

Appendix 1
Implementation Goals

Note: “**High priority**” implies that the task in question should be completed by end of 2018, whereas “**Medium priority**” implies that the task should be concluded as soon as possible, but not later than end of 2020.

A) Contracting Parties’ Goals

Specific Objective	Goal (Success Criteria)	Priority
1 Ratification of relevant international maritime conventions related to the protection of the marine environment (see Appendix 2).	<p>a) All Contracting Parties to have taken the necessary actions to ratify and implemented MARPOL and its six Annexes ,to have ensured their transposition into national law, placing special emphasis on revised Annex V (Regulations for the prevention of pollution by garbage from ships) and Annex VI (Regulations for the prevention of air pollution from ships) as amended, and to have cooperated through REMPEC to ensure full compliance with its provisions;</p> <p>b) All Contracting Parties to have taken the necessary actions to ratify and implemented other IMO relevant international conventions and to have ensured their transposition into national law by the same time and full compliance with their provisions;</p>	High High
2 To control and manage ships' biofouling to minimise the transfer of invasive aquatic species.	<p>a) All Contracting Parties to have applied the 2011 Guidelines for the control and management of ships' biofouling to minimise the transfer of invasive aquatic species and report to IMO accordingly;</p> <p>b) All Contracting Parties to have disseminated the Guidelines to the shipping industry and other interested parties; and</p>	Medium Continuous
3 Ensuring effective maritime administrations.	<p>a) All Contracting Parties to have developed a NAP to enable them to fully implement the Regional Strategy in a timely and thorough manner;</p> <p>b) All Mediterranean coastal States to have enhanced, on the basis of their NAP, the performance of their maritime administration in accordance with the applicable IMO recommendations and guidelines;</p> <p>c) All Mediterranean coastal States to have prepared for undertaking the IMO Member State Audit Scheme, using the III Code as the audit standard and following the Framework and Procedures for the Scheme;</p>	High High High
4 To strengthen the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on port State control (PSC) in the Mediterranean region (Mediterranean MoU).	<p>a) All Contracting Parties to have maintained their mandate to REMPEC whereby the Centre should, if and when possible, offer its assistance to the Mediterranean MoU on port State control in order to improve its effectiveness and, if so requested, to facilitate cooperation between the Paris MoU and the Mediterranean MoU;</p> <p>b) All Contracting Parties to have made available the necessary resources and means for efficient functioning of the Mediterranean MoU;</p>	Continuous High

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5	<p>Provision of reception facilities in ports.</p>	<p>a) All Contracting Parties to have provided adequate reception facilities in their ports and considered procedures related to the cost of the use of port reception facilities, enabling their use as soon as they are available at a fee which should be reasonable and should not serve as a disincentive for their use;</p> <p>b) Garbage:</p> <p>c) Oily wastes:</p> <p>d) NLS:</p> <p>e) Sewage:</p> <p>f) For ozone-depleting substances and exhaust gas cleaning residues:</p> <p>g) For ballast water and sediments:</p>	<p>High</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>High</p>
6	<p>Delivery of ship-generated wastes.</p>	<p>a) All Contracting Parties to have established a system of notification to a vessel's next port of call of the status of its on board retention of bilge waters, oily wastes, HNS residues, sewage, garbage, ozone-depleting substances and exhaust gas cleaning residues;</p> <p>b) All Mediterranean coastal States to have implemented national regulations empowering maritime authorities to require, if deemed necessary, Masters of vessels to discharge wastes into designated port reception facilities before sailing; and</p>	<p>High</p> <p>High</p>
7	<p>Improved follow-up of pollution events as well as monitoring and surveillance of illicit discharges.</p>	<p>a) All Contracting Parties to have established systems and procedures for national and sub-regional monitoring and surveillance including, where practicable, regular individual or coordinated aerial surveillance in the waters under their jurisdiction, if the Parties so agree, and to have reported the results to the regular Meetings of REMPEC Focal Points;</p> <p>b) All Contracting Parties to have established sub-regional systems, including procedures to over-fly the waters under the jurisdiction of a neighbouring State if the neighbouring Parties so agree, for surveillance of environmentally sensitive and/or high risk zones;</p>	<p>High</p> <p>High</p>
8	<p>To improve the level of enforcement and of the prosecution of discharge offenders.</p>	<p>a) All Mediterranean coastal States to have ensured the existence of a national legal framework (regulations) as a basis for prosecuting discharge offenders for infringements of MARPOL or of any national legal framework implementing it;</p> <p>b) All Contracting Parties to have actively participated in the MENELAS, in accordance with its terms of reference;</p>	<p>High</p> <p>High</p>

