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**MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN**

**REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON PLACES OF REFUGE**

**Barcelona, Spain, 28 – 30 November 2006**

**REPORT**





## **INTRODUCTION**

1. The Regional Workshop on Places of Refuge (hereinafter referred to as “the Workshop”) was held at the Maritime Museum, Barcelona, Spain between Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006. The Workshop was organized by the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) within the framework of the MEDA Regional Project “Euromed Cooperation on Maritime Safety and Prevention of Pollution from Ships – SAFEMED” (MED 2005/109-573) financed by the European Community (hereinafter referred to as “the SAFEMED Project”) and in conformity with REMPEC’s programme of activities approved by the 14<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

2. The Workshop was organized as part of Task 3.3 O (Identification of appropriate procedures to facilitate the designation of places of refuge) of Activity 3 (Protection of the Marine Environment) of the SAFEMED Project which is being implemented by REMPEC. However, in view of REMPEC’s activities in the field of prevention of, preparedness for and response to marine pollution from ships, participation in this Workshop was also extended to participants from other Mediterranean coastal States, Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, which are not benefiting from the SAFEMED Project.

3. The organization of the Workshop was financed by the SAFEMED Project and REMPEC’s Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF) budget. The participation of two representatives from the beneficiaries of the SAFEMED Project (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey) at the Workshop was financed from the SAFEMED Project whilst the participation of two representatives of the other Mediterranean coastal States (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Libya, Italy, Monaco, Malta, Montenegro and Slovenia) was financed by REMPEC’s MTF budget.

4. The objectives of the Workshop were to familiarize participants with issues related to the designation and planning of places of refuge for ships in need of assistance, to discuss methodologies and best practices that could be followed in identifying and planning refuge areas for ships in need of assistance; to provide the necessary knowledge and information to facilitate decision making when planning and designating places of refuge, and to discuss appropriate procedures and guidelines that can be used by the Mediterranean coastal States to facilitate their decision making when designating places of refuge for ships in need of assistance in accordance with IMO Assembly Resolutions A.949(23) and A.950(23).

5. The Workshop was aimed at senior government officials from national authorities responsible for pollution prevention and control who are involved in national marine pollution contingency planning as well as harbour masters and senior technical officers involved in vessel traffic monitoring.

6. The SAFEMED Project National Contact Points and REMPEC official Prevention Focal Points were invited to nominate participants in the Workshop. As for similar REMPEC events in the past, the participation of observers from national oil, chemical, shipping and salvage industry was encouraged and all SAFEMED National Contact Points and REMPEC Focal Points were therefore invited to include, if possible, in their respective delegations, the representatives of these industries.

7. The Workshop was attended by delegations from:

ALBANIA  
ALGERIA  
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA  
CROATIA  
CYPRUS  
EGYPT  
FRANCE  
GREECE  
ISRAEL  
ITALY

LEBANON  
GSP LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA  
MALTA  
MONTENEGRO  
MOROCCO  
SLOVENIA  
SPAIN  
TUNISIA  
TURKEY

8. The Croatian, Moroccan and Spanish delegations included members whose participation in the Workshop was not sponsored by either the SAFEMED Project or by REMPEC. A total of 52 participants from 19 Mediterranean coastal States, including eight from the SAFEMED beneficiaries, attended this Workshop. A complete list of participants is attached in **ANNEX I** to this report.

## **ORGANIZATION**

9. The organization, the preparation and the delivery of the Workshop was entirely the responsibility of REMPEC. However the Spanish Authorities also assisted and cooperated with REMPEC in the organization of this Workshop.

10. The role of REMPEC included:

- preparation of the programme of the Workshop;
- identification, selection and invitation of external speakers;
- providing its own Workshop co-ordinator and moderator, and speakers;
- invitation of participants;
- making necessary arrangements for the travel and accommodation of participants and speakers;
- making necessary arrangements and providing lunch, on Day 1 & 2 of the Workshop, for all the participants, speakers and secretarial staff;
- providing a Workshop folder containing all relevant information on the Workshop, a CD containing all presentations delivered to the participants as well as other documents, including the 'Guidelines and Procedures' prepared by the Consultant and the Evaluation Form;
- interpretation from/to English and French;
- interpretation equipment;
- airport/hotel/airport and hotel/workshop venue/hotel transfers for participants and speakers;

