



REMPEC



## **Agenda Item 3**

# **Presentation of the Offshore Protocol**

**Frédéric Hébert, Director,  
1st Offshore Protocol Working Group Meeting  
Valletta, Malta, 13-14 June 2013**

# Offshore Protocol:

## UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.384/INF.1

- Adopted on 14 October 1994
- Entered into force on 24 March 2011.
- Ratified by:

**ALBANIA,  
CYPRUS,  
LIBYA,  
MOROCCO,  
SYRIA,  
TUNISIA.**

**EU Council  
Decision : 17  
December 2012**

# Offshore Protocol:

## UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.384/INF.1

<b>SECTION I</b>	<b>GENERAL PROVISIONS</b>
<b>SECTION II</b>	<b>AUTHORIZATION SYSTEM</b>
<b>SECTION III</b>	<b>WASTES AND HARMFUL OR NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES AND MATERIALS</b>
<b>SECTION IV</b>	<b>SAFEGUARDS</b>
<b>SECTION V</b>	<b>COOPERATION</b>
<b>SECTION VI</b>	<b>FINAL PROVISIONS</b>

## SECTION VI - Article 28: APPOINTMENT OF COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

- Decision IG.20/12:  
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.384/INF.2
  - ***CP Requests*** the Coordinating Unit to
  - ***Establish*** an ad hoc working group coordinated by REMPEC composed of **representatives of the Contracting Parties** and observers from representatives of the concerned industries, relevant international organizations and MAP partners ....

## **SECTION VI - Article 28: APPOINTMENT OF COMPETENT AUTHORITIES**

- Request for Offshore Focal Point nominations 9 January 2013
- Nomination from: **10/22 Contracting Parties**

**ALGERIA  
CROATIA  
CYPRUS  
EUROPEAN  
COMMISSION  
FRANCE**

**GREECE  
ISRAEL  
MOROCCO  
SPAIN  
TURKEY**

# Offshore Implementation Assessment

- Decision IG.20/12:
  - ...with a view to:
  - preparing an **in depth assessment** and stock taking analysis of the **existing practical measures** in place in the Mediterranean countries as a **baseline to measure progress** towards Protocol implementation in the future;
- Offshore Implementation Assessment
  - UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.384/3

# Offshore Implementation Assessment

- Offshore Implementation Assessment
  - Request 25 February 2013
  - Deadline 29 April 2013
- Replies received (7/22):

Algeria Cyprus Greece	Israel Morocco Spain	EU
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- General Comment: Lack of details on existing practical measures and regulations to undertake the **in depth assessment**

# Offshore Implementation Assessment

## ● AUTHORIZATION SYSTEM

- Minimum requirements
- Environment impact assessment
- Qualifications
- Safety measures
- Contingency plan
- Monitoring
- Financial security
- Precautions for specially protected areas
- Licence authorization
- Permit authorization
- Removal plan
- Sanctions



# Offshore Implementation Assessment

## ● **DISPOSAL AND DISCHARGES**

- Waste and Hazardous and Noxious Substances & Material (HNS&M)
- Oil and Oily Mixtures and Drilling Fluid and Cuttings
- Sewage
- Garbage
- Reception Facilities, Instructions And Sanctions
- Exceptions

# Offshore Implementation Assessment

- **MONITORING OF ENVIRONMENT  
RELATED ISSUES**
  - Report periodically to the competent authorities monitoring data
  - Established a national monitoring system
  - Competent authority in charge of establishing monitoring procedures

# Offshore Implementation Assessment

## ● SAFETY MEASURES

- Design, construction, placement, equipment, marking, operation and maintenance
- Certificate of safety and fitness
- Monitoring system
- Periodically tested
- Trained specialized crew
- Not permanently manned installations
- Safety zone marked
- Installations indicated on charts
- Qualifications required by the competent authority

# Offshore Implementation Assessment

- **IMPLEMENTATION LIMITATIONS AND OTHER COMMENTS**

- **PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**

- Contingency Planning
- Cooperation
- Liability And Compensation

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November  
Athens Greece



**2nd Meeting**  
November  
Athens Greece

# Toward the preparation of the Action Plan