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9 To reduce the pollution generated by pleasure craft activities.	a) All Contracting Parties to have implemented the Guidelines concerning Pleasure Craft Activities and the Protection of the Marine Environment in the Mediterranean, in conjunction with the relevant provisions of the MARPOL Convention and the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management; b) All Contracting Parties to have reported to the Secretariat on the measures they undertook to implement the said Guidelines;	High As appropriate
10 Reduced risk of collisions by establishing Ship's Routeing Systems.	a) All Contracting Parties to have proposed to IMO, where necessary, additional appropriate Routeing Systems in the Mediterranean for possible adoption in accordance with international law; c) All Contracting Parties to have considered establishing, when and where possible and without prejudice to the sovereign right of the States, Marine Spatial Plans under their jurisdiction, ensuring that they are coherent and coordinated across the Mediterranean region;	Where necessary Where and when possible
11 Improved control of maritime traffic.	a) All Contracting Parties to have identified those areas of the Mediterranean where control of maritime traffic could be improved by the establishment of a regime based on the use of AIS in conjunction with VTS and mandatory ship reporting systems, and to have completed approval procedures as soon as possible thereafter; b) All Contracting Parties to continuously improve technical cooperation among VTS Centres of the neighbouring countries and, according to the need, to exchange information about ships by using AIS in the common surveillance area; and	High Continuous
12 Identification of Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSAs).	b) All Contracting Parties to have ascertained, with the support of REMPEC and RAC/SPA, whether there are maritime areas within their jurisdiction which need the protection afforded by their designation as PSSAs and, if so ascertained, to have initiated the process of requesting IMO to enable such designation;	Medium
13 Reduction of marine noise caused by ships.	c) All Contracting Parties, on the basis of the IMO Guidelines for the reduction of underwater noise from commercial shipping to address adverse impacts on marine life, to have urged their national designers and shipbuilders, as well as operators of ships flying their flag to implement noise mitigation strategies on board their ships; and	Medium
14 To establish procedures for designation of places of refuge in order to minimise the risk of widespread pollution.	a) All Contracting Parties to have identified appropriate procedures as outlined in the relevant IMO Guidelines and relevant EU guidelines, supplemented by the associated Guidelines and Principles prepared by REMPEC, in order to facilitate the decision making when designating a place of refuge for a ship in need of assistance; b) All Mediterranean coastal States to have drawn up plans to deal with ships in need of assistance and have defined the modalities of the response according to its nature and to the risk incurred; and	High Medium

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<p>15 To examine the possibility of designating the Mediterranean Sea or parts thereof as a SO_x emission control area, under MARPOL Annex VI and effectively implement the existing energy efficiency measures.</p>	<p>a) All Contracting Parties to have established a technical committee of experts nominated by the Contracting Parties, to carry out a technical and feasibility study to examine if it is appropriate, at the current stage, to put in place a roadmap for preparation of a submission to the International Maritime Organisation to designate as a SO_x ECA in certain areas of the Mediterranean Sea requiring specific environmental protection, and to explore possible further steps;</p> <p>b) Contracting Parties, having made a decision and having ratified MARPOL Annex VI, to have submitted to IMO a proposal to designate as a SO_x ECA the appropriate area or areas of the Mediterranean Sea;</p> <p>c) All Contracting Parties to have participated in relevant debates at the IMO on possible future further measures for enhancing the energy efficiency of international shipping;</p>	<p>High</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>As required</p>
<p>16 To ensure that adequate emergency towing capacity is available throughout the Mediterranean to assist vessels, including tankers, in distress.</p>	<p>a) All Contracting Parties to have considered agreements with neighbouring coastal States to enable them to share towing equipment and arrangements to assist ships in distress in the Mediterranean, using as appropriate the Mediterranean guidelines on emergency towing;</p>	<p>High</p>
<p>17 To enhance the levels of pre-positioned spill response equipment under the direct control of Mediterranean coastal States.</p>	<p>a) All Contracting Parties to have shared or exchanged information concerning their respective national practices for financing the acquisition of spill response equipment with a view to assist Mediterranean Coastal States in determining all feasible methods to finance spill response equipment;</p> <p>b) All Contracting Parties to have established national stockpiles of State controlled pre-positioned oil and HNS spill response equipment and have kept updated the related inventory at national level and regional level through REMPEC;</p>	<p>High</p> <p>Medium</p>
<p>18 To encourage the participation of the regional scientific and technical institutions in research and development activities and to</p>	<p>a) Scientific and technical institutions, as well as the industry, to have actively participated in R&D activities and programmes related to accidental marine pollution prevention, preparedness and response;</p> <p>b) National institutions and industry to have presented the results of their R&D activities and programmes in international fora;</p> <p>c) National R&D activities to have been presented using the page created by REMPEC within the Country Profiles website;</p>	<p>Continuous</p> <p>Continuous</p> <p>Continuous</p>