11. The role of the Spanish Authorities included:

- identifying, providing and making arrangements for the venue of the Workshop;
- assistance in identifying hotel accommodation;
- assistance in identifying interpreters;
- assistance in identifying a local transport provider;
- providing secretarial support during the workshop;
- interpretation from/to English/French and Spanish;
- organizing a visit to the Maritime Museum;

12. Mr. Frédéric Hebert, Director, REMPEC, acted as the moderator, while Captain Joseph Zerafa, SAFEMED Project Officer, Maritime Safety, was the Workshop co-ordinator and was responsible for ensuring the smooth running of the Workshop. Captain Joseph Zerafa was assisted by Mr. Jonathan Pace, REMPEC's Programme Officer (Prevention), Mr. Souhail Ben Mosbah, SAFEMED Project Officer, Administration and Accounts and by Mr. Andre Sammut, Administrative Assistant to the SAFEMED Project.

13. The working languages of the Workshop were English, French and Spanish and all presentations and addresses were simultaneously interpreted into these three languages. The Spanish Authorities had organized and covered the expenses for the Spanish translation.

14. The participants of the Workshop were all provided with a Workshop folder containing a CD with all the presentations delivered by the speakers as well as some supporting documentation. Since it was not possible to translate all the presentations in time, these were distributed in the languages that these were originally written.

15. The Workshop was held in the Maritime Museum of Barcelona, Spain. All participants in the Workshop, including speakers and REMPEC staff, were accommodated at the Hotel HUSA Barcelona Mar in Barcelona. Local transport was organized by REMPEC to take the participants, including the speakers and the REMPEC staff, from the hotel to the Maritime Museum and vice versa throughout the three days of the Workshop.

16. The working hours of the Workshop were from 09.00 to 17.00 hrs (Days 1 and 2) and 09.00 to 12.45 hrs (Day 3) with a lunch break between 12.30 and 14.00 hrs.

17. The Workshop was inaugurated on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2006 by Mr. Frédéric Hebert, Director, REMPEC, who welcomed the participants and delivered the opening remarks. In welcoming the participants, Mr. Hebert gladly noted the positive response to this Workshop which indicated the interest in this subject of 'Places of Refuge'. Mr. Hebert highlighted the fact that the subject of this Workshop, namely 'Places of Refuge', was a very important subject and generated a lot of interest both in international fora and in many countries, especially in European Union Member States which had to comply with the European Union requirements on this subject. Mr. Hebert went on to explain that since this subject of Places of Refuge was also related to pollution prevention, hence the reason why this Workshop was also being organized as part of REMPEC's programme of activities. Mr. Hebert then referred to the work done by REMPEC's consultant, Dr. Detlef Nielsen, namely the preparation of appropriate Procedures and Guidelines that can be used by the Mediterranean coastal States to facilitate their decision making when designating places of refuge for ships in need of assistance, which were to be presented and discussed in detail during the Workshop. Mr. Hebert reminded all participants that a copy of these Guidelines and Procedures had been posted on REMPEC's website for some weeks and that a hard copy was also to be found in the folder provided, and that the participants were expected to participate fully in the discussions scheduled for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, the last day of the Workshop. Finally Mr. Hebert thanked the Spanish Authorities for their assistance and co-operation in the organization of this Workshop and also the speakers who were due to deliver their presentations during the next three days.

18. Mr. Felipe Martinez Martinez, Director General of the Spanish Merchant Marine, then delivered his welcoming address. Mr. Martinez Martinez welcomed all the participants, including the speakers and REMPEC staff, to the Maritime Museum and to the city of Barcelona and he augured that they will have an enjoyable stay in Barcelona and also a fruitful Workshop. He went on to say that the subject of 'Places of Refuge' was also of great interest to Spain and that Spain, as a European Union member State, had to also comply with the European Union requirements on this subject. He reminded the participants that the work done by Spain in this regard will be fully covered during the presentation which was due to be delivered by his Deputy, Mr. Luis Melguizo Gutierrez. Finally Mr. Martinez Martinez thanked REMPEC for its cooperation in organizing the Workshop.

19. The Workshop was concluded on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006. Mr. Hebert, the Workshop moderator, thanked the speakers for their input during the Workshop through their excellent presentations, in particular Mr. Urban Hallberg of the European Commission, who, besides delivering his presentation and that of James Wood from the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), who could not be present for this Workshop, had also accepted to act as the moderator during the one and a half hours discussion on the Guidelines and Procedures which had taken place just before the closing of the Workshop. Mr. Hebert also thanked the participants for their interest and participation. Finally Mr. Hebert, as Director of REMPEC, thanked again the Spanish Authorities for their assistance and cooperation in the organization of the Workshop.

