



## MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN (MAP) REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA (REMPEC)

Second Meeting of the Competent National Authorities for the Development of the Sub-regional Marine Oil Pollution Contingency Plan between Cyprus, Egypt and Greece

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Agenda Item 7

## **REPORT OF THE MEETING**

Prepared by the Secretariat

SUMMARY				
Executive Summary:	This document summarizes the proceedings, including deliberations, recommendations, conclusions and decisions of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Competent National Authorities for the Development of the Sub-regional Marine Oil Pollution Contingency Plan between Cyprus, Egypt and Greece.			
Action to be taken:	As indicated under each agenda item			

#### Introduction

1. The Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) convened the Second Meeting of the Competent National Authorities for the Development of the Sub-regional Marine Oil Pollution Contingency Plan between Cyprus, Egypt and Greece (hereinafter referred to as the Meeting) on 20 and 21 November 2019 in Nicosia, Cyprus. The Meeting was held in Nicosia following the kind offer of the Centre's OPRC Focal Point of Cyprus to host it. The Meeting was convened in accordance with the plan of work for the development of the Sub-regional Marine Oil Pollution Contingency Plan between Cyprus, Egypt and Greece (hereinafter referred to as *"the Plan"* or *"CEG SCP"*).

2. The invitation to attend the Meeting was extended to the Centre's OPRC Focal Points of Cyprus, Egypt and Greece respectively and in particular to their officers designated to act as contact points for the development of the Plan. REMPEC has undertaken to bear the costs of participation of three representatives from Greece and Egypt respectively. The Consultant engaged by REMPEC to support the Centre in the development of CEG SCP was also invited to participate in the Meeting.

3. The Meeting was attended by three representatives of Cyprus, and a representative of Greece, in addition to the REMPEC's Consultant, who also acted as the representative of REMPEC in the absence of the Centre's Programme Officer (OPRC) who had to cancel his travel in the last moment due to a medical emergency. The list of participants is given in **Annex 1** to the present Report.

4. On 18 November 2019, i.e. two days prior to the Meeting the REMPEC OPRC Focal Point of Egypt informed the Centre that the Egyptian delegation would not be able to attend the Meeting due to "unforeseen circumstances and the incomplete (...) internal procedures". As it was not possible to postpone the Meeting taking into consideration that the costs related to the attendance of other participants were already incurred, and all logistic related to the Meeting were completed, it was decided that the Meeting would be held as planned, notwithstanding the absence of Egypt. In its reply, copied to Cyprus and Greece, also dated 18 November 2019, REMPEC assured Egypt that the Report of the Meeting, including all relevant conclusions and outputs, would be forwarded to the competent Egyptian national authorities shortly after the Meeting for their consideration and examination. Egypt was also reassured that any subsequent comments, suggestions or inputs from the Egyptian authorities would

be taken into consideration by REMPEC and the Consultant when preparing the last drafts of the Plan, the Agreement and the Programme of Activities.

## Agenda Item 1 Opening of the Meeting and adoption of the Agenda

5. The Meeting was held in the meeting room of the Department of Fisheries and Marine Research (DFMR), Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, in Nicosia, Cyprus.

6. The Meeting was opened at 10.30 hours on Wednesday, 20 November 2019 by Ms. Marina Argyrou, Director, DFMR. In her welcome address she greeted the participants on behalf of the host country and regretted the unexpected absence of the REMPEC's Programme Officer (OPRC), Mr. Malek Smaoui, wishing him a speedy recovery. She also reiterated that although the Egyptian delegation could not attend the Meeting it would be thoroughly informed of its outcomes, with a view to enabling the competent Egyptian national authorities to actively participate in the final stages of this initial phase of the project for the development of the Draft Plan, the Draft Agreement on its implementation and the Draft Programme of Activities for the medium-term phase.

7. The Director, DFMR, also informed the Meeting that she had some urgent obligations to attend to and that in her absence Mr. Stavros Ioannides, Senior Officer, DFMR would act as the Head of delegation of Cyprus.