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19 To improve the quality, speed and effectiveness of decision-making process in case of marine pollution incidents through the development and introduction of technical and decision support tools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) All Contracting Parties to have stimulated the development and improvement of specific regional decision support tools by promoting active participation of their national scientific institutions and programmes and to provide REMPEC with relevant data-sets and other information that might be available in their respective countries; b) All Contracting Parties to have actively participated through a country lead approach in the implementation of the programme of work of the MTWG as defined by the Meetings of Focal Points of REMPEC; c) National oceano-meteorological institutes to have joined the MONGOOS and to contribute to the maintenance of the above Mediterranean tools through regular data update; d) All Contracting Parties to have contributed to the development of a quality assurance programme for data reporting and collection in line with the EcAp Monitoring Programme; 	<p>Continuous</p> <p>As required</p> <p>Continuous</p> <p>As required</p>
20 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) All Contracting Parties to have established national training programmes for response to incidents involving oil and other HNS, based <i>inter alia</i> on IMO Model training courses Levels 1 and 2, for training national operating level and supervisory personnel respectively, with a view to ensuring a continuous education of such personnel; b) All Contracting Parties to have disseminated the knowledge acquired through train the trainer courses and have replicated the training courses at local and national level; e) All Contracting Parties to have carried out regular exercises to test their national response capacity in cooperation with all relevant stakeholders and to the possible extent involving neighbour coastal states to enhance bilateral and sub-regional cooperation; 	<p>High</p> <p>Continuous</p> <p>Continuous</p>

Specific Objective	Goal (Success Criteria)	Priority
<p>21 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 2002 Prevention and Emergency Protocol.</p>	<p>a) All Contracting Parties to have participated in the revision of the existing recommendations, principles and guidelines concerning accidental marine pollution preparedness, response and mutual assistance, as well as prevention of pollution from ships;</p> <p>b) All Contracting Parties to have identified all such recommendations, principles and guidelines that need to be revised, updated and/or amended;</p> <p>c) All Contracting Parties to have indicated which additional recommendations, principles and guidelines should be adopted at the regional level with a view to facilitating the implementation of the 2002 Prevention and Emergency Protocol in the field of international cooperation and mutual assistance;</p> <p>d) All Contracting Parties to have streamlined their respective national procedures for entry into, movement within and exit from their territory of specialised personnel and equipment that might be required in case of emergency;</p> <p>c) All Contracting Parties to have considered the use of the CECIS Marine Pollution in order to enhance coordination of requests and offers of international assistance;</p>	<p>High</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p>
<p>22 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>	<p>a) All Contracting Parties to have assessed, prepared and adopted national contingency plans and to have established national systems for preparedness for and response to oil and HNS spills from ships, sea ports and oil handling facilities;</p> <p>e) All Contracting Parties to have negotiated, concluded and implemented sub-regional agreements covering the entire Mediterranean region, including the relevant sub-regional contingency plans;</p>	<p>High</p> <p>High</p>

B) Secretariat's (REMPEC) Goals

Note: The requests addressed to the Secretariat (REMPEC) have not been assigned a priority in as much as most of them can only be carried out once the corresponding demand has been received from the Contracting Parties and, therefore, have the same priority as per the Parties. In general, it is assumed that the tasks entrusted to the Secretariat will be tackled as soon as possible, provided the necessary human and financial resources are available.