20. Immediately after the conclusion of the Workshop, the Spanish Authorities organized a short ceremony to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution which was adopted in Barcelona on the 16 February 1976 by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the Coastal States of the Mediterranean Region for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea. Mr. Paul Mifsud, Co-ordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP), Mr. Frederic Hebert, Director, REMPEC and various national and local Spanish officials attended the commemoration which was followed by a reception hosted by the Spanish Authorities.

## **PROGRAMME**

21. The programme of the Workshop, which is reproduced in **ANNEX II**, was prepared bearing in mind the objectives of the Workshop, as outlined in paragraph 4 above, and was divided into five main parts.

22. The first part of the programme (Day 1 of the Workshop) covered the SAFEMED Project, with particular reference to the tasks associated with this subject, and then the legal issues, with presentations from the European Commission (EC), the International Maritime Organization (IMO); the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) and from Dr. Detlef Nielsen (Consultant).

23. The second part of the programme (Morning of Day 2 of the Workshop) was devoted to the experiences of European Union Member States and how these States were complying with the European Union requirements on Places of Refuge, with presentations from Cyprus, France, Spain and the United Kingdom.

24. The third part of the programme (Afternoon of Day 2 of the Workshop) concentrated on the operational side, with presentations by the International Salvage Union (ISU) and SASEMAR, the Spanish Maritime Safety Agency.

25. The fourth part of the programme (Morning (1<sup>st</sup> part) of Day 3 of the Workshop) was dedicated to the liability and compensation aspect, with a presentation by the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds).

26. The fifth and last part of the programme (Morning (2<sup>nd</sup> part) of Day 3 of the Workshop) concentrated on the work done by the REMPEC Consultant, namely the 'Guidelines and Procedures', with a presentation by the Consultant followed by a full discussion on the subject.

27. Each presentation was followed by questions and comments from the participants. The questions put to the speakers were of a very high standard thereby reflecting the interest shown by the participants.

28. The programme of the Workshop was presented by a total of eleven speakers, namely, Captain Joseph Zerafa, SAFEMED Project Officer, Maritime Safety, REMPEC; Mr. Urban Hallberg, DG-TREN of the European Commission (EC); Captain Gurpreet Singhota, International Maritime Organization (IMO); Dr. Detlef Nielsen, REMPEC's appointed Short-Term Expert and Consultant; Mr. Ioannis Efstratiou, Department of Merchant Marine, Cyprus; Mr. Michel Babkine, Secrétaire General de la Mer, France; Mr. Luis Melguizo Gutierrez, Direccion General de la Marina Mercante, Spain; Mr. Robin Middleton, Secretary of State Representative (SOSREP), United Kingdom; Mr. Mike Lacey, Secretary General, International Salvage Union (ISU); Mr. Jesus M. Uribe Echaburu, SASEMAR, Spain; and Mr. Måns Jacobsson, International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds). Mr. James Wood, European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), could not attend the Workshop and his presentation was delivered by Mr. Urban Hallberg, DG-TREN, European Commission (EC). The complete list of speakers is given in **ANNEX III**, attached to this report.

### **DAY 1 (Tuesday 28 November 2006)**

29. Following the opening remarks by Mr. Frédéric Hebert, Director, REMPEC, and Mr. Felipe Martinez Martinez, Director General of the Spanish Merchant Marine, Mr. Jonathan Pace, REMPEC's Programme Officer (Prevention) introduced the objectives of the Workshop to the participants and provided them with an overview of the programme. He also provided participants with logistical information on the Workshop.

30. Captain Joseph Zerafa, REMPEC, opened the programme for Day 1 by delivering a presentation on the SAFEMED Project. In his presentation, Captain Zerafa gave a brief overview on the SAFEMED Project, including its origin, financing, beneficiaries and implementation. Captain Zerafa went on to explain how the Project is structured, with particular reference to the Activity and associated tasks related to the subject of 'Places of Refuge'.