8. The representative of Greece thanked the Department of Fisheries and Marine Research and Ms Argyrou for hosting the Meeting and reiterated the commitment of Greek national authorities to finalize the process of the development of the Draft Plan within the agreed deadlines.

9. REMPEC's Consultant thanked the Director DFMR for her kind words and informed the Meeting that besides presenting the draft documents, as envisaged in the provisional Agenda of the Meeting, he was requested by the Centre's Head of Office to also represent REMPEC, in the absence of the Centre's Programme Officer (OPRC), in all technical matters. He explained that he was instructed to refer immediately to the REMPEC's Head of Office any policy related issues that might be raised during the Meeting and which required an immediate answer.

10. The Meeting took note of the explanations concerning the role and responsibilities of the Consultant and agreed to refer any such questions immediately to REMPEC's Head of Office for clarification and decision.

11. The Meeting unanimously decided that Mr. Mr. Stavros loannides, as the Head of delegation of the host country, would chair the Meeting, and that REMPEC would act as the Secretariat.

12. The Chairman thanked the Meeting, provided the participants with the relevant logistical information and invited the acting representative of REMPEC to present the proposed agenda of the Meeting (REMPEC/CEG SCP/WG.2/1) and the proposed timetable.

13. After making some minor changes in the timetable proposed by REMPEC, the Meeting approved the timetable as reproduced in **Annex 2**.

14. In order to facilitate the work of the Meeting REMPEC prepared and prior to the Meeting distributed to the three countries concerned the documents listed in **Annex 3** to the present Report.

15. The Chairman recalled the main objectives of the Meeting, namely: (i) to review, discuss, revise and improve as necessary the texts of the Second Draft CEG SCP, the Draft Agreement on its implementation and the Draft Programme of Activities for the medium-term phase of the development of the Plan respectively, and (ii) to propose the provisional timetable of activities following the preparation and delivery of the final draft versions of the Plan, the Agreement and the Programme of Activities.

16. The Chairman remarked that, taking into consideration the absence from the Meeting of the Egyptian delegation and the fact that the mandate of the Meeting was limited to discussing technical matters, it might be appropriate to refer to the expected outcomes of the initial phase of the project for the development of the CEG SCP as the "Third Draft Plan", the "Second Draft Agreement" and the "Second Draft Programme of Activities" respectively, instead of calling these "Final Drafts".

17. The Consultant suggested to refer this issue to the REMPEC's Head of Office for decision, and then, after contacting REMPEC, informed the Head of Office of the suggestion of the Chairman to refer to the documents, expected to be delivered as outcomes of the initial phase of the development of the CEG SCP, as indicated in paragraph 16. The REMPEC's Head of Office agreed with the proposal of the Chairman and the Consultant informed the Meeting accordingly.

#### Agenda Item 2 Presentation and revision of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Sub-regional Marine Oil Pollution Contingency Plan between Cyprus, Egypt and Greece, including its Annexes

18. The Chairman invited the Consultant to present the document REMPEC/CEG SCP/WG.2/2, and to summarize the changes made in the First Draft Plan and in its Draft Annexes (cf. REMPEC/CEG SCP/WG.1/5) following the First Meeting of Competent National Authorities for the Development of the Sub-regional Marine Oil Pollution Contingency Plan between Cyprus, Egypt and Greece, held in Piraeus, Greece on 9 and 10 October 2019 (hereinafter referred to as the "1st Meeting"). He also invited the representatives of the two countries present in the Meeting to comment on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Plan and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Annexes as proposed by the Secretariat.

19. The Consultant recalled that the First Meeting requested REMPEC to amend the text of the 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Plan in accordance with the instructions reported in paragraph 72 of the Report of the First Meeting (cf. REMPEC/CEG SCP/WG.1/8) and invited the Parties to submit to REMPEC any additional comments and suggestions they might have concerning the improvement of the 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Plan, and in particular the information required for the completion of Draft Annexes 1, 3, 4 and 5. The 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting also agreed that any such inputs would reach REMPEC by 6 November 2019, with a view to allowing the Consultant to prepare on time the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft CEG SCP.