Specific Objective	Goal (Success Criteria)
1 Ratification of relevant international maritime conventions related to the protection of the marine environment (see Appendix 2).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) & d) REMPEC to have provided Mediterranean coastal States with advice and assistance in the process of ratifying and implementing the international conventions set forth in subparagraphs a) and b) (see under Contracting Parties); e) REMPEC to have provided assistance for the above purposes under the IMO's ITCP.
2 To control and manage ships' biofouling to minimise the transfer of invasive aquatic species.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) REMPEC to have provided Mediterranean coastal States with advice and assistance in order to fulfil the aims under sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) (see under Contracting Parties).
3 Ensuring effective maritime administrations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) REMPEC to have assisted Mediterranean coastal States in the development of a National Action Plan, designed to enable them to assess progress made, to guide them in the full implementation of the Regional Strategy in a tailored manner, and to conduct a national assessment of their capabilities and define the necessary remedial action; e) REMPEC to have assisted Mediterranean coastal States in enhancing the performance of their maritime administrations in line with new IMO developments, in particular the IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS); f) REMPEC to have provided support to Mediterranean coastal States to prepare for undertaking the IMO Member State Audit Scheme, having explored the possible technical assistance to which some of them may be entitled under the IMO's ITCP and other sources; and g) REMPEC to have contributed to improve the knowledge and expertise of flag State inspection officers by running a programme of training activities related to relevant international instruments, in particular MARPOL, ensuring appropriate training for ship inspectors.

Specific Objective	Goal (Success Criteria)
<p>4 To strengthen the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on port State control (PSC) in the Mediterranean region (Mediterranean MoU).</p>	<p>c) REMPEC to have participated in the Mediterranean MoU Committee;</p> <p>d) REMPEC to have associated itself with port State control training activities addressing environmental matters, including those related to Anti Fouling Systems, Ballast Water Management and biofouling, where appropriate, in collaboration with recognised training institutions within the region; and</p> <p>e) REMPEC to have worked in association with other MoUs on port State control in the organisation and follow up analysis of concentrated inspection campaigns on MARPOL related deficiencies.</p>
<p>5 Provision of reception facilities in ports.</p>	<p>h) REMPEC to have provided well-structured advice assessing the type, specifications and capacity of the equipment necessary at major ports to efficiently and effectively handle shipboard residues and mixtures, as well as guidelines or sample form of operational plans, taking into account the latest edition of the IMO Comprehensive Manual on Port Reception Facilities, the IMO Guide to Good Practice for Port Reception Facility Providers and Users and the new requirements incorporated since 2005 in the relevant mandatory instruments, to assist Contracting Parties in the accomplishment of this objective; and</p> <p>i) REMPEC to have contributed to the implementation of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management, as deemed appropriate, in preparing the advice mentioned in subparagraph h) above, in particular for the preparation of specific guidelines to determine the application of charges at reasonable costs for the use of port reception facilities or, where appropriate, the application of a No-Special-Fee system, in consultation with various relevant regional and global institutions and initiatives.</p>
<p>6 Delivery of ship generated wastes.</p>	<p>c) REMPEC to have provided advice on the subject.</p>