31. Mr. Urban Hallberg, a national expert from Sweden presently seconded with the European Commission (EC), Directorate General for Energy and Transport, Maritime Transport Policy and Maritime Safety Unit (DG TREN), then delivered his presentation on 'Places of Refuge – The EU Framework'. Mr. Hallberg gave an overview of Directive 2002/59/EC on Traffic Monitoring, its origins from the Erika-II Package and a detailed explanation of the relevant Articles of the Directive which relate to Places of Refuge. Mr. Hallberg then went on to cover the EU 3<sup>rd</sup> Maritime Safety Package and the subsequent modifications proposed to this Directive.

32. Captain Gurpreet Singhota, Senior Technical Officer, Operational Safety Section within the Maritime Safety Division of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), opened the afternoon session by delivering his presentation on Places of Refuge – The IMO Approach. Captain Singhota first gave some background information on the subject, including how the IMO Member States agreed to develop 'Guidelines' as against an IMO Convention on Places of Refuge. Captain Singhota then went on to explain the structure and contents of the two relative IMO Assembly Resolutions, namely IMO Res. A.949(23) and 950(23).

33. The next presentation was delivered by Dr. Detlef Nielsen, a freelance Consultant and REMPEC's appointed short-term expert for the development of the 'Guidelines and Procedures' which could be used by the Mediterranean coastal States when designating places of refuge. Dr. Nielsen's presentation, 'Granting Refuge to Ships in Distress: An Ancient Custom', dealt with the issue of 'Customary Law' and the fact that it is a custom to grant refuge to ships in distress, and the granting of refuge as distinct from the right to receive assistance and the right of innocent passage. Examples of early practices were given. Dr. Nielsen then went on to explain today's international framework with regard to places of refuge including specific reference to the European level. He then concluded his presentation by explaining the 'future direction'.

34. The last presentation for Day 1 was delivered by Mr. Urban Hallberg, DG TREN, EC, on behalf of Mr. James Wood of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) who could not attend the Workshop. Mr. Hallberg delivered EMSA's presentation, 'Evaluation of National Plans' which provided some background information leading to the 'Evaluation of Operational Procedures of the Member States' and the outcome of this evaluation. Mr. Hallberg concluded the EMSA presentation by touching upon the overall evaluation process and the future needs.

## **Day 2 (Wednesday 29 November 2006)**

35. Mr. Hebert, the Workshop's moderator, after providing some important logistical information, proceeded to briefly outline the programme for Day 2 of the Workshop.

36. The morning session commenced with a presentation on the National Plan of Cyprus by Mr. Ioannis Efstratiou, Surveyor A in charge of oil pollution matters within the Department of Merchant Shipping of Cyprus. Mr. Efstratiou started his presentation with some general background information on the European Directive 2002/59/EC and then went on to explain how this was transposed into the national law of Cyprus. Mr. Efstratiou then explained in detail the structure of the Cyprus National Plan, including handling of the initial response, the method of evaluation, assessment and the selection of one out of the two Places of Refuge which Cyprus had pre-designated.

37. The next presentation was by Mr. Michel Babkine from the Secretaire General de la Mer in France. In his presentation, "Implementation by France of the Procedures to grant access to a Place of Refuge for ships in Distress", Mr. Babkine explained in detail the procedures adopted by France, including the objectives, the integrated mechanism, the added-value of having such procedures in place, the different elements of the procedures, the decision-making process, and the implementation of these procedures.

38. Following the coffee break, Mr. Luis Melguizo Gutierrez, from Spain's General Directorate for Merchant Marine, delivered his presentation entitled "Plans for Places of Refuge for Ships in need of Assistance". In his presentation, Mr. Melguizo Gutierrez first gave some background information, which included references to United Nation Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), the

International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the European Union (EU). Mr. Melguizo Gutierrez then went on to explain how the EU Directive 2002/59/EC was transposed into the Spanish national law. He also covered, in great detail, how the Spanish Authorities were making use of sophisticated computer data bases, programmes and simulators whereby all available information on all possible places of refuge around the Spanish coast is inputted and analysed using this computer programme. Mr. Melguizo Gutierrez emphasized the importance of having such a useful tool when deciding on which place of refuge to designate depending on the case in hand.

39. The last presentation for the morning session was delivered by Mr. Robin Middleton, United Kingdom Secretary of State Representative (SOSREP). In his presentation "The UK Refuge Area System", Mr. Middleton gave a detailed account of the system existing in the United Kingdom and the background to it, namely the Lord Donaldson's Report. Mr. Middleton went on to explain what his powers were, as SOSREP, and his main functions and how the system actually worked. He also covered the National Plan of the UK and how this was structured and what tools, including computer data bases of all areas around the UK, are available to him.