20. The Consultant informed the Meeting that during the period between the two Meetings REMPEC received from Greece several suggestions concerning the improvement of the text of the 1<sup>st</sup> Draft CEG SCP and a suggestion concerning the Draft Annex 10. Cyprus provided the requested inputs for the completion of Annexes 1, 3, 4 and 5. Cyprus and Egypt did not suggest any changes in the text of the Draft Plan, while Egypt and Greece did not submit any inputs required for the completion of the relevant Annexes.

21. During that period REMPEC also proposed certain modifications aimed at better reflecting the instructions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting.

22. The Consultant reported that all instructions of the First Meeting concerning the improvement of the 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Plan were taken into consideration when preparing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Plan and 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Annexes, together with the additional comments and inputs from Cyprus, Greece and REMPEC. In addition, the Consultant edited the text of certain paragraphs with a view to improving the language, and ensured that all the insertions requested by the First Meeting were properly cross referenced in all parts of the text.

23. In order to facilitate reviewing and discussing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft CEG SCP during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Competent National Authorities, all alterations made in the 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Plan were referenced and explained in the footnotes included in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Plan, while changes introduced into the Annexes were explained on the back of the cover page of the relevant Annex. Document REMPEC/CEG SCP/WG.2/2 contained the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Plan and 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Annexes.

24. The Meeting agreed to review only those articles of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft CEG SCP which were modified during the period between the two Meetings of the Competent National Authorities, and to verify that all modifications and amendments requested by the First Meeting were duly reflected in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Plan.

25. After thoroughly examining 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft CEG SCP the Meeting noted that it included all previously requested modifications and instructed REMPEC to make the following additional changes when preparing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft CEG SCP:

- To **remove all footnotes** explaining the changes made in the 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Plan and all those not aimed at clarifying the text.
- To **replace** in the paragraph (147) the word "**observe**" with the word "**comply**".

- To **replace Map 1** with a map of better quality with more details (including e.g. the main Greek islands).
- To **insert in Diagram 3** references to Articles/paragraphs in which the relevant issue is addressed.

26. The Meeting proceeded with examining the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Annexes to the CEG SCP and requested REMPEC to make the following additional changes when preparing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft Annexes:

#### Annex 1

- page 1, part referring to Cyprus in the table named "Competent National Operational Authority", remove reference to the "Shipping Deputy Ministry"
- page 1, part referring to Cyprus in the table named "Competent National Operational Authority", replace words "Telephone (fixed line 1)", "Telephone (fixed line 2)" and "Telephone (fixed line 3)" with the words "Mobile telephone 1", "Mobile telephone 2" and "Mobile telephone 3".

#### Annex 4

 remove tables named "Types and quantity of equipment under Government control" from page 1 "Cyprus (1)", page 5 "Egypt (1)" and page 9 "Greece (1)" respectively, and renumber the remaining tables accordingly.

#### Annex 10

- in **Article 28 replace the sentence** "Two of the Parties shall constitute a quorum." with the sentence "The presence of all three parties is required for a quorum."

27. Taking into consideration a very short time left for the completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft CEG SCP and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft Annexes, the Meeting reiterated the invitation to all countries concerned to provide REMPEC and the Consultant as soon as possible with all their inputs required for completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft Plan and its 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft Annexes 1, 3, 4 and 5.

#### The Meeting:

- a) **took note** of the information provided by REMPEC;
- b) invited all three countries to provide REMPEC and the Consultant with all expected inputs required for the completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft CEG SCP and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft Annexes 1, 3, 4 and 5 as soon as possible;
- c) **agreed to observe** the already agreed work plan and the timetable for the completion of the short-term phase of the development of the Plan (cf. REMPEC/CEG SCP/WG.1/8, Annex 4);
- requested REMPEC and the Consultant to proceed with the preparation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft Plan and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft Annexes observing the instructions/guidelines appearing in paragraphs 25 and 26 above;
- e) **requested** REMPEC and the Consultant to take into consideration any additional comments, suggestions and inputs that would be received from the competent national authorities of Egypt.

