an opportunity to the countries to present information on their progress to date and lessons learned on legal, policy and institutional reforms.	Progress achieved in the development of a regional strategy on ship's ballast water management and invasive species in the Mediterranean.	<p>Organisation of the Second Regional Task Force Meeting (2 days) to review the draft consolidated regional strategy on ship's ballast water management and invasive species in the Mediterranean and its Action plan.</p> <p>Organised back to back with a 1-day Regional Harmonisation Workshop.</p> <p>CPs to actively contribute to the drafting work related to the development of the Strategy.</p> <p>Hosting country to support efficiently REMPEC in organising the activity.</p>	<p>First consolidated draft of a regional strategy on ship's ballast water management and invasive species in the Mediterranean agreed upon.</p> <p>Knowledge and exchange of experience leading to the regional harmonisation of legal, policy and institutional reforms provided.</p>	<p>IMO GloBallast Project</p> <p>Task 1.1.4 and Task 2.4.2</p> <p>RAC / SPA</p>	25					

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<b>REMPEC mandate and Prevention and Emergency Protocol</b>  <b>Strategy Annex 3</b>	Hold a training course on the legal aspects of maritime and ballast water management law.	Support GloBallast participating countries to acquaint national Government lawyers and expert with ballast water management issue.	Organisation of a 2.5-day training course.  CPs to establish regulatory frames and controls for ballast water management.  Hosting country to support efficiently REMPEC in organising the activity.	Regulatory frames and controls for ballast water management established by GloBallast participating countries.	IMO GloBallast Project  Task 2.5.2  RAC / SPA	25					
<b>REMPEC mandate and Prevention and Emergency Protocol</b>  <b>Strategy Annex 3</b>	Hold a training course knowledge on Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement (CME) management.	Provide Port State control authorities of the GloBallast participating countries with practical knowledge on Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement (CME) management.	Organisation of a 3-day regional Compliance and Monitoring (CME) training course.  CPs to establish Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement systems.  Hosting country to support efficiently REMPEC in organising the activity.	Risk-based approach developed by GloBallast participating countries.	IMO GloBallast Project  Task 2.7.2  RAC / SPA	-		*			

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<b>REMPEC mandate and Prevention and Emergency Protocol</b>  <b>Strategy Annex 3</b>	Produce a study on ships' ballast water in the Mediterranean.	Produce an assessment study related to ships' ballast water in the Mediterranean.	Assess ships' ballast water in the Mediterranean using the REMPEC database on maritime traffic in the Mediterranean region.	Information on main ships' ballast water routes and receiver ports made available.	IMO GloBallast Project			*			
<b>Maintain and develop the level of preparedness and capacities to respond to marine pollution emergencies in the region</b>											
<b>Strategy Specific Objective 12</b>  (To establish procedures for the designation of place of refuge in order to minimize the risk of widespread pollution).  <b>Guidelines on the decision making process for granting access to a place of refuge for ships in need of assistance</b>	Produce a study on an adequate network of places of refuge in the Mediterranean.	Promotion of a coordinated approach towards the designation of such places of refuge in case of an accident.	Compile an overview of the national measures (legislation, guidelines.) taken by all Mediterranean countries related to the provision of places of refuge and the availability of sensitivity mapping in the countries will be assessed.	Possible coordinated approach towards the designation of such places of refuge in case of an accident identified.	SAFEMED II Task 5.3	1					

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<p><b>Strategy Specific Objective 19 d)</b></p> <p>(to take into consideration, when preparing training programmes for the Mediterranean region, the relevant model training courses that might be developed in the future by IMO OPRC-HNS Technical Group).</p>	<p>Hold a workshop on Hazardous and noxious substances (HNS).</p>	<p>Increase the level of knowledge in the field of HNS.</p>	<p>Organisation of a 4-day Sub-regional Workshop (Arab-speaking countries), in co-operation with the chemical and shipping industries, on preparedness and response to HNS pollution incidents targeting decision makers and national authorities.</p> <p>CPs participating to the activity to provide the required information on HNS products transiting in their ports.</p> <p>CPs participating to the activity to investigate the preparation of national contingency plans on HNS related marine pollution incidents.</p>	<p>Information on HNS products transiting in the countries collected.</p> <p>National contingency plans on HNS related marine pollution incidents developed by participating CPs.</p>	<p>IMO'S Technical Cooperation Division (ITCP)</p>			*			
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<p><b>Strategy Specific Objective 21 c)</b>  (to continue assisting the Contracting Parties, which did not yet adopt their national contingency plans, in the development and implementation of their national preparedness and response systems).</p>	Provide expertise / organise a workshop on Contingency Planning.	Increase the level of knowledge and preparedness at national level in the field of contingency planning.	Organisation of a 2-day field mission and a 3-day national Table Top Exercise / Workshop on Contingency Planning. Country concerned moving forward with the adoption of the national Contingency Plan.	Adoption of the national Contingency Plan.	This activity is a follow-up of a programme of activities carried out by REMPEC in Montenegro during the biennium 2006-2007.			*			
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<p><b>Strategy Specific Objective 21 c)</b>  (to continue assisting the Contracting Parties, which did not yet adopt their national contingency plans, in the development and implementation of their national preparedness and response systems).</p>	Provide expertise for the development and implementation of countries national preparedness and response systems.	Increase the level of preparedness and response in the Mediterranean region in cases of emergencies.	Provide individual countries with expertise for the development, improvement and maintenance of their systems and operational arrangements.  CPs to develop/ update their national contingency plans as necessary.	Response systems and operational arrangements and contingency plans developed/revised by CPs which benefitted from the expert support.	IMO'S Technical Cooperation Division (ITCP) Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG)	10	12				