40. The first presentation for the afternoon session was delivered by Mr. Mike Lacey, Secretary General of the International Salvage Union (ISU), who delivered a presentation on "The Salvor's Perspective on Places of Refuge". Mr. Lacey began his presentation by giving some background information on the International Salvage Union, including its members, objectives and role in the international fora. Mr. Lacey then went on to give some statistical data on previous casualties and salvage cases. He then explained how the salvors worked and how they could not perform on their own but required the assistance of a number of parties including the State Authorities. Mr. Lacey also covered the issue of different setups in different countries dealing with casualties. He concluded his presentation by referring to the 'Casualty Management Guidelines' and ISU's role to assist IMO in developing such guidelines, and also to the criminalization of salvors and to the financial aspect.

41. The last presentation for Day 2 was delivered by Mr. Jesus Maria Uribe Echaburu, Director for Operations of SASEMAR, the Spanish Maritime Safety Agency. In his presentation "Places of Refuge: Operational Aspect", Mr. Uribe Echaburu gave an overview of SASEMAR, including its origins and its set-up within the Spanish Mercantile Marine. With Spain having such a large coastline, both in the Mediterranean and on the Atlantic side, SASEMAR, it was explained, required special equipment, including Emergency Towing Vessels (ETVs), helicopters, fixed wing aircraft and other equipment and, above all, dedicated and well trained personnel.

### **Day 3 (Thursday 30 November 2006)**

42. Mr. Hebert, Director, REMPEC, and the Workshop moderator, outlined the programme of Day 3 of the Workshop. He explained to the participants the importance of the presentation of Dr. Nielsen regarding his consultancy work and the discussion that was to follow this presentation. In particular, Mr. Hebert explained the importance of the participation and input of the participants.

43. The first presentation for Day 3 was by Mr. Måns Jacobsson, outgoing Director of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds). In his presentation "The International Regime on Liability and Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage: Possible Implications for Places of Refuge", Mr. Jacobsson first gave an overview of the functions and origins of the IOPC Funds by making references to the 'three Funds', namely, the 1971 Fund, the 1992 Fund and the Supplementary Fund. He then went on to explain the main features of the 1992 Conventions, the financing of the 1992 Fund and then gave some examples of claim settlements. Mr. Jacobsson, in his second part of his presentation, gave an overview of the work done at the International Maritime Organization (IMO), made references to applicable Conventions and finally analysed same within the context of their applicability to 'Places of Refuge'.

44. The last presentation for the morning session was delivered by Dr. Detlef Nielsen, a freelance Consultant who was appointed by REMPEC as a short-term expert in order to implement Task 3.3 O, sub-action (a) of the SAFEMED Project, i.e. the development of Guidelines and Procedures to facilitate decision making when designating places of refuge for ships in need of assistance, in accordance with IMO Assembly resolutions A.949(23) and A.950(23). In his presentation, Dr. Nielsen presented his work in detail, namely, 'Guidelines on establishing a Maritime Assistance Service (MAS) and definition of its role and functions'; 'Proposal for a system of information sharing when deciding on



a request for access to Places of Refuge'; 'Procedures for an assessment of a Place of Refuge'; 'Event specific assessment of a request to grant access to a Place of Refuge'; 'Guidelines on the decision making process for granting access to a Place of Refuge for ships in need of assistance'; and 'Procedure for the development of a contingency plan to be used in connection with requests for access to a Place of Refuge'.

45. After the coffee break, Mr. Urban Hallberg, of the European Commission, who had accepted to act as the moderator for this particular session of the Workshop, took the chair and proceeded with the task in hand, namely the discussion on the Guidelines and Procedures which had just been presented by Dr. Nielsen. During the one and a half hours discussion that followed, over 20 interventions were made from the floor. The need for some amendments to the draft Guidelines and Procedures prepared by Dr. Nielsen was highlighted. These amendments were discussed and noted, and were to be taken into consideration by Dr. Nielsen when finalizing his Study. This important session came to an end at 12.45 hrs with short closing remarks from the moderator, Mr. Hallberg, who thanked all the participants for their input and REMPEC for giving him this opportunity to moderate this session.