Specific Objective	Goal (Success Criteria)
7 Improved follow-up of pollution events as well as monitoring and surveillance of illicit discharges.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) REMPEC to have analysed, as far as practical, through direct correspondence with the Contracting Parties, the reasons behind the past poor record of compliance with this objective by many Contracting Parties; d) REMPEC to have organised and participated in any new activities on this issue where the Centre is requested to play a role; e) REMPEC to have facilitated the organisation of regular coordinated or individual aerial surveillance operation for illicit ship pollution discharges; f) REMPEC to have explored the continuation of the CleanSeaNet services offered by EMSA available to all Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention that are not Member States of the EU, currently through the SAFEMED III Project, until 2021 and beyond; and g) REMPEC to have cooperated with other Regional Agreements and EMSA.
8 To improve the level of enforcement and of the prosecution of discharge offenders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) REMPEC to have provided support to Contracting Parties, and to have acted as the Secretariat of MENELAS and reported on its activities to the Contracting Parties at each of their Ordinary Meetings; d) REMPEC to have maintained the MENELAS information system; and e) REMPEC to have collaborated with the UNEP/MAP Secretariat to further explore possible synergies with the Regional Seas framework.
9 To reduce the pollution generated by pleasure craft activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) REMPEC to have assisted Mediterranean coastal States in the implementation of the Guidelines concerning Pleasure Craft Activities and the Protection of the Marine Environment in the Mediterranean; and d) REMPEC to have to keep a record of the relevant reports sent by the Contracting Parties and to have submitted periodical synthetic reports to the relevant meetings of the Contracting Parties.
10 Reduced risk of collisions by establishing Ship's Routeing Systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) REMPEC to have assisted Contracting Parties, either individually or collectively, in the identification of possible sea areas where a routeing system might be deemed necessary and in the preparation of the relevant documentation to initiate the process at IMO; and d) REMPEC to have supported Contracting Parties in their efforts toward the establishment of Marine Spatial Plans.

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11 Improved control of maritime traffic.	c) REMPEC to have negotiated, on behalf of Contracting Parties, with appropriate organisations and agencies the international financial assistance required to establish the regime referred to in subparagraph a) of this specific objective.
12 Identification of Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSAs).	<p>b) REMPEC to have initiated the process of identification of those areas which, after examination by the REMPEC Focal Points, could be proposed for designation as PSSAs taking also into account, where appropriate, possible synergies with actions undertaken on the establishment of MSPs referred to under Specific Objective 10;</p> <p>c) REMPEC to have assisted Mediterranean coastal States to conduct the necessary studies and to prepare the relevant submissions to IMO for the designation of PSSAs; and</p> <p>d) REMPEC to have explored the possibility of obtaining assistance for the above purposes under the IMO's ITCP.</p>
13 Reduction of marine noise caused by ships.	b) REMPEC to have provided Mediterranean coastal States with advice and assistance in order to fulfil this specific objective.
14 To establish procedures for designation of places of refuge in order to minimise the risk of widespread pollution.	c) REMPEC to have provided assistance to countries to define procedures and draw up plans as specified in this specific objective and to have assisted them in raising funds for that purpose, <i>inter alia</i> , from the IMO's ITCP.
15 To examine the possibility of designating the Mediterranean Sea or parts thereof as a SOx emission control area, under MARPOL Annex VI and effectively implement the existing energy efficiency measures.	<p>d) REMPEC to have supported the preparation of a study by the technical committee, aimed at assessing the feasibility of the alternatives referred to in subparagraph a) of this specific objective;</p> <p>e) REMPEC to have assisted Mediterranean coastal States, either individually or collectively, to prepare a submission to IMO proposing the designation as a SOx ECA of an area or areas of the Mediterranean Sea;</p> <p>f) REMPEC to have provided Contracting Parties with relevant information on possible future further measures for enhancing the energy efficiency of international shipping;</p> <p>g) REMPEC to have assessed existing data collection and reporting systems for fuel consumption of ships in the Mediterranean region and carried out pilot studies on voluntary "Data Collection and Reporting"; and</p> <p>h) REMPEC to have explored the possibility of obtaining assistance for the above purposes under the IMO's ITCP.</p>

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16 To ensure that adequate emergency towing capacity is available throughout the Mediterranean to assist vessels, including tankers, in distress.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) REMPEC to have assisted Contracting Parties that so request in preparing and implementing the agreements referred to in sub-paragraph a) of this specific objective; and c) REMPEC to have assessed the capability of Mediterranean coastal States in terms of emergency towing equipment and to have provided support as requested.
17 To enhance the levels of pre-positioned spill response equipment under the direct control of Mediterranean coastal States.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) REMPEC to have provided assistance to the States which so request in identifying the minimum required level of pre-positioned State-controlled spill response equipment; d) REMPEC to have disseminated to the Contracting Parties the information concerning the applicable ways of financing the acquisition of such equipment and have assisted them in this regard, as necessary; e) REMPEC to have maintained the RIS and to have updated the related inventory of the above equipment; and f) REMPEC to have envisaged possible synergies to interconnect the RIS with CECIS and to have facilitated the updating of these databases through an interconnected system.
18 To encourage the participation of the regional scientific and technical institutions in research and development activities and to facilitate transfer of technology.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) REMPEC to have assisted regional institutions and industry in identifying fields of research in which there is a need for enhancement of the state-of-the-art of spill preparedness and response technologies and techniques; e) REMPEC to have assisted in the dissemination and exchange of results of national R&D activities and programmes; f) REMPEC to have facilitated the participation of national and regional research institutions and industry in the relevant international fora; and g) REMPEC to have cooperated with other Regional Agreements in carrying out the above requests.