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<p><b>Strategy Specific Objective 19</b></p> <p>(To increase as much as practical, the level of knowledge in the field of preparedness and response to accidental marine pollution by oil and other harmful substances).</p>	Hold workshops in the field of preparedness and response to marine pollution incidents.	Increase the level of knowledge and preparedness at national level in the field of contingency planning.	<p>Support the organisation of 3-day national workshops on preparedness and response in cases of emergencies.</p> <p>CP participating to the workshop to integrate in its national system the substance of the workshop.</p>	Capacities of individual countries participating to the activity in the field of preparedness and response in cases of emergencies enhanced.	IMO'S Technical Cooperation Division (ITCP) Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG)	12					
<p><b>Strategy Specific Objective 21</b></p> <p>(To strengthen the capacity of individual coastal States to respond efficiently to marine pollution incidents through development of sub-regional operational agreements and contingency plans.).</p>	Hold workshops / meetings / exercises.	Increase the level of preparedness and response of neighbouring countries in the Mediterranean region in cases of emergencies.	<p>Support the organisation of workshops / meetings / exercises for countries parties to a sub-regional agreement for the implementation of their sub-regional systems and operational arrangements.</p> <p>CPs to ensure that the sub-regional agreement is operational and to adopt the plan when required.</p>	<p>National / sub-regional Contingency Plans are effective in cases of emergencies in CPs which benefitted from the support.</p> <p>Entry into force of sub-regional agreement.</p>	Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG)	6			6		



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<b>Strategy Specific Objective 15</b>  (To evaluate the capacities in terms of safety of the Mediterranean commercial ports and terminals).	Provide expertise to assess the capacities in terms of safety of the Mediterranean commercial ports and terminals.	Prevention of accidents in commercial ports and terminals.	Provision of expertise to develop a voluntary assessment tool.	Safety voluntary assessment for oil terminals and commercial ports tool in the Mediterranean is finalised.	Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF)			*	External funds will have to be identified.		
<b>Strategy Specific Objective 20</b>  (To revise the existing recommendations, principles and guidelines, and to develop new ones aimed at facilitating international cooperation and mutual assistance within the framework of the Prevention and Emergency Protocol).	Revise Guidelines on the use of dispersants.	Revise the regional "Guidelines for the use of dispersants for combating oil pollution at sea in the Mediterranean region" developed by REMPEC.	Start the revision process of the Guidelines through the Mediterranean Technical Working Group (MTWG). This activity will require provision of expertise to review the draft consolidated Guidelines.  CPs to participate actively to the MTWG.	Up-to-date guidelines on the use of dispersant produced.	-	4					

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<b>Strategy Specific Objective 19</b>  (To increase as much as practical, the level of knowledge in the field of preparedness and response to accidental marine pollution by oil and other harmful substances).	Support the participation of Contracting Parties to training courses on preparedness for and response to marine pollution	Increase the level of knowledge and preparedness at national level in the field of preparedness for and response to marine pollution	Assist Contracting Parties to participate in external activities within the limit of the Centre capacity.	Capacities of individual countries participating to the activity in the field of preparedness and response in cases of emergencies enhanced.		1			1		
<b>Strategy Specific Objective 19</b>  (To increase as much as practical, the level of knowledge in the field of preparedness and response to accidental marine pollution by oil and other harmful substances).	Test and improve through the organisation of alert exercises, the response network's reaction capacity.	Improve and maintain communication in case of call for assistance	Assist Contracting Parties to participate in communication exercises with the MAU and CEFIC ICE Network.	Communication reactivity to call for assistance	Mediterranean Assistance Unit: Cedre, Federchimica and ISPRA CEFIC ICE						