46. Following Mr. Hallberg's concluding remarks on the previous discussion, Mr. Hebert, the Workshop moderator, reminded the participants of the importance of getting their feedback on the Workshop. In this respect, Mr. Hebert requested participants to complete the 'Evaluation Form', which was to be found in the folders provided, and to hand these Forms over to the Secretariat.

47. The Workshop was concluded at 13.00 hrs with short concluding remarks by the moderator and Director of REMPEC, Mr. Hebert. (vide paragraph 19 above)

#### **EVALUATION OF THE WORKSHOP**

48. At the end of this Workshop, the participants were requested to complete an Evaluation Form prepared by REMPEC in order to have their feedback on the Workshop, and also to enable them to make suggestions that could be taken into consideration in future activities of the Centre.

49. The Evaluation Form, reproduced in **ANNEX IV**, did not include the name of the participants in order to obtain an objective assessment.

50. Out of 52 participants, 33 participants (63%) duly completed their Evaluation Forms. A summary of replies is given in **ANNEX V**.

51. A good percentage of the participants which returned the Evaluation Forms (73%) confirmed that the Workshop met their expectations while 27% indicated that the course went beyond their expectations. All those who responded judged the contents and the presentations as 'Very Good' (58%); 'Good' (24%) and 'Quite Good' (18%).

52. All those participants who have responded indicated that they had acquired new knowledge during the Workshop, which the majority (61%) described it as "very much". All the respondents felt that this new knowledge will help them in the future; a good percentage of 61% expected that it would help them "very much".

53. Most of the respondents (88%) indicated that they were generally satisfied with the duration of the presentations, while 9% found the presentations as "Not Long Enough" and 3% said that the presentations were "Too Long". All the respondents (100%) were satisfied with the time allocated for questions.

54. With regards to "any other issues or topics which the Workshop should have covered", a total of 18 written comments were received. These comments included the inclusion of the Shipowner and Master's point of view, co-operation between neighbouring States and more case studies of other Administrations. Other comments just indicated that participants were satisfied and had no further comments to add.

55. Almost all the respondents (97%) agreed that it was very useful for them to meet other persons from the Mediterranean region.

56. As regards the Workshop in general, all the respondents were satisfied with the Workshop, with 64% indicating that they were "Very Satisfied". As for the written comments received (18 in total) on the Workshop in general, the majority of these comments included words of appreciation by the participants for the Workshop in general, the organization by REMPEC and also words of appreciation for the speakers. Other comments included recommendations to have more of such Workshops in the future and suggestions with regard to REMPEC's role on this issue within the Mediterranean. On the other hand, there was a comment about the lack of an internet service and regarding the seating arrangement at the venue.

## **CONCLUSION**

57. The active participation of the participants and their feedback, as well as the feedback obtained from the speakers, indicated that the main objectives of this Workshop were achieved. The Workshop was hence considered as a success, both in terms of participation and also the high level achieved in the presentations that were delivered by the speakers. This was confirmed by the general response obtained from the Evaluation Forms. Comments and suggestions made by the participants, through the Evaluation Forms as well as during the Workshop, will assist REMPEC in planning future activities.

**ANNEX(E) I**

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**ANNEX II**

**REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON PLACES OF REFUGE**

**Barcelona, Spain, 28 - 30 November 2006**

**PROGRAMME**

<b>DAY 1</b>	<b>28 November 2006</b>	
09.00 – 09.30	Registration of participants	
09.30 – 09.40	Opening of the Workshop	Mr. Frederic Hebert Director, REMPEC
09.40 – 09.50	Welcome Address	Mr. Felipe Martínez Martínez Director General de la Marina Mercante, Spain
09.50 – 10.00	Introduction to workshop/objectives/logistics	Mr. Jonathan Pace REMPEC
10.00 – 10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.30 – 11.15	The SAFEMED Project: Activities on Places of Refuge	Capt. Joseph Zerafa REMPEC
11.15 – 12.15	Places of Refuge - The EU Framework	Mr. Urban Hallberg EC – DG TREN
12.15 – 12.30	Questions and discussion	
12.30 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00 – 14.45	Places of Refuge – IMO Approach	Capt. Gurpreet Singhota IMO
14.45 – 15.30	Granting Refuge to Ships in Distress: An Ancient Custom	Dr. Detlef Nielsen Consultant
15.30 – 16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.00 – 16.45	Places of Refuge – Operational Evaluation of the Implementation of Article 20 of the Vessel traffic Monitoring Directive by the EU M.S.	Mr James Wood EMSA
16.45 – 17.00	Questions and discussion	

<b>DAY 2</b>		<b>29 November 2006</b>
09.00 – 09.45	Places of Refuge: National Plan of Cyprus	Mr. Ioannis Efstratiou Department of Merchant Shipping, Cyprus
09.45 – 10.30	Implementation by France of the Procedures to Grant Access to a Place of Refuge for Ships in Distress.	Mr. Michel Babkine, Secrétaire General de la Mer, France
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00 – 11.45	Plans for Places of Refuge for Ships in need of Assistance	Mr. Luis Melguizo Gutiérrez Dirección General de la Marina Mercante, Spain
11.45 – 12.30	The UK Refuge Area System	Mr. Robin Middleton Secretary of State Representative (SOSREP) – MCA, U.K.
12.30 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00 – 15.00	The Salvors' Perspective on Places of Refuge	Mr. Mike Lacey International Salvage Union (ISU)
15.00 – 15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15.30 – 16.30	Places of Refuge: Operational Aspect	Mr. Jesus M. Uribe SASEMAR, Spain
16.30 – 17.00	Questions and discussion	

<b>DAY 3</b>	<b>30 November 2006</b>	
09.00 – 09.45	The International Regime on liability and compensation for oil pollution damage: Possible Implications for Places of Refuge	Mr. Måns Jacobsson IOPC Funds
09.45 – 10.45	Presentation of the Guidelines and Procedures : Work by the Consultant that can be used by the Mediterranean coastal States to facilitate their decision making when designating places of refuge for ships in need of assistance	Dr. Detlef Nielsen Consultant
10.45 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.15 – 12.30	Questions and discussion	Mr. Urban Hallberg Moderator
12.30 – 12.45	Closing Remarks	Mr. Frederic Hebert Director, REMPEC
12.45 – 15.30	Commemoration of the 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Barcelona Convention organised by the Spanish Ministry for Environment - Directorate General for Coasts.	
15.30	Closing	



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**ANNEX IV**

**REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON PLACES OF REFUGE**

**Barcelona, Spain, 28-30 2006**

**EVALUATION FORM**

1. Did the Workshop meet your expectations?

Beyond your expectations

More or less on par with your expectations

Below your expectations

2. Generally speaking, how do you judge the content and quality of the presentations?

Very good  Quite good

Good  Not good enough

3. Did you acquire new knowledge during this Workshop?

Very much

Some

Not enough

4. Will the knowledge acquired during this Workshop help you in the future?

Very much

Enough

No

5. Do you think that the duration of the Workshop and presentations was adequate?

About right

Too long

Not long enough

6. Did you have enough time for questions?

Yes

No

7. In your opinion, are there any other issues or topics which the Workshop should have covered?

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8. Do you think that it was useful to meet other officials from the Mediterranean region?

Yes

No

9. Generally speaking, are you satisfied with the Workshop?

Very satisfied

Satisfied

Unsatisfied

10. Other comments? \_\_\_\_\_

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**ANNEX V**

**REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON PLACES OF REFUGE**

**Barcelona, Spain, 28-30 2006**

**EVALUATION RESULTS**

**1. Did the Workshop meet your expectations?**

Beyond your expectations	27%
More or less on par with your expectations	73%
Below your expectations	-

**2. Generally speaking, how do you judge the quality of the presentations?**

Very good	58%
Good	24%
Quite good	18%
Not good enough	-

**3. Did you acquire new knowledge during this Workshop?**

Very much	61%
Some	39%
Not enough	-

**4. Will the knowledge acquired during this Workshop help you in the future?**

Very much	61%
Enough	39%
No	-

**5. Do you think that the duration of the Workshop and presentations was adequate?**

About right	88%
Too long	3%
Not long enough	9%

**6. Did you have enough time for questions?**

Yes	100%
No	-

**7. In your opinion, are there any other issues of topics which the Workshop should have covered?**

18 comments received.

**8. Do you think that it was useful to meet other officials from the Mediterranean region?**

Yes	97%
No	3%

**9. Generally speaking, are you satisfied with the Workshop?**

Very satisfied	64%
Satisfied	36%
Unsatisfied	-

**10. Comments**

18 comments received.