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<p>19 To improve the quality, speed and effectiveness of decision-making process in case of marine pollution incidents through the development and introduction of technical and decision support tools.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) REMPEC to have revised and upgraded the existing IT based decision support tools, and to have developed new IT based decision support tools and to have made them available to the competent national authorities of the Contracting Parties; f) REMPEC to have facilitated the coordination and the implementation of the programme of work of the Mediterranean Technical Working Group; g) REMPEC to have explored possible interaction and capitalisation of decision support tools available at Mediterranean and European levels; h) REMPEC to have supported the development of a quality assurance programme for data reporting and collection in line with the EcAp Monitoring Programme; and i) REMPEC to have integrated any developments on decision support tools under specific objectives 20, 21 and 22.
<p>20 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) REMPEC to have assisted Contracting Parties in the development and implementation of their national training programme; e) REMPEC to have delivered “Training of Trainers” courses, based in particular on the work developed under POSOW Projects; f) REMPEC to have focused regional training courses on specific, highly specialised issues; g) REMPEC to have taken into account, when preparing and supporting the implementation of national training programmes, the relevant model training courses updated by the IMO Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR); other Regional Agreements, and EMSA under its relevant Action Plans; h) REMPEC to have promoted the organisation of regular exercises to test national and sub-regional response capacity; and i) REMPEC to have explored the possibility of obtaining assistance for the above purposes under the IMO’s ITCP and to have mobilised other external resources and means.

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<p>21 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 2002 Prevention and Emergency Protocol.</p>	<p>e) REMPEC to have compiled an inventory of the applicable national procedures governing the entry into, movement within and exit from their territory of specialised personnel and equipment that might be provided as mutual assistance in case of emergency, and to have prepared recommendations for improving those national procedures that could seriously hamper providing such assistance;</p> <p>f) REMPEC to have proposed for adoption to the Meetings of the Contracting Parties revised, updated and/or amended texts of the relevant regional recommendations, principles and guidelines;</p> <p>g) REMPEC to have proposed for adoption to the Meetings of the Contracting Parties new recommendations, principles and guidelines, as necessary;</p> <p>h) REMPEC to have cooperated with IMO, other Regional Agreements, EMSA under its relevant Action Plans and the Union Civil Protection Mechanism, taking into account any new developments on international cooperation and mutual assistance; and</p> <p>i) REMPEC to have explored the possibility of obtaining assistance for the above purposes under the IMO's ITCP, and to have mobilised other external resources and means.</p>
<p>22 To strengthen the capacity of individual coastal States to respond efficiently to marine pollution incidents through development of sub-regional operational agreements and contingency plan.</p>	<p>c) REMPEC to have assisted Contracting Parties that have not yet adopted their national contingency plans or need to review them to integrate HNS and/or offshore components, in the development or updating and implementation of national preparedness and response systems;</p> <p>d) REMPEC to have facilitated the assessment of national contingency plans and national response systems, through self-assessment or peer reviews to commensurate their national response capacities with the existing oil and HNS spill risks from ships, sea ports and oil handling facilities and to have evaluated gaps between national plans in order to define appropriate actions to ensure the compatibility of operational arrangements in view of the conclusion of bilateral and/or sub-regional agreements;</p> <p>e) REMPEC to have assisted Contracting Parties in preparing sub-regional contingency plans and in drafting agreements on their implementation;</p> <p>f) REMPEC to have utilised advice and material which may be made available by other Regional Agreements; and</p> <p>g) REMPEC to have explored the possibility of obtaining assistance for the above purposes under the IMO's ITCP, and to have mobilised other external resources and means.</p>