#### Agenda Item 3 Presentation and revision of the Draft Agreement between Cyprus, Egypt and Greece on the implementation of the Plan

28. The Chairman invited the Consultant to present the document REMPEC/CEG SCP/WG.2/3, and the representatives of the two countries present in the Meeting to comment on the Draft Agreement on the of the Sub-regional Marine Oil Pollution Contingency Plan between Cyprus, Egypt and Greece (hereinafter referred to as the "*Implementation Agreement*" or the "*Agreement*").

29. The Consultant recalled that according to the plan of work for the development of the CEG SCP

the Draft Implementation Agreement was to be presented to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Competent National Authorities and that with a view to facilitating the examination of the proposed Draft Agreement the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting (Piraeus, Greece, 9-10 October 2019) agreed that REMPEC would circulate to its national OPRC Focal Points the samples of trilateral Agreements on the implementation of the Sub-regional Contingency Plans concluded so far in the Mediterranean with the assistance of REMPEC.

30. In line with this request REMPEC prepared the document REMPEC/CEG SCP/WG.2/3/INF.1 containing the "Examples of Agreements on the Implementation of sub-regional contingency plans prepared with the assistance of REMPEC and signed between 1995 and 2018 by various groups of the Mediterranean coastal States", and circulated it to the national OPRC Focal Points on 8 November 2019.

31. Subsequently, on 14 November 2019 REMPEC circulated to its national OPRC Focal Points of Cyprus, Egypt and Greece the document REMPEC/CEG SCP/WG.2/3, which contained the Draft Implementation Agreement.

32. The Consultant explained that the Draft Implementation Agreement was prepared on the basis of the four previously adopted similar Agreements on the implementation of the four existing Sub-regional Contingency Plans in the Mediterranean, developed with the assistance of REMPEC.

33. The Chairman thanked the Consultant for these clarifications and invited the Meeting to examine the proposed Draft Implementation Agreement annexed to the document REMPEC/CEG SCP/WG.2/3, and to provide the guidelines to REMPEC and the Consultant for the completion of the document and for preparing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Implementation Agreement.

34. After examining the Draft Implementation Agreement, the Meeting requested REMPEC and the Consultant to modify it as follows:

## Article 1

**Remove** the parentheses and the relevant footnote 2.

#### Article 4

**Replace** the original text with the following new one: "Should any other Party to the Barcelona Convention, its 2002 Prevention and Emergency Protocol or its 1976 Emergency Protocol, in the sub-region, wish to join the Plan provided that the Parties to the present Agreement consent to such request, the present Agreement shall be amended accordingly."

35. Concerning **Article 7**, referring to the depositary of the Implementation Agreement that was not named in the proposed text, the Meeting was of the opinion that this was an issue that needed the consent of all three Parties concerned. The Meeting suggested that the decision on the depositary could be taken at a later stage, either in direct contacts between the competent national authorities of the three countries, REMPEC and MAP Coordinating Unit (cf. paragraphs 52 and 53), or through correspondence.

36. Taking into consideration that the Egyptian delegation was not present when the text was examined the Meeting urged the competent national authorities of Egypt to thoroughly examine and discuss at the national level the text proposed in the document REMPEC/CEG SCP/WG.2/3, as modified by the Meeting, and to inform REMPEC and the Consultants of any additional comments, suggestions and amendments they would like to introduce.

## The Meeting:

- a) took note of the information provided by REMPEC;
- b) instructed REMPEC and the Consultant to proceed with the preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Implementation Agreement taking into consideration the guidelines presented in paragraph 34 above;
- c) **urged** the competent national authorities of Egypt to present their own comments and/or amendments to REMPEC as early as possible, and copy these to the competent national authorities of Cyprus and Greece; and

d) **requested** REMPEC to initiate discussions aimed at defining the depositary of the Implementation Agreement.

