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Introduction

REMPEC

The Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) assists the Mediterranean coastal States in ratifying, transposing, implementing and enforcing international maritime conventions related to the prevention of, preparedness for and response to marine pollution from ships.

The foundations for regional co-operation in the fields of prevention of, preparedness for and response to marine pollution from ships in the Mediterranean are set out in the 2002 Prevention and Emergency Protocol (Protocol concerning Co-operation in Preventing Pollution from Ships and, in Cases of Emergency, Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea) to the Barcelona Convention (Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean).

The Prevention and Emergency Protocol, which entered into force on 17 March 2002, is the regional instrument that sets the main principles of co-operation in dealing with threats to the marine environment, the coasts and related interests of the Contracting Parties posed by accidental releases or by accumulations of small, operational discharges, of oil or other harmful substances.

REMPEC Focal Points

According to Article 7 on dissemination and exchange of information of the Prevention and Emergency Protocol of 2002, each Party undertakes to disseminate to the other Parties information concerning the competent national authorities in charge, its regulations and new developments related to contingency plans and other means of preventing and combating pollution incidents. Accordingly, the responsibilities of the REMPEC Focal Points have been defined by the Decision IG 17.3 made during the 15th Ordinary Contracting Parties Meeting which was held in Almeria in January 2008:

Governmental Focal Point: Office or officer of either the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Ministry of Environment having general responsibility for the implementation of the provisions of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;

Prevention Focal Point: Office or officer of the national authority responsible for maritime affairs (i.e. maritime transport, shipping and related matters), dealing with prevention of pollution from ships;

OPRC Focal Point: Office or officer of the national authority responsible for preparedness and response to accidental marine pollution, if possible designated as such in the relative national contingency plans; the responsibility for preparedness and response to accidental marine pollution varies from country to country and may fall under the responsibilities of, for example the national authority in charge of maritime affairs or the national authority in charge of environment or the national authority in charge of civil protection;

24 hour Focal Point: National centre or contact point responsible for receiving reports on marine pollution accidents;

Mutual assistance Focal Point: Competent national authority responsible for dealing with matters related to mutual assistance in case of emergency.

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