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<p><b>Strategy Specific Objective 19</b></p> <p>(To increase as much as practical, the level of knowledge in the field of preparedness and response to accidental marine pollution by oil and other harmful substances).</p>	Hold a workshop on preparedness and response to marine pollution incidents.	Fill priority gap(s) in the field of preparedness and response in the Mediterranean region in cases of emergencies and strengthen cooperation with the oil industry sector.	<p>Organisation of a 3-day Regional Workshop (MEDEXPOL) on preparedness and response to marine pollution incidents.</p> <p>CPs to actively contribute to the workshop and ensure cooperation with oil industry operating in its country.</p>	Gaps filled in.	The Regional Workshop will be designed according to the assessment of the situation and identification of gaps in the field of preparedness and response in the Mediterranean region, which is carried out in 2009. Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG)	50 (1p/c)					
<b>Strengthen governance and provide for information and communication tools</b>											
<b>MAP procedures and decision of Contracting parties Meetings.</b>	Hold the REMPEC Focal Point Meeting (2011).	Exchange information and knowledge in the field of prevention of, preparedness for and response to marine pollution incidents.	Organise the Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points (4 days).	Activities carried out during the previous biennium and programme of activities for the following biennium endorsed.	Core activity of REMPEC				52 (1p/c)		
<b>MAP procedures and decision of Contracting Parties Meetings.</b>	Hold an ECP (Executive Coordination Panel) Meeting.	Exchange information with MAP, other RACs and MEDPOL.	Organise one Meeting of the ECP.	Information exchanged and coordination facilitated.	Core activity of REMPEC	5					

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<b>Map procedures and decision of Contracting Parties Meetings.</b>	Participate in the ecosystem approach implementation.	Data and objectives for maritime activities identified.	REMPEC's Focal Points to participate in the assessment and discuss ecological objectives.	Implementation of the ecosystem approach is developed in accordance with the road map agreed at Almeria.	HELCOM / Baltic Action Plan						
<b>Map procedures and decision of Contracting Parties Meetings.</b>	Participate in the Marine Protected Areas project.	To explore the feasibility to designate Marine Protected Areas in the high seas.	SPA/RAC to drive the process – REMPEC Focal Points to be associated.	3 areas should be proposed as SPAMI.	M.S.S.D. / IMO						
<b>Map procedures and decision of Contracting Parties Meetings.</b>	To participate in the M.S.S.D. review.	The implementation of the Regional Strategy to be assessed.	REMPEC to liaise with its Focal Points if requested by the Consultant.	The level of achievement of the specific objectives is assessed.	M.S.S.D.						
<b>Map procedures and decision of Contracting Parties Meetings.</b>	To draft the Chapter of the state of the environment report on maritime transport.	To provide CPs and the general public with an overview of the characteristics of maritime transport in the Med.	REMPEC to compile the study.	An updated chapter is provided.							
<b>Map procedures and decision of Contracting Parties Meetings.</b>	REMPEC Info/System.	REMPEC website is in line with the INFO/MAP.	REMPEC and INFO/RAC to assess the situation and develop REMPEC Info/System.	REMPEC is part of INFO MAP system.							

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<p><b>Strategy Specific Objective 9 b)</b></p> <p>(To ensure the identification of the main shipping lanes for vessels carrying oil and other hazardous and noxious substances (HNS).</p>	Purchase of data to maintain decision support tools.	Maintain information data updated.	Upgrading/updating of the REMPEC's Geographic Information System (GIS) through the acquisition /integration of recent data (2006-2008) and, if necessary and feasible, possible additional data and actual features.	Contracting Parties provided with updated and reliable information system on main shipping lanes in the Mediterranean region.	SAFEMED II Task 1.4	-					
<p><b>Strategy Specific Objective 18 c)</b></p> <p>(To regularly revise and upgrade the existing and to develop and make available to the competent national authorities of the Contracting Parties new IT based decision support tools (...)).</p>	Revise decision-making tools format with the support of expertise.	Maintain decision support tools updated.	Initiate the revision of the present format of MIDSIS TROCS version 2.0 with the assistance of external IT expertise	MIDSIS TROCS decision support tool is updated.	-				10		

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<b>Strategy Specific Objective 18 c)</b>  (To regularly revise and upgrade the existing and to develop and make available to the competent national authorities of the Contracting Parties new IT based decision support tools (...)).	Update and upgrade as necessary REMPEC information system.	Maintain electronic information systems updated.	Review and maintain the Centre's information system.	Efficient and interactive electronic tools to facilitate dissemination of information from and to CPs.	-		12				