## Agenda Item 4 Presentation and revision of the medium-term Programme of Activities aimed at implementing the Plan

37. The Chairman invited the Consultant to introduce document REMPEC/CEG SCP/WG.2/4 containing a proposal for activities aimed at reinforcing capacities of Cyprus, Egypt and Greece in the field of accidental marine pollution preparedness and response, at strengthening cooperation arrangements among them and at providing them with technical assistance that might be required to complete and implement the CEG SCP.

38. The Consultant recalled that REMPEC planned the process of developing and implementing the CEG SCP in two or three phases: the short-term, the medium-term and possibly the long-term phase. Once the first (short-term) phase, including the drafting of the Plan and the Agreement has been completed, it was planned to continue the process through the second (medium-term) phase. That phase was meant to focus on implementing the Plan through reinforcing the capacities of the three countries concerned to respond to possible major marine oil pollution incidents, strengthening arrangements for cooperation among them and on technical assistance, including training activities, technical workshops and/or exercises.

39. With a view to assisting the competent national authorities of the three countries concerned in identifying the type of training activities and/or technical workshops that could be organized during the medium-term phase, provided that necessary funding was ensured, REMPEC requested the Consultant to prepare a list of such activities, some of which could be included in the work plan of REMPEC for the next biennium and organized as part of the process of developing and implementing the CEG SCP.

40. The programme of the medium-term phase which REMPEC would propose for adoption and funding would primarily depend on the requirements of Cyprus, Egypt and Greece and on the availability of financial resources needed for organizing the selected activities.

41. The Consultant indicated that the list of activities proposed in the document REMPEC/CEG SCP/WG.2/4 should be considered as "menu" from which the competent national authorities of the three countries concerned were expected to choose those which best suit their requirements. He pointed out that the proposed list was based on the previous experience of REMPEC in the field of development of sub-regional systems for preparedness and response in the Mediterranean, as well as its experience in the field of training. He also invited the Meeting to propose any other relevant activity which they deemed useful and which was not included in the list.

42. The Consultant outlined the contents of each proposed activity, the rationale for including it in the list, the envisaged duration, profile of participants and the expected number of participants.

43. Following the presentation of the Consultant the Chairman invited the Meeting to consider the suggested activities and to select those which best suited the needs of the present countries.

44. Taking into consideration that only a very limited number of the listed activities could be expected to be organized during the medium-term phase of the development and implementation of the Plan, the Meeting suggested that REMPEC should focus on supporting the following activities:

- a) A combined training course/workshop covering shoreline assessment, shoreline clean-up and restoration (based on the available materials developed under POSOW project);
- b) Workshop on disposal of oily wastes resulting from pollution response operations (based on the available materials developed under POSOW project);
- c) Preparation of claims for compensation of oil pollution damage (in cooperation with the IOPC Funds); and
- d) Training of trainers course.

45. The representative of Greece indicated that for his country the training of trainers was considered the priority.

46. The Meeting also considered that a notification exercise aimed at testing the communication between the Emergency Response Centres of the three countries concerned and REMPEC could also be organized during the medium-term phase of the development and implementation of the Plan.

## The Meeting:

- a) took note of the list of activities proposed in the document REMPEC/CEG SCP/WG.2/4;
- b) **agreed** on the list priority activities as presented in paragraphs 44-46;
- c) **requested** REMPEC to endeavour to ensure the necessary financial and technical support for organizing as many of these activities as practical.

# Agenda Item 5 The provisional timetable of activities following the preparation and delivery of final draft versions of the Plan, the Agreement and the Programme of Activities

47. The Chairman invited the Meeting to consider the activities that could be organized following the preparation and delivery of the expected outputs of the short-term phase of the project for the development of the Plan. He recalled that Egypt was not represented in the Meeting and that consequently Egypt should also agree with any resulting proposal. Finally, the Chairman reiterated that the mandate of the Meeting was limited to discussing technical matters and that it could only recommend such future activities that were within its mandate.

48. The Meeting considered that the main actions to be taken after the receipt by the Parties from REMPEC of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft Plan, including its Annexes, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Implementation Agreement and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Programme of Activities were as follows:

- 1) Legal review of the Draft Plan and the Draft Agreement, at the national level;
- 2) Making necessary adjustments in these documents with a view to accommodating the legal requirements;
- 3) Adoption of the Final Draft Plan and the Final Draft Agreement;
- 4) The signing of the Agreement;
- 5) Starting the process of approval/ratification of the Agreement in accordance with the relevant internal procedures; and
- 6) Organizing activities included in the Medium-term Programme of Activities.

49. After discussing the possible timetable for accomplishing each of these actions, the Meeting was of the opinion that it was premature to propose any fixed dates for the listed actions. Assuming that these activities will start in the beginning of 2020, the Meeting prepared the provisional quarterly timetable for the year 2020, which is presented in **Annex 4** to the present Report.

## Agenda Item 6 Other business

50. Under this Agenda Item the Meeting discussed the deadlines for the finalization of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft Plan, including the 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft Annexes, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Implementation Agreement and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Programme of Activities.

51. With a view to enabling the Consultant and REMPEC to finalize the above mentioned documents on time and in accordance with the obligations of REMPEC to finalize the short-term phase of the project for the Development of the CEG SCP before the end of December 2019, and taking into consideration that REMPEC offices will be closed between Monday, 23 December 2019 and Wednesday, 1 January 2020, both days inclusive, the Meeting agreed that all three countries concerned would provide REMPEC and the Consultant with any final inputs required for the completion of any of the three documents mentioned in paragraph 50 by Monday, 9 December 2019.

52. The Meeting also considered that it would be desirable to seize the opportunity of the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (COP21-Napoli) being convened in Naples, Italy, between 2 and 5 December 2019, to organize on the margins of this meeting a brief meeting of the senior national representatives/Focal Points of Cyprus, Egypt and Greece, the Head of

Office of REMPEC and the Coordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan, with a view to discussing the continuation of the project for the development of CEG SCP, and in particular its medium-term phase, the designation of the depositary of the Implementation Agreement and any other outstanding issue related to the completion of the short-term phase of the project.

## The Meeting:

- a) **decided** that all three countries concerned would provide REMPEC and the Consultant with any final inputs required for the completion of the three documents mentioned in paragraph 50 by Monday, 9 December 2019; and
- b) **recommended** that the senior representatives of the three countries concerned, REMPEC and MAP Coordinating Unit meet during COP21-Napoli in order to agree on any outstanding issues related to the development and the implementation of the CEG SCP.

## Agenda Item 7 Synthesis by the Chairman

- 53. The Chairman summarized the key points of discussions under Agenda Items 2 6, as follows:
  - The Meeting invites the Competent National Authorities of Egypt to examine the present Report and to urgently provide REMPEC with any comments, suggestions and inputs concerning any issue discussed and agreed on during the Meeting;
  - REMPEC will take into consideration any comments, suggestions and inputs received from Egypt after receipt of the Report of the Meeting, when preparing the last versions of the outputs of the short-term phase of the project for the development of the CEG SCP;
  - The work on the preparation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft CEG SCP, including Annexes, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Implementation Agreement and the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft Programme of Activities will proceed as planned and agreed during the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Competent National Authorities (Piraeus, Greece, 9-10 October 2019);
  - The competent National Authorities (i.e. national OPRC Focal Points of REMPEC) agreed to provide REMPEC and the Consultant with all missing inputs required for the completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft CEG SCP and its Annexes, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Implementation Agreement and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Programme of Activities, by not later than Monday, 9 December 2019;
  - When preparing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft CEG SCP, including its Annexes, the Consultant will observe the instructions of the Meeting, as outlined in paragraphs 25 and 26;
  - When preparing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Implementation Agreement, the Consultant will observe the instructions of the Meeting, as outlined in paragraph 34;
  - When preparing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Programme of Activities, the Consultant will observe the instructions of the Meeting, as outlined in paragraphs 44, 45 and 46;
  - The Meeting recommended that the senior representatives of the three countries concerned, REMPEC and MAP Coordinating Unit meet during COP21-Napoli in order to agree on any outstanding issues related to the development and the implementation of the CEG SCP.

## Agenda Item 8 Closure of the Meeting

54. The Chairman thanked all those present for their active and constructive participation, and declared the Meeting closed at 15.15 on Thursday, 21 November 2019.

## ANNEX 1

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## ANNEX 2

# TIMETABLE OF THE MEETING

Wednesday, 20 November 2019						
09:30 – 10:15	Registration of the participants					
10:15 – 10:45	Agenda Item 1	da Item 1 Opening of the Meeting and adoption of the Agenda				
10:45 – 11:30	Agenda Item 2	Presentation and revision of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft CEG SCP				
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break					
12:00 – 13:00	Agenda Item 2	Presentation and revision of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft CEG SCP (cont.)				
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break					
14:00 – 16:00	Agenda Item 2	Presentation and revision of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft CEG SCP – Annexes (cont.)				
Thursday, 21 November 2019						
09:00 – 11:00	Agenda Item 3	Presentation and revision of the Draft Agreement				
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break					
11:30 – 12:00	Agenda Item 4	Presentation and revision of the medium-term Programme of Activities				
12:00 – 13:00	Agenda Item 5	Provisional timetable of activities following the preparation and delivery of the final Draft Plan and the Agreement				
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break					
14:30 – 14:45	Agenda Item 6	Other business				
14:45 – 15:00	Agenda Item 7	Synthesis of the Meeting				
15:00 – 15:15	Agenda Item 8	Closure of the Meeting				

## ANNEX 3

# LIST OF DOCUMENTS

REMPEC/CEG SCP/WG.2/1/1	Provisional Agenda		
REMPEC/CEG SCP/WG.2/2	Presentation of the Second Draft Sub-Regional Marine Oil Pollution Contingency Plan between Cyprus, Egypt and Greece		
REMPEC/CEG SCP/WG.2/3	Presentation of the Draft Agreement on the Implementation of the Sub-regional Marine Oil Pollution Contingency Plan between Cyprus, Egypt and Greece		
REMPEC/CEG SCP/WG.2/3/INF.1	Examples of Agreements on the Implementation of Sub- Regional Contingency Plans Prepared with the Assistance of REMPEC and Signed between 1995 and 2018 by Various Groups of the Mediterranean coastal States		
REMPEC/CEG SCP/WG.2/4	Proposal for the Medium-term Activities Related to the Implementation of the CEG SCP		

## ANNEX 4

## THE PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING THE PREPARATION AND DELIVERY OF FINAL DRAFT VERSIONS OF THE PLAN, THE AGREEMENT AND THE PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

PERIOD	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY
	Receipt of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Draft Plan, including Annexes	(REMPEC), Cyprus, Egypt, Greece
	Receipt of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft Implementation Agreement	(REMPEC), Cyprus, Egypt, Greece
1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2020	Legal review at the national level	Cyprus, Egypt, Greece
	Adjustments to accommodate any legal requirements	REMPEC, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece
	Adoption of the Final Draft Plan and the Final Draft Implementation Agreement	Cyprus, Egypt, Greece
2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter 2020	The signing of the Implementation Agreement	Cyprus, Egypt, Greece
	Approval/ratification at the national level	Cyprus, Egypt, Greece
3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2020	Training on shoreline assessment, clean-up, restoration	REMPEC, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece
4 <sup>th</sup> quarter 2020	Training of trainers	REMPEC, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece
	Training on preparation of claims	REMPEC, IOPC Funds, ITOPF, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece
	Notification exercise	REMPEC, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece