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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

REMPEC in cooperation with MOIG and with the participation of the International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) organised the Regional Government and Industry Workshop on Cooperation, Preparedness for and Response to Oil Spills in the Mediterranean Sea, which was held in Marseille, from 11 to 12 May 2009. All Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, represented by 38 participants attended the Workshop with representatives from the Mediterranean oil industry (EGPC, Eni, ETAP, Exxon mobil, NOC, Petro-Canada, Shell/STASCO, TANKMED, Total, Marathon and Sonatrach).

The Workshop aimed at strengthening cooperation between governments and the oil industry, concluded with the following set of recommendations for the elaboration of a joint REMPEC/MOIG short/medium and long term programme to enhance regional cooperation in the Mediterranean region:

- to endorse the need of more REMPEC and industry support and joint activities,
- to strengthen the industry network and its interaction with government network,
- to organize on a more regular basis industry and government joint trainings and exercises,
- to organize a joint industry/government Regional Workshop on risk assessment aimed at defining a joint realistic Mediterranean Risk Assessment,
- to develop Standard National Contingency Planning Template with same structure (it was recognized that the current Guidelines were not sufficient),
- to review the Mediterranean Dispersant guidelines with particular emphasise on the decision making process,
- to support the development of waste management plans,
- to centralize existing sensitivity maps on a Geographical Information System hosted by REMPEC,
- to access to reliable and common forecasting models,
- to focus efforts on operational and administrative arrangements to ensure a smooth entry, and exit of regional and international assistance,
- to increase technical assistance to MOIG,
- to improve cooperation on Aerial surveillance, and
- to get better understanding of EMSA's role in particular its support to non EU countries.

I. INTRODUCTION

During the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) - Integration of Emergency Plan Workshop held in Malta, on 10th May 2007, the participants from the Mediterranean coastal States attending the 8th Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) and the MOIG's members discussed contingency planning issues and in particular the integration of industry plan in government plan. The main recommendation of the workshop was to organize a joint government-industry workshop on preparedness and response to marine pollution to exchange information on the status of preparedness and response in the region from a government and industry perspective.

Taken these recommendations into consideration REMPEC and MOIG agreed to organize jointly a workshop enabling government and industry representative to meet and discuss about preparedness and response to marine pollution with a view to improve the situation at national and regional level and to enhance cooperation between government and industry.

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II. PREPARATION OF THE WORKSHOP

REMPEC and MOIG initiated in 2008 an assessment exercise to evaluate the level of response capacity in the region with a view to have an overview of the situation in the Mediterranean Region.

In this connection, REMPEC developed a Country Profile, reproduced in **Annex 4**, and pre-filled it with information available at the Centre prior to submitting the document to each Mediterranean Coastal State for its update and for confirming the validity of the information recorded. All the data will be made available on the new Centre's website which should be operational prior to the end of 2009. The country profiles will be updated on a regular basis by the Mediterranean Coastal States and REMPEC as progress is made and on a regular basis.

MOIG from its end, based on the REMPEC's Country Profile developed a questionnaire, as set in **Annex 5**, aimed at collecting detailed information on the oil industry operating in the region (Off-shore facilities, refineries, ports, etc...). With a view to ensuring a maximum of replies prior to the workshop, an abridged version reproduced in **Annex 6**, was prepared and disseminated to the oil industry members of MOIG and of the International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA).

MOIG and IPIECA identified 67 highdensity tanker routes using International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation Limited's (ITOPF) tanker route 2005 database.



Figure 1. ITOPF tanker route 2005

The routes were crossed with the map of sites handling oil in the Mediterranean produced by the French Petroleum Institute (IFP) and the Centre of Documentation, Research and Experimentation on Accidental Water Pollution (Cedre).



Figure.2. CEDRE/IFP sites handling oil Mediterranean map

This approach enabled the identification of 90 facilities with 42% of refinery, 26% of Oil Terminal, 24% of Ports, and 8% of Offshore Platform.





Figure.3. MOIG/IPIECA cross reference result

Amongst the 22 Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention 19 returned to REMPEC their Country profiles reviewed and approved. MOIG from its side, with the technical support of IPIECA, received 20 completed assessment questionnaires from the 90 facilities approached.

REMPEC's and MOIG's questionnaires were analysed by the Workshop Steering Committee composed of representatives of REMPEC, MOIG and assisted by IPIECA and consultants selected by REMPEC and MOIG to support the preparation and implementation of this activity. The outcome of

the analysis is reported in the present report under the following six themes which constituted the backbone of the workshop programme reproduced in **Annex 3**:

- 1. Contingency Planning
- 2. Risk Assessment
- 3. Strategy
- 4. Tier response approach & Responsibilities
- 5. Resources and Mutual Assistance
- 6. Training and Exercises

The Workshop Steering Committee discussed the Group Discussion working document REMPEC/MOIG/WG.1/2, the National Consultation working document REMPEC/MOIG/WG.1/3 and the Action Plan working document REMPEC/MOIG/WG.1/4. These documents further described in the chapter III of the present report were disseminated to the participants prior to the event in view of their preparation.

III. AIMS OF THE WORKSHOP

III. 1. Objective of the workshop

The objectives of the workshop were to:

- ✓ Strengthen cooperation between governments and industry in the Mediterranean region
- ✓ Provide recommendation for short/medium and long term activities to enhance regional cooperation and increase the preparedness and response capacity in the Mediterranean.

III. 2. Methodology

The methodology used to achieve this objective, as illustrated on the figure 4, consisted, first in a **pre-workshop assessment** as described above aimed at gathering information at government and industry level on the level of preparedness in the Mediterranean Sea. The data provided by the Mediterranean Coastal States and the oil industry were analyzed to **identify gaps and commonalities at national and regional level from a government and industry point of view.**

On the basis of the outcome of the analysis the topics above mentioned were identified to lead the workshop discussions:

The presentations, the group discussions, the national consultations and the action plans were built on the basis of the same structure composed of these six topics. The presentations on the six topics were composed of:

- ✓ an introductory part on the subject aimed at recalling to the participants the main aspects to consider under each topic,
- ✓ an overview of the situation in the Mediterranean region on the different subjects on the basis of REMPEC's and MOIG's assessment, and
- ✓ summary of the main questions to be answered the following day during the "Group Discussion Session", the "National Consultation Session" and the "Action Plan" session.

The Group Discussions were aimed at sharing experiences and concerns on a **regional basis** with a view to defining regional conclusion and recommendations.

The **National Consultations** were carried out simultaneously with the group discussions and enabled States and industry to meet, together, the National Consultation Panel composed of a consultant, a representative of REMPEC and a representative of MOIG as reported in table2, for 30 minutes each. Government and industry representatives reviewed their respective questionnaires and further discussed from a **national point of view** the level of preparedness, possible related concerns and any other relevant issues.

During the Action Plan session government and industry representatives of each country were requested, taking into consideration the elements presented, discussed during the workshop, the analysis highlighting gaps and commonalities, as well as their own country/industry profile, to jointly indicate in writing the follow-up actions they consider necessary to improve their level of preparedness and response as well as the cooperation between government and industry. The main objective of this section was to come-up with preliminary **joint action plans at national level** to ensure follow-up of the workshop. The aim was also to obtain in writing **joint government-industry priority needs at national level** for their consideration in future REMPEC and MOIG activities.



Figure 4. Methodology for continuous joint assessment and improvement on preparedness for and response to oil spill

III. 3. Profiles of Lecturers

Taking into consideration the nature of the workshop REMPEC and MOIG selected a pool of expertise based on their knowledge and experience on:

- ✓ Government preparedness and response approach,
- ✓ Industry preparedness and response approach,
- ✓ Regional and international cooperation,
- ✓ Government and industry cooperation,
- ✓ Mediterranean and other regional context.

The experts who contributed to this activity were separated in three categories speakers, consultants and facilitators and were requested to:

Speaker:

- ✓ Prepare the presentations, considering reference material ("Basic documents, recommendations, principles and guidelines concerning accidental marine pollution preparedness, response and mutual assistance, as well as prevention of pollution from ships, REMPEC Regional Information System (RIS), Part A, 2008") and use the reference material in the presentation (e.g. "Guidelines for the Use of Dispersants for Combating Oil Pollution at Sea in the Mediterranean Region, Antalya, 15 October 1993" when considering dispersant in the presentation on Strategy, or "Principles and Guidelines concerning the sending, receiving and returning of equipment in case of international assistance operation" when considering the presentation on Resources and Mutual Assistance),
- ✓ Introduce in the presentations the results of REMPEC's and MOIG's assessment, the "Group Discussion Session", the "National Consultation Session" and "Action Plan".

Consultants:

- ✓ Review the Country profiles and identify issues to be clarified when required,
- ✓ Discuss directly with the country representative to examine any reported or missing information in the country profile which would require clarification,
- ✓ Lead the discussion during the National Consultancy and take note of the interview,
- ✓ Provide conclusions and recommendations on the main issues/concerned highlighted during the session for their consideration in the last session of the day.

Facilitators:

- ✓ Lead the discussions during the "Group Discussion" session,
- ✓ take note of the main conclusions/recommendations on a power point presentation for their consideration in the last session of the day.

III. 4. Profiles of Participants

Contracting Parties were invited to nominate, in consultation with the relevant national competent authorities, two (2) government representatives. Considering that the participants would be requested to respond to some questions related to their national system and taking into account the nature of the Workshop focused on government and industry cooperation, the following profiles were requested:

- ✓ A representative of the national competent authority in charge of preparedness and response to marine pollution (OPRC Focal Point), and
- ✓ A representative of the national competent authority (e.g. Ministry in charge of Energy/Resources) in charge of following and managing oil industry activities in the country.

From the industry point of view, MOIG and IPIECA invited their respective members to participate in the Workshop by making available a representative of their facilities operating in the Mediterranean region.

IV. ORGANIZATION OF THE SEMINAR

Following the presentations as referred above, the participants were separated for the group discussions, during four (4) hours, as follows:

Group	Countries	Facilitators
Group A	Algeria, France, Italy, Lebanon, Monaco, Morocco, Spain and Tunisia.	A. Lamy
Group B	Albania, Croatia, EC, Israel, Malta, Montenegro, Slovenia and Turkey.	R. Schriel
Group C	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, Libya, and Syria	B. Lerch

Table 1: Group Discussions

Governments and oil industry representatives joined, for thirty (30) minutes, the National Consultation Panel composed of a consultants and representative from REMPEC and MOIG as indicated in the table 2 below.

Group	Consultant	REMPEC	MOIG
Group A	J.Y. Huet	F. Hebert	R. Dhaoui
Group B	D. Domovic	M. Tralan	
Group C	P. De Susanne	G. Gonzalez	R. Byrnes

Table 2: National Consultation Panel

The national consultations were run simultaneously with the Group Discussions as follows:

Time	Post A	Post B	Post C
09.00 - 09.30	Algeria	Albania	Bosnia and Herzegovina
09.35 - 10.05	France	Croatia	Cyprus
10.10 - 10.40	Italy	Israel	Egypt
10.45 - 11.15	Lebanon	Malta	Greece
11.20 - 11.50	Monaco	Montenegro	Libya
11.55 - 12.25	Morocco	Slovenia	Spain
12.30 - 13.00	Tunisia	Turkey	Syria

Table 3: National Consultation time table

IV.1. Opening of the Seminar

The Director of REMPEC, Mr. Frederic Hebert, the Director of MOIG, Mr. Ridha Dhaoui, the Executive Secretary of IPIECA, Mr. Richard Sykes and Mr. Stefan Micallef, Deputy Director, Marine Environment Division, IMO (IMO speech reproduced in **Annex 7**) opened the workshop at 08.30 am, on Monday 11 May 2009.

IV. 2. The Global Initiative

In order to set the set the context of the government and industry regional cooperation within the global framework approach, Mr. Micallef and Mr. Lerch, Chair of the IPIECA Oil Spill Working Group introduced the Global Intiative, a joint initiative between IMO and IPIECA established since 1996 to:

- ✓ Assist countries in developing a national structure for dealing with oil spills through the mobilization of external assistance and industry support at national & regional levels
- ✓ Encourage and assist countries in ratifying and implementing the OPRC Convention and other conventions related to liability and compensation

It was particularly emphasized, that "there was not one model for all regions but a tailored solution can be developed, based on the circumstances, the existing regional organisations, and the possibility to draw on external resources".

V. WORKSHOP'S FINDINGS

The following sheets summarize the findings by topics based on REMPEC's and MOIG's Assessment and on the outcome of the Group Discussions and National Consultation sessions:

V.1. Contingency Planning



Group Discussion	National Consultation
Most countries have a plan in place but its update is a challenge	• In most cases, where national plans exist, industry plans are integrated
• Countries express the need of more details in the plan	• There is an obligation for industry plans to be approved
 National Contingency Plan are discussed with the industry 	 Process for updating plans needs to be better defined and improved
 Local plans are approved at local level 	 Operational implementation of plan lacks legal basis and/or vice versa
 Government and Industry need to work more together 	• Need to improve involvement of stakeholders (e.g. customs, immigration, etc.)
 Industry should be familiar with the national regulation 	Lack of communication between the Ministry regulating the industry activities and the national
• Lack of clarity and understanding of EMSA's role for non EU Member States	competent authority

V.2. Risk Assessment



Group Discussion	National Consultation
The Groups suggest:	Current risk assessments are not sufficiently comprehensive
 to have a joint Mediterranean Risk Assessment approach/methodology 	Data is available but spread
 to avoid complex models and ensure realistic assessments, 	 Sensitivity mapping have to be developed
• to centralize GIS (Sensitivity & Vulnerability information on a GIS hosted at REMPEC website	 Existing sensitivity maps are currently focused on biological sensitivities
• to analyse past incidents and the measures taken following the accident to reduce the risk	 Need to standardize the methodology
(Prevention – integration of lessons learnt)	 Existing risk analysis are mainly based on experience of past casualties

V.3. Strategy





Group Discussion	National Consultation
The Groups suggested: • To have better guidance for use of dispersant from small to large spill (The Mediterranean Guidelines on the use of dispersant will	 In the majority of the countries, there is no clear pre- agreed national policy for use of dispersant
 be revised in the framework of the MTWG's activity programme for 2010-2011) To improve satellite/aerial surveillance cooperation in the region (subject included in REMPEC's agenda through surveillance 	
 operations and availability of expertise on request), To improve and access reliable forecasting model, in this regard, REMPEC signed an MoU with Mediterranean Operational 	
Oceanographic Network (MOON) • To further support development of waste management plan (mainly for large spills). In this regards, the MTWG is currently	
developing a Waste Management Decision Support Tools to assist countries in developing their national waste management plan and in identifying the best treatment and disposal facilities in the country	

V.4. Tier Response Approach & Responsibilities



Group Discussion	National Consultation
The Groups recognised:	At industry level:
 Tier response approach is generally well understood; 	• Tier 1: There is on site capability
• The need for Tier 3 expertise and support in case of major incident.	Mutual assistance agreements are in place with other operators in the vicinity
	• Tier 2: Generally limited access to Tier 2
	• Tier 3: Only available for major companies
	From a Government point of view:
	• Generally, national stockpiles for Tier 2
	Some sub regional agreements are in place

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V.5. Resources and Mutual Assistance



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Group Discussion	National Consultation
Sub-regional agreements are signed but operational arrangements are not in place	 Oil industry are not organized within a national industry association
• In a number of countries with low response capacity, Oil industry is the backbone of the response	 Networking capability limited
(Tier 3)	• When existing, the relationship between government and industry is channeled through a
Lack of details to run the mutual aid operational arrangements	prevailing national company

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V.6. Training and Exercises



Group Discussion	National Consultation
The Groups recognised:	 Industry usually have a program of exercises and training in place
Need of support to run more exercises	 These programs are not always communicated to the government
Difficulty in communicating between government and industry networks	 The frequency of training and exercises by government is lower than for the industry
• Need of sharing lessons learnt from exercises by disseminating the exercises report through REMPEC,	
 Need to increase the number of joint industry and government trainings and exercises 	
 Best practice: Volunteers identified and trained in advance 	

VI. ACTION PLAN

Governments and industry filled in at national the self evaluation form following the 10 ITOPF's self evaluation question as follows:

- 1. Has there been a realistic assessment of the nature and size of the possible threat, and of the resources most at risk, bearing in mind the portable movement of any oil spill?
- 2. Have priorities for protection been agreed, taking into account the viability of the various protection and clean-up options?
- 3. Has the strategy for protecting and cleaning the various areas been agreed and clearly explained?
- 4. Have temporary storage site and final disposal routes for collected oil and debris been identified?
- 5. Has the necessary organisation been outlined and the responsibilities of all those involved been clearly stated will all who have a task to perform be aware of what is expected of them?
- 6. Have the arrangements for ensuring effective communication between shore, sea and air been described?
- 7. Are the levels of equipment, materials and manpower sufficient to deal with the anticipated size of spill? If not, have back resources been identified and, where necessary, have mechanisms for obtaining their release and entry to the country been established?
- 8. Are the alerting and initial evaluation procedures fully explained as well as arrangements for continual review of the progress and effectiveness of the clean-up operation?
- 9. Is the plan compatible with plans for adjacent areas and other activities?
- 10. Have all aspects of the plan been tested and nothing significant found lacking?

Government and industry representatives replied to the self evaluation questions separately from their respective point of view but in the same form (see REMPEC/MOIG/WG.1/4). The figures in purple correspond to the percentage of positive replies received from 19 out of 21 Mediterranean Coastal States. The reference taken for the graph (100%) correspond to 19 countries positive replies. On the basis of the 19 countries, the figures in yellow correspond to the percentage of positive representatives. The percentage of positive representatives. The participation of the industry representatives in 6 countries session, about 30% of the 19 countries, explain the relatively low level of positive replies received from the industry.

The outcome of the Action Plan session is reported in figure 5.



Figure 5: Contingency Plan Self-evaluation results

According to the results, by order of priority the following topic need to be further improved:

- 1. Further testing of the plans to identify gaps and areas of improvements (42% of positive replies),
- 2. Need to ensure that the levels of equipment, materials and manpower is sufficient in country or through back resources by establishing mechanisms for obtaining their release and entry to the country (52% of positive replies),
- 3. Ensure that the plan is compatible with plans for adjacent areas and other activities (63% of positive replies),
- 4. Identify temporary storage site and final disposal routes for collected oil and debris **and** ensure that the alerting and initial evaluation procedures is fully explained as well as arrangements for continual review of the progress and effectiveness of the clean-up operation (68% of positive replies).

About 27 % of the countries who replied need also:

- 5. to agree and clearly explain the strategy for protecting and cleaning the various areas,
- 6. to clearly state the necessary organisation outlined and the responsibilities of all those involved, and
- 7. to describe the arrangements for ensuring effective communication between shore, sea and air

Finally, approximately 20% of the Mediterranean coastal States should:

- 8. Assess, bearing in mind the movement of any oil spill, the nature and size of the possible threat, and of the resources most at risk and,
- 9. Agree on priorities for protection, taking into account the viability of the various protection and clean-up options.

From an industry point of view the figure shows a relatively low level of participation of the industry. According to the MOIG study the 90 oil handling facilities were distributed in 15 Mediterranean countries, while industry was represented only for 6 countries. **The industry level of participation**,

taking into account the above mentioned geographical distribution, emphasises the need of further involving the oil industry operating in the 15 countries identified to ensure cooperation at national level between government and industry through out the Mediterranean region. The participation of the oil industry is essential for the implementation of a joint industry-government cooperation programme. It should be also noted that some oil industry were represented by a corporate company representative who did not had all the elements to answer to the questions which were focused on in-country facilities. This highlights the need of involving oil industry representatives present in the countries that are more aware of the situation in their facilities.

In this respect, the workshop recommended to strengthen the industry network and its interaction with government network.

In addition to the self evaluation, the government representatives together with the oil industry operating in the respective countries clearly stated in writing the following steps to ensure better level of preparedness for and response to marine pollution in their country and in collaboration with the industry. This valuable information will be considered by REMPEC and MOIG with the rest of the data gathered prior and during this event to develop a joint programme of activities to assist countries jointly with the industry to achieve the goals expressed in the "Action Plan" session. This information will also serve to build the activities of REMPEC and MOIG on individual basis.

VI. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The representatives of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and the representatives of the Oil Industry operating in the Mediterranean region adopted the following recommendations:

- to endorse the need of more REMPEC and industry support and joint activities,
- to strengthen the industry network and its interaction with government network,
- to organize on a more regular basis industry and government joint trainings and exercises,
- to organize a joint industry/government Regional Workshop on risk assessment aimed at defining a joint realistic Mediterranean Risk Assessment,
- to develop Standard National Contingency Planning Template with same structure (it was recognized that the current Guidelines were not sufficient),
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- to increase technical assistance to MOIG,
- to improve cooperation on Aerial surveillance, and
- to get better understanding of EMSA's role in particular its support to non EU countries.

Conclusions and recommendations resulting from these discussions will serve as corner stone for the preparation of REMPEC/MOIG short, medium and long term programme addressing the gaps identified with a view to increasing in a reckonable manner the preparedness and response capacity level and the cooperation in the Mediterranean region. The programme will be prepared by REMPEC and MOIG in consultation with IMO and IPIECA and its implementation will start in 2010.

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- REMPEC/MOIG/WG.1/1 Workshop Programme
- REMPEC/MOIG/WG.1/2 Group Discussion
- REMPEC/MOIG/WG.1/3 National Consultancy
- REMPEC/MOIG/WG.1/4 Action Plan
- REMPEC/MOIG/WG.1/5 Report

ANNEX 3

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Day 0: 10 May 2009

Participant arrival and registration

Day 1: 11 May 2009

08.30	Welcoming remarks				
09.00	Workshop Introduction				
09.30	Global Initiative: International (IMO/IPIECA) / Regional cooperation S. Micaleff B. Lerch				
10.00	Coffee Break				
10.30	Contingency Planning	J.Y. Huet R. Schriel			
11.20	Risk in the Mediterranean Region REMPEC				
12.10	Strategy	J.Y. Huet R. Schriel			
13.00	Lunch	1			
14.30	Tier response approach and Responsibilities (Industry/Government)B. Lerch				
15.30	Resources and Mutual Assistance D. Domovic				
16.30	Coffee Break				
17.00	Training and Exercises A. Lamy				
17.30	An example of risk assessment methodology: Baltic Sea	C. Jürgensen			
18.00	End of Day 1				

Day 2: 12 May 2009

Workshop Group Discussion & National Consultation				
08.30	Objective reminder Introduction to the Group Discussions and National Consultations			
09.00	Group Discussions and National Consultations			
13.00	Lunch			

Group Discussion and National Consultation outcome					
14.00 - 16.00	Draft conclusion and recommendation				

Action Pla	Action Plan and Recommendations					
14.30	National Action Plan					
15.30	Coffee Break					
16.00	Conclusion / recommendation (Group Discussion and National Consultation feedback)					
17.30	Closing remarks					
18.00	End of workshop					

<u>ANNEX 4</u>

REMPEC COUNTRY PROFILE TEMPLATE

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> MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN PLAN D'ACTION POUR LA MEDITERRANEE



COUNTRY PROFILE OF

Country

Updated

Ву:		
Full name of the institution		
Department or position		
Address (number, street, city)		
Telephone		
Telefax		
E-mail		
On		
Date		

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Department or position				
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Telephone (24 hours a day)				
Telefax				
E-mail				
Working hours				

■ REMPEC PREVENTION FOCAL POINT:

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Full name of the institution				
Department or position				
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Telephone (24 hours a day)				
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E-mail				
Working hours				

■ REMPEC OPRC FOCAL POINT:

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Department or position				
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Telephone (24 hours a day)				
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E-mail				
Working hours				

■ REMPEC 24H FOCAL POINT:

National centre or contact point <u>(operational 24 hours a day)</u> responsible for receiving reports on marine pollution accidents				
Full name of the institution				
Department or position				
Address (number, street, city)				
Telephone (24 hours a day)				
Telefax				
E-mail				
Working hours				

■ REMPEC "MUTUAL ASSISTANCE " FOCAL POINT: (See Section 5)

• Other National Authorities with operational responsibilities in case of oil spills

Responsibility	
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Department or position	
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This section contains information on contingency plans and other means of preventing and combating pollution incidents (article 4). **(Tick and complete as appropriate)**

■ NATIONAL CONTINGENCY PLAN:

STATUS/ <i>STATUS</i>					
Contingency Plan Approved		Approval date: Last update date:			
Contingency Plan drafted		Draft date:			
Contingency Plan under preparation		Expected date :			
Relevant national legislation adopting the plan		Law, decret,etc:			
	Commu	unication exercise Table Top exe		ercise	Full scale exercise:
Contingency plan tested	□: 1 e	every	: 1 every		: 1 every
Authority in charge of the plan maintenance					
Authorities in charge of implementing the plan					
Other comments					

RESPONSE STRATEGY

Please provide brief details of your country's spill response strategy and approach toward the below mentioned options. Please tick the corresponding boxes if applicable and provide further details when available. This section aims at providing an overview of the response strategy without entering into details and complete the information requested in the section 4.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION					
	Yes	No	Specify – Annex		
What types of information can be made available for monitoring?					
Satellite image					
Aerial surveillance					
Naval Surveillance					
Forecasting models					

RESPONSE AT SEA									
	Yes	No	Specify – Annex						
Are you in a position to respond at sea?									
USE OF DISPERSANT									
	Yes	No	Specify– Annex						
Do you consider in your strategy the use of dispersant as a response option?									
Related Legislation:									
Delimitation zones for the use of dispersants									
Authority in charge of authorisation									
Dispersant testing procedures									
List of approved products									
List of competent laboratories authorized to test dispersants on behalf of competent national authorities									
CONTAINMENT AND RECOVERY									
	Yes	No	Specify – Annex						
Are you in a position to carry out containment and recovery operations?			Detail in section 5						
IN SITU BURNING	IN SITU BURNING								
	Yes	No	Specify – Annex						
Are you in a position to carry out in situ burning operations?			Detail in section 5						

SHORELINE PROTECTION AND CLEANUP										
	Yes	No	Specify – Annex							
Are you in a position to carry out shoreline protection operations?			Detail in section 5							
Are you in a position to carry out shoreline cleanup operations?										
Is the shoreline character considered or described in your contingency plan?										

VOLUNTEERS MANAGEMENT								
	Yes	No	Specify – Annex					
Have you considered the management of volunteers in you contingency plan								

WASTE MANAGEMENT									
	Yes	No	Specify – Annex						
Do you have a national policy regarding oily waste?									
Is there any treatment/disposal facilities/solutions available?									

COMMUNICATION								
Have you considered a communication plan, in your contingency plan for:								
Yes No Specify – Annex								
Operation activities								
Government/Industry relation								
Public relation								
Media relation								

CLAIMS								
	Yes	No	Specify – Annex					
Is there any legal basis at national level for claims?								
Is the issue of claims included in your contingency plan								
Is there any national structure to deal with claims?								

EXPERTS									
	Yes	No	Specify – Annex						
Would you consider integrating international experts in the coordination body									
Have you plan this integration									
Is the role of international experts clearly defined in your plan									

REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT/PROTOCOLS/CONVENTIONS

REGIONAL CONVENTIONS:

International Legal Instrument	Ratification			Implementation Transposition of the international intrument in the national legislation		
	Yes	No	Date	Yes	No	Specify (Law, decree, etc:)
BARCELONA CONVENTION						
EMERGENCY PROTOCOL, 1976						
PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY PROTOCOL, 2002						

SUBREGIONAL AGREEMENTS

	STATUS	DATE
Plan Approved –		Date of signature:
		Ratification date
	Relevant national legislation adopting the plan	Law, decree, etc:
	Activity related to the implementation of the plan	Exercises, trainings, meetings, etc,:
	Authorities in charge of implementing the plan	
	Other comments	

■ INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

International Conventions dealing with maritime safety and prevention from pollution from ships.

International Legal Instrument	Ratification			Implementation Transposition of the international intrument in the national legislation/		
	Yes	No	Date	Yes	No	Specify (Law, decree ,etc:)
MARPOL 73/78 Convention – ANNEX I & ANNEX I						
MARPOL 73/78 – ANNEX III						
MARPOL 73/78 – ANNEX IV						
MARPOL 73/78 – ANNEX V						

International Conventions dealing with combating pollution

International Legal Instrument	Ratification			Implementation Transposition of the international intrument in the national legislation		
	Yes	No	Date	Yes	No	Specify (Law, decree, etc:)
OPRC, 1990						
OPRC-HNS Protocol, 2000						

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International Conventions dealing with liability and compensation for pollution damage

International Legal Instrument		Rati	fication	Implementation Transposition of the international intrument in the nationa legislation				
	Yes	No	Date	Yes	No	Specify (Law, decree, etc:)		
CLC 1992								
FUND 1992								
1996 HNS Convention								
Bunker Convention, 2001.								
LLMC Protocol 96								
Wreck Removal Convention, 2007								
Other (please quote)								

RISK ASSESSMENT

This section contains information on environmental risks of the recognized routes used in maritime traffic (article 15).

NATIONAL EXPOSURE

Oil					
		Quantitites (bbl/day)			
Production					
Consumption					
Exportation					
Imports:					
Туре:					
	Yes	No			
Offshore production					

Traffic	
Number of loaded tankers arriving/departing in/from the country	
Number of loaded chemical tanker arriving/departing in/from the country	

Traffic distributio	n			
Number of loaded t	ankers arriving/departing in/f	rom the country		
Port A:	%	Port B:	%	
Port C:	%	Port D:	%	
Number of loaded of	hemical tanker arriving/depar	ting in/from the country		
Port A:	%	Port B:	%	
Port C:	%	Port D:	%	

■ PREVIOUS SPILLS/HISTORIQUE DE DÉVERSEMENTS

Please provide the date, location, type of pollutant and quantity of significant "Mediterranean" spills occurred in your country , which are not listed in the Annex I

Date	e Location Type of pollutant Quantity		

SENSITIVE AREAS

	Yes	No	Specify -Annex
Sensitivity Maps available/			
Sensitivity Maps under preparation/			
Coastline (km)			
Type of coastline			
Other relevant information			

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SECTION 5

EXPERTISE AND EQUIPEMENT AVAILABLE AND MEASURES IN PLACE FOR TRANSBOUNDARY EXCHANGE

This section contains information on the expertise and equipment available in the country that the competent national authorities can put, under certain conditions, at the disposal of another Contracting Party to the Prevention and Emergency Protocol to the Barcelona Convention, when so requested in case of emergency (article 12.1). This section also contains information on the expertise and equipment available in the country for a national response.

■ Information concerning the State with expertise and equipment available.

■ ADDRESSES AND OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS/

TO WHOM THE REQUEST HAS TO BE ADDRESSED (please s to be contacted, not the name of the specific person)	state the department and/or the position of the person
Full name of the institution	
Department or position	
Address (number, street, city)	
Telephone (24 hours a day)	
Telefax	
E-mail	
Working hours	
Financial conditions for expert services	
Restrictions (visa, etc.) concerning travel to any Mediterra	
Financial and other conditions (transportation, etc.) for m party	aking the equipment or product available to a requesting
Location of equipment and products are stored and neare	est port or airport (city/port, city/airport)

If you country was to request assistance (expertise/equipment).

Documents required for the entry of international experts in your territory				
In case of emergency, is a visa required or can it provided at the airpo	rt?			
What is the position regarding customs duties for equipment arriving	for assistance (both entry and exit)?			
Contact point for custom procedure (please state the department and contacted, not the name of the specific person)	I/or the position of the person to be			
Full name of the institution				
Department or position				
Address (number, street, city)				
Telephone (24 hours a day)				
Telefax				
E-mail				
Working hours				

EXPERTISE AVAILABLE (tick as appropriate)

A) PREPARATORY ACTIVI	TIES		Expert and training Centres (please provide contact details)
Sensitivity mapping	🗌 oil	chemicals	
Risk assessment	🗌 oil	chemicals	
Contingency planning	oil	chemicals	
Training of personnel	oil	chemicals	
B) RESPONSE TO ACCIE	DENTS – OPERATIO	ONAL	Expert and training Centres (please provide contact details)
Firefighting			
Response to oil spills at se	еа		
Response to oil on shore			
Response to spills/release	es of HNS		
Recovery of lost Packages	s of HNS		
Aerial Surveillance			
Satellite images			

Overall emergency management	nt				
Shoreline decontamination					
Modelling and forecasting					
Impact – Wildlife and birds					
Impact – Fisheries/fish farming					
Accident site restoration	i oil chemicals				
C) RESEARCH AND DEVELOP	MENT				
Please indicate any research pollution	activitiy carried o	out or in pro	cess in the field of prepa	ardr	ness and response to marine
Subject	Contacts		Description		

■ RESOURCES (tick as appropriate and/or indicate the quantity accordingly)

A) <u>PERSONNEL SUPPORT</u>					
	Available for nat	ional use	At disposal of Contr	racting Parties	
Protective clothing			Ľ]	
Respiratory system	[[[
Specialized diving equipment					
B) <u>PRODUCTS</u>	(tick if availa	ble)			
	Available for nat	Available for national use		racting Parties	
Dispersants]	
Bioremediation agents					
	Available for nat	ional use	At disposal of Contr	racting Parties	
	Oil	Chemicals	Oil	Chemicals	
Sorbents					
Emulsion breaker					
(Rock) cleaning agents					
Other chemical agents					

C) <u>EQUIPMENT</u> / EQUIPEMENTS							
	Ava	Available for national use			At disposal of Contracting Parties		
Anti-pollution vessel		Quantity		Quantity			
Surveillance aircraft		Quantity		Quantity			
Aerial spraying aircraft		Quantity		Quantity			
Cargo transfer Pumps (oils)		Quantity		Quantity			
Cargo transfer Pumps Chemicals		Quantity		Quantity			
Hoses		Quantity		Quantity			
Inert gas generators		Quantity		Quantity			
Boom: offshore		Length (meters)		Length (meters)			
Boom: coastal		Length (meters)		Length (meters)			
Fireboom		Length (meters)		Length (meters)			
Skimming barrier		Quantity		Quantity			
Skimmer		Quantity		Quantity			
Pump		Quantity		Quantity			

Vessel-mounted spraying systems	Quantity	[Quantity	
Portable spraying systems	Quantity	[Quantity	
Spraying systems for helicopters	Quantity	[Quantity	
Beach cleaner	Quantity	[Quantity	
Pressure cleaner	Quantity	[Quantity	
Vacuum system	Quantity	[Quantity	
Flexible / portable container	Quantity		Quantity	
Plastic bags / sheets	Quantity		Quantity	
Subsea location and recovery device: (pollutant, packages)	Quantity		Quantity	
Underwater pumping system	Quantity		Quantity	
Overpacks	Quantity	[Quantity	
Meters and samplers	Quantity		Quantity	
Others	Quantity		Quantity	

Are the means above mentioned owned by the government or by a private company (specify the name of the company)?

TRAINING AND FOLLOW-UP/ FORMATION ET SUIVI

■ WORKSHOPS, TRAINING AND EXERCICES (IN THE LAST 5 YEARS)

Please provide the date, location, type of activity, name of organizers of any activity organized in your country or to which delegate of your government has assisted. The activities should be related to the preparedness and response including non REMPEC's activities (Twinning project, EU funded activities, etc...)

✓ REMPEC FOCAL POINTS MEETING

Year	Representative	Ministry/Department/Division

✓ REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Activity type	Activity Name	Participants	

✓ NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Activity Name	Outcomes/Conclusions/Recommendations	

NEEDS PRIORITY

■ NEED OF SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE

Please indicate the order of priority of your needs and complete the corresponding boxes

Priority order/		Specify
	TION 2	
	Contingency Plan	Development Update Test
	Contingency Plan	
	Containment and recovery	
	Use of dispersant	
	Shoreline protection and cleanup	
	Volunteers management	
	Communication	
	Waste management	
	Claims	
	Experts/experts	
	Other	
SEC.	TION 3	
	Subregional agreements/	
	Ratification	
	Implementation	
SEC.	TION 4	Γ
	Risk assessment	
	Sensitivity mapping	
SEC.	TION 5	
	Training	
	Workshop	
	OTHER NEED	

ANNEX 5

MOIG INDUSTRY QUESTIONNAIRE TEMPLATE



Draft Proposal

Oil Spill Preparedness and Response

Self Assessment

COMPANY / ORGANIZATION CONTACT POINT

Company / Organization Name	
Department	
Head Office Address (number, street, city)	
Telephone	
Fax	
Email	
Working Hours	

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INTRODUCTION

The history of oil spill preparedness and prevention efforts has shown that immediately after an incident there is increased interest and attention. However, this is shortly followed by declining resources as attention shifts to other problems. Authorities, companies and individuals responsible for the management of preparedness and response capabilities do hold a certain degree of accountability when there is a failure in preparedness through the actual response to incidents.

After the success that had the MOIG "Integration of Emergency Plans" Workshop we held in Malta during the 8th Focal Points Meeting, the main recommendation raised to continue the work of cooperation between REMPEC and MOIG to organize a joint Government-Industry Workshop on Preparedness and Response to marine pollution to exchange information on the status of Preparedness and Response in the Mediterranean Sea from a Government and Industry perspective.

In this field, MOIG has prepared the following Questionnaire to assess the situation in term of Contingency Planning, Management, Equipment and cooperation with Government. REMPEC has carried out a similar assessment for Governments.

The Main objective of these two assessments is to enable REMPEC and MOIG to converge industry and Government assessments to identify common future activities for a better regional cooperation and level of preparedness and response between all stakeholders in the Region.

The fact that oil and gas Industry through the MOIG are the main drivers in the formation of this self assessment clearly demonstrates a willingness to improve the preparedness and response options available to them throughout the Mediterranean region.

Industry both at the national and international level participates in regional initiatives at various levels with regards to environmental protection; furthermore Industry is conscious as regards image and public opinion.

The main focus of the self assessment has been that of regional capability, with the understanding that the regional capability is fully reliant on the national capability of countries throughout the region including the capability of petroleum and maritime sector.

The data received shall be centralized and used for future planning and incident response, therefore in this regard it is imperative that the data provided is as accurate as possible.

The following assessment is based on the requirements of the Barcelona Convention "Prevention and Emergency Protocol" and the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation, OPRC 1990 and its article 6.

Each participating company and/or organization shall complete sections 1 to 4 and the relevant annexes. The completed documents shall be sent to the MOIG for inclusion on the centralized database.

SECTION 1 - OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN:

	OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN STATUS						
1.1	Do you have an Oil Spill Contingency Plan available	Yes		No			
1.1		Go to Que	stion 1.6	Go to nex	t Question		
1.2	Do you have a draft of an Oil Spill Contingency Plan	Yes		No			
1.2	bo you have a drate of an on opin contingency fram	Go to next	Question	Go to Que	Go to Question 1.4		
1.3	What is the draft date			Go to Que	estion 1.6		
1.4	Do you have an Oil Spill Contingency Plan Under Preparation	Yes Go to next	Question	No Go to Se	action 2		
1.5	When is the Oil Spill Contingency Plan Expected	GO LO NEXL	Question	<u>GO LO SI</u>			
		Yes		No			
1.6	Is the Oil Spill Contingency Plan based on a risk assessment	Go to next	Ouestion	-	estion 1.8		
	What are the Spill scenarios the plan is based on :-	Operation					
1.7	(Please indicate the volumes in tons)	Worst Cas	e Spill				
1.0	In the Oil Spill Oil Contingon or Dien enproved	Yes		No			
1.8	Is the Oil Spill Oil Contingency Plan approved	Go to next	Go to next Question		stion 1.10		
1.0		Approved	Approved by				
1.9	Details of Approval	Approved	Date				
1.10	Is the Oil Spill Oil Contingency Plan based on tiered response	Yes		No			
1.11	Has the Oil Spill Contingency Plan ever been used	Yes		No			
		Last Test					
1.12	Details of Contingency Plan test	Next Test					
1.13	Department / Person in Charge to maintain the Contingency Plan						
1.14	Dept / Person in Charge to implement the Contingency Plan						
1.15	What Area (s) is covered by the Plan (Please attach separate sheet if required)						
	In terms of Capability Management what are the expected time	Local					
1.16	frames of actual response utilizing the following resources –	National					
	Days/Hrs	Internatio	nal				
1.17	Does the Plan contain checklists? (Please specify)	Yes		No			
1.18	Does the plan contain oil spill modeling information	Yes		No			
		Go to next	Question	Go to s	ection 2		
1.19	Is the model outcome addressed in the Contingency plan	Yes		No			
1.20	What is the language of the plan (Arabic, English, etc)						

SECTION 2 – RESPONSE AND PROTECTION:

	2.1 AT SEA OIL SPILL RESPONSE							
2.1.1	Do you have capability for at sea response	Yes		No				
2.1.1		Go to next	Question	Go to Que	stion 2.2.1			
2.1.2	What is the capacity of at sea oil spill response	То	ns					
		Skimmers						
2.1.3	How is the capacity determined	Storage						
2.1.5		Oil Booms						
			Other					
2.1.4	Is the At Sea Capacity maintained all year round	Yes		No				
2.1.1	is the At sea capacity maintained an year round	Go to Question 2.1.6		Go to next Question				
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th			
2.1.5	What is the period that you maintain an offshore oil spill response	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter			
2.1.5	capability	Other (Please			•			
			Specify)					
2.1.6	Do you have an Emergency Towing Vessels available	Yes		No				
2.1.0		Go to next Question		Go to Question 2.2.1				
2.1.7	How many Emergency towing vessels are available	Number		Bollard Pull				

	2.2 SHORELINE RESPONSE								
2.2.1	Do you have Capacity for shoreline protection operations	Yes		No					
		Go to next	Question	Go to Que	stion 2.2.3				
	How is the shoreline protection capacity determined	Skimmers							
2.2.2		Storage							
2.2.2		Oil Booms							
		Other							
2.2.3	Do you have Capacity for shoreline response operations	Yes		No					
		Go to next Question		Go to Question 2.3.1					
		Skimmers							
2.2.4	How is the shoreline response capacity determined	Storage							
2.2.4	now is the shorenne response capacity determined	Oil Booms							
		Other							

	2.3 RESPONSE OPTIONS						
2.3.1	Do you have Capacity for chemical spill response (HNS)	Yes		No			
2.3.2	Do you have Capacity for wildlife handling	Yes		No			
2.3.3	Do you have Capacity to protect fisheries/fish farming	Yes		No			
2.3.4	Do you have Capacity to protect water intakes	Yes		No			
2.3.5	Do you have Pre determined response strategies	Yes		No			
2.3.6	Is there Designated Sacrificial beaches	Yes		No			

2.3.7	Do you have Capacity to protect sensitive areas	Yes	No	
2.3.8	Is there Designated temporary staging areas	Yes	No	
2.3.9	Do you have Command Posts (Fixed/Mobile)	Yes	No	

	2.4 DISPERSANT						
2.4.1	Do you consider the use of dispersant a response option	Yes		No			
2.4.2	How much dispersant do you have	Tons		bbls			
		Ariel					
2.4.3	What is the method of dispersant application	Ship					
			Other				
2.4.4	Is the use of dispersant and dispersant type pre approved by authorities	Yes		No			
2.4.5	Is the Dispersant response option based on a time factor for the various oil types	Yes		No			
2.4.6	Is Further approval required when dispersant is used in a response	Yes		No			
2.4.7	Do you have a dispersant management plan	Yes		No			

SECTION 3 – MANAGEMENT:

	3.1 MONITORING AND EVALUATION:					
What typ	What types of monitoring and evaluation equipment do you have available. (<i>Please Specify</i>)					
3.1.1	Naval Surveillance (Support vessels, please indicate number and type)					
3.1.2	Aerial (Helicopter, Fixed wing)					
3.1.3	Satellite					
3.1.4	Oil Spill Modeling					
3.1.5	Fingerprinting					

3.2 RESPONSE TEAM:						
3.2.1	Do you have a Emergency Response Team available	Yes		No		
3.2.2	Do you have a Emergency Response Team Organization Chart	Yes		No		
3.2.3	Do you have a Emergency Response Team Job Description	Yes		No		
3.2.4	Do you have a Emergency Response Team roster	Yes		No		
3.2.5	Do you have a Management Plan for external personnel including Casual labor	Yes		No		
3.2.6	Do you have a System of Induction for Emergency Response Team members	Yes		No		
3.2.7	Do you have a System of Evaluation for Emergency Response Team member	Yes		No		

3.3 WASTE						
3.3.1	Do you have a Waste management plan for oily waste	Yes		No		
3.3.2	Is your Waste management plan approved by authorities	Yes		No		
3.3.3	Do you have an Waste storage facilities Yes Go to next Question		T Question	No Go to Qu	estion 3.2.7	
3.3.4	Do you have Capacity for liquid storage	Tons		M ³		
3.3.5	Do you have Capacity for solid storage	Tons		M ³		
3.3.6	Do you have Waste treatment facilities	Yes		No		
3.3.7	Is there a designated Waste Transportation system	Yes Go to next Question		No Go to Qu	estion 3.3.1	
3.3.8	What is the capacity for Waste transportation on land	Tons		M ³		
3.3.9	What is the capacity for Waste transportation at Sea	Tons		M ³		

3.4 COMMUNICATION							
3.4.1	Do you have a Communications plan	Yes		No			
3.4.2	Does you have a plan for Public Relations	Yes		No			
3.4.3	Does you have a plan for Media Relations	Yes		No			
3.4.4	Is there a Common Language used in emergencies (<i>Please specify, Arabic, English, French etc.</i>)	Yes		No			

3.5 FINANCE						
3.5.1	Has Financial limits for decision makers been pre determined	Yes		No		
3.5.2	Do you have a Claims and Compensation Mechanism	Yes		No		
3.5.3	Is there a Finance Management Plan for Emergency Situations	Yes		No		

	3.6 EXTERNAL SUPPORT: Regional / International						
3.6.1	Do you have a policy for the use of International Experts	Yes		No			
3.6.2	Are you a Member of any International oil spill response organization	Yes		No			
3.6.3	Are you a Member of any regional oil spill response organization	Yes		No			
3.6.4	Are all visa and entry restrictions in place (Emergency Protocols)	Yes		No			
3.6.5	Are the relevant infrastructure details known and up to date, (Airports, Hotels, Ports, Roads, Rail, Security etc)	Yes		No			
3.6.6	Are there any restrictions regarding bringing external equipment and or chemicals	Yes		No			
3.6.7	Do you need authority approval to activate your national/regional or international response agreement	Yes		No			

SECTION 4 – PREPAREDNESS:

	4.1 EXPOSURE								
Details (Details Oil / Hydrocarbon								
		Type / Grade			Qua	antity			
4.1.1	Production								
4.1.2	Consumption								
4.1.3	Export								
4.1.4	Import								
4.1.5	Offshore Production	1	Yes		No				
4.1.6	Offshore Production	n Platforms / Units	Number						
4.1.7	Mobile offshore Dri	lling Rigs / Units	Number						
4.1.8	Floating Storage Un	its	Number						
4.1.9	Other offshore Units	s (Please specify)	Number						

	4.2 MARINE TRAFFIC (Ports, Terminals and Canal only)				
4.2.1	Number of Loaded oil tankers arriving / departing				
4.2.2	Average size and type of Oil Tankers (double/single hull)				
4.2.3	Number of Loaded chemical tankers arriving / departing				
4.2.4	Average size and type of Chemical Tankers (double/single hull)				
4.2.5	Number of Loaded vessels other than oil or chemical tankers arriving / departing				
4.2.6	Average size and type of vessels other than Oil or Chemical Tankers				

	4.3 OFFSHORE SUPPORT VESSELS (Offshore Operators, and Offshore Support Service Companies only)					
4.3.1	Offshore Platform Supply Vessels	Yes		No		Number
4.3.2	Anchor Handling Tugs	Yes		No		Number
4.3.3	Diving Support Vessels	Yes		No		Number
4.3.4	Survey Vessels	Yes		No		Number
4.3.5	Other (Please Specify)	Yes		No		Number

	4.4 FOUNDATION DATA							
4.4.1	Do you Record all accidents (even if no pollution)	Yes		No				
4.4.2	Do you record a near miss (Possible accident)	Yes		No				
4.4.3	How many accidents has there been in the last 5 years							
4.4.4	How Many accidents have resulted in a spill in the last 5 years							
4.4.5	How many near miss situations have been recorded in the last 5 years							
4.4.6	How many near miss situations involved oil or chemical tankers in the last 5 years							

4.5 HISTORICAL SPILL DATA						
Please provide the date, location, type of pollutant and quantity of significant spills that have occurred at opr near any of your facilities, including the marine vessels serving any of your failities.						
Date	Location Type of Pollutant Quantity					

4.6 SENSITIVE AREAS						
Details		Yes	No	Specify / Attach Details		
4.6.1	Sensitive Maps Available					
4.6.2	Sensitive Maps under preparation					
4.6.3	Coastline (KM) covered					
4.6.4	Type of Coastline					
4.6.5	Other Relevant Information					

4.7 TRAINING					
Training Course		Yes	No	Date Last Course	Please Specify the training course
4.7.1	First Responder				
4.7.2	On Scene Commander				
4.7.3	Decision Maker				
4.7.4	Claims and Compensation				
4.7.5	Sensitivity Mapping				
4.7.6	Contingency Planning				
4.7.7	Computer Modeling				

4.7.8	Risk Assessment		
4.7.9	Other		

4.8 EXERCISES AND DRILLS A drill is a test of a portion of the emergency response system (for example, a communication test, or a desktop exercise to test emergency procedures and emergency teams responsible for an area selected for that particular drill). An "exercise" typically tests many facets of the emergency response system and often involves close coordination between various stakeholders.

Preparedness tests		Yes	No	Date Last Test	Comments
4.8.1	Oil Spill Drills (Desktop)				
4.8.2	Oil Spill Drill (Communication)				
4.8.3	Oil Spill exercise (Deployment)				

4.9 LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Dependant on the nature of your business and the owners, managers or partners of the business, your company shall follow a certain legal framework, in order to ascertain the legal framework your company operates within please answer the following.

		Yes	No	Please Specify
4.9.1	Environmental Legislation followed for the management of Hydrocarbon / Chemicals.			
4.9.2	Competent Authority you are responsible to for the management of Hydrocarbon / Chemicals.			
4.9.3	Oil Spill Contingency Plan, National, Oil Sector, Regional or area.			
ANNEX 1 – RESPONSE EQUIPMENT

A1	Do you have containment and recovery equipment available		Yes 🗌		
			Go to next Question		Go to Annex 2
A2	Is the containment and recovery equipment available to others			No	
			e Colum 1	Complete Colum 1	

Equipn	Equipment Status		Colum 1		Colum 2			
No	Description	Availab	ole for Own use	Availabl	Available to Others			
1	Emergency Response Vessel		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
2	Surveillance Aircraft		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
3	Ariel Dispersant Application		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
4	Cargo Transfer Pumps (Oil)		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
5	Hoses		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
6	Generators (Inert Gas)		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
7	Boom Offshore		Length (Meters)		Length (Meters)			
8	Boom Coastal		Length (Meters)		Length (Meters)			
9	Skimmer Barrier		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
10	Skimmer		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
11	Pumps		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
12	Vessel Mounted Spraying Systems		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
13	Portable Spraying System		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
14	Spraying Systems for Helicopters		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
15	Beach Cleaner		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
16	Pressure Washers		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
17	Vacuum Systems		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
18	Temporary Storage Tanks		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
19	Plastic Bags / Sheeting		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
20	Subsea location and Recover Device		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
21	Underwater Pumping systems		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
22	Meters and Samplers		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			
23	Mobile Incident units		Quantity Number		Quantity Number			

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24	Earth Moving equipment	Quantity Number	Quantity Number
25	Small Workboats	Quantity Number	Quantity Number
26	Trucks	Quantity Number	Quantity Number
27	Adsorbents rolls, pads and sheets	Quantity Number	Quantity Number
28	Other	Quantity Number	Quantity Number

ANNEX 2 - REQUESTING EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE

If your company / organization was to request assistance (Expertise and or Equipment)

	A2.1 ASSISTANCE REQUEST							
	Are there any restrictions on the movement of equipment within the country, e.g. passes, permits, day and night travel?							
A2.1.1								
	Are there any restrictions on the movement of response teams, e.g. Passes, permits, day and night travel together with accommodation?							
A2.1.2								
	Documents required for the entry of in	ternational	experts					
A2.1.3								
		Yes	No	Please Specify				
A2.1.4	Do you have protocols in place for the movement of equipment in country							
A2.1.5	Do you have protocols in place for the movement of response teams in country							
A2.1.6	Can a Visa be obtained at the Airport (International)							
A2.1.7	Can equipment enter/exit free of customs duties (International)							
A2.1.8	Is there restriction to enter / exit dispersant (International)							

	A2.2 CONTACTS (Emergency Protocol Management)					
A2.2.1	Please state the department / position of the person responsible to ensure emergency protocols are followed in Emergency situations (Not the name of the Person)					
Full Name of the Company responsible						
Departn	ent or Position					
Address	(Number, Street, City)					
Telepho	ne (24 Hrs)					
Telefax						
E-Mail						
Working	Hours					

	A2.3 CONTACTS (External support)					
A2.2.2	Please state the department / position of the person responsible to request external support for emergency situations. (Not the name of the Person)					
Full Name of the Company responsible						
Departn	nent or Position					
Address (Number, Street, City)						
Telepho	ne (24 Hrs)					
Telefax						
E-Mail						
Working	Hours					

A2.4 LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

An emergency can unveil all sorts of issues and therefore it is difficult to determine what type of assistance would be required, However in order to determine the reliance on external support be it in country or international we need to ascertain your company / organizations expectations on what would be required. As an expectation when not met in times of crisis can further complicate the unfolding emergency. Please indicate the most likely type of assistance your company would expect when faced with an emergency situation.

would expect when faced with an emergency stuation.							
A2.3.1	Firefighting	Equipment		Personnel		Expertise	
A2.3.2	Response to Oil Spills at Sea	Equipment		Personnel		Expertise	
A2.3.3	Response to Oil Spills on shore	Equipment		Personnel		Expertise	
A2.3.4	Response to Spills of HNS	Equipment		Personnel		Expertise	
A2.3.5	Ariel Surveillance	Equipment		Personnel		Expertise	
A2.3.6	Satellite Images	Equipment		Personnel		Expertise	
A2.3.7	Emergency Management	Equipment		Personnel		Expertise	
A2.3.8	Shoreline Clean up (Decontamination)	Equipment		Personnel		Expertise	
A2.3.9	Modeling and Forecasting	Equipment		Personnel		Expertise	
A2.3.10	Impact – Wildlife and Birds	Equipment		Personnel		Expertise	
A2.3.11	Impact – Fisheries/Fish farms	Equipment		Personnel		Expertise	
A2.3.12	Claims and Compensation (Advise and Council)	Technical		Operational		Legal	
A2.3.13	Legal (Advise and Council)	Local		National		International	

ANNEX 3 – RENDERING ASSISTANCE

Working Hours

If your company / organization was requested for assistance (Expertise / Equipment)

		A3.1 ASSIS	TANCE REQ	QUEST			
A3.1.1	Are there any restrictions on the movement of your equipment within the country, e.g. passes, permits, day and night travel?						
A3.1.2	Are there any restrictions on the movement of your response teams, e.g. Passes, permits, day and night travel?						
A3.1.3	Are there any financial or insurance restrictions on the use of your resources, (Equipment and Personnel)						
		Yes	No	Please Specify			
A3.1.4	Are there Protocols in place for the movement of your equipment in country						
A3.1.5	Are there Protocols in place for the movement of your response teams in country						
A3.1.6	Can your equipment exit/enter free of customs duties (International)						
A3.1.7	Is there restriction to exit/enter dispersant (International)						
	<u> АЭЭСОМТА</u>	CTS (Fmor	TONCY Drot	ocol Management)			
A3.2.1	Please state the department / position	of the perso	on responsi	ble to ensure emergency protocols for the release gency situations (Not the name of the Person)			
Full Nan	ne of the Company responsible						
Departn	nent or Position						
Address (Number, Street, City)							
Telepho	ne (24 Hrs)						
Telefax							
E-Mail							

	A3.3 CONTACTS - (Support Provision)					
A3.2.2	Please state the department / position of the person responsible to release resources (equipment and personnel) in support of emergency situations. (Not the name of the Person)					
Full Name of the Company responsible						
Departn	nent or Position					
Address	(Number, Street, City)					
Telepho	ne (24 Hrs)					
Telefax						
E-Mail						
Working	; Hours					

A3.4 RENDERING ASSISTANCE

An emergency can unveil all sorts of issues and therefore it is difficult to determine what type of assistance would be required, However in order to determine what reliance can be put on your support be it in country or international we need to ascertain the type and level of support that could be provided.

A3.3.1	Firefighting	Equipment	Personnel	Expertise	
A3.3.2	Response to Oil Spills at Sea	Equipment	Personnel	Expertise	
A3.3.3	Response to Oil Spills on shore	Equipment	Personnel	Expertise	
A3.3.4	Response to Spills of HNS	Equipment	Personnel	Expertise	
A3.3.5	Ariel Surveillance	Equipment	Personnel	Expertise	
A3.3.6	Satellite Images	Equipment	Personnel	Expertise	
A3.3.7	Emergency Management	Equipment	Personnel	Expertise	
A3.3.8	Shoreline Clean up (Decontamination)	Equipment	Personnel	Expertise	
A3.3.9	Modeling and Forecasting	Equipment	Personnel	Expertise	
A3.3.10	Impact – Wildlife and Birds	Equipment	Personnel	Expertise	
A3.3.11	Impact – Fisheries/Fish farms	Equipment	Personnel	Expertise	
A3.3.12	Claims and Compensation (Advise and Council)	Technical	Operational	Legal	
A3.3.13	Legal (Advise and Council)	Local	National	International	

ANNEX 4 - ASSISTANCE (prevention preparedness and response enhancement requirements)

Please indicate the order of priority your company / organization places on the need for further improvement/enhancement (if required)

	Specific Needs				
	Priority	Description	Specify / Details		
A4.1.1		Environmental Impact Assessment			
A4.1.2		Integrated Impact Assessment			
A4.1.3		Contingency Plan			
A4.1.4		Containment and Recovery			
A4.1.5		Type / approval and Use of Dispersants			
A4.1.6		Shoreline Protection and Cleanup			
A4.1.7		Volunteers management			
A4.1.8		Communication			
A4.1.9		Waste Management			
A4.1.10		Claims and Compensation			
A4.1.11		Experts			
A4.1.12		Legislation (National)			
A4.1.13		Legislation (International)			
A4.1.14		Regional Agreements			
A4.1.15		Sub regional Agreements			
A4.1.16		Risk Assessment			
A4.1.17		Sensitivity Mapping			
A4.1.18		Training			
A4.1.19		Workshop			
A4.1.20		HNS			
A4.1.21		Any other need			
A4.1.22		Sustainable Development			
A4.1.23		Other (Please specify)			

ANNEX 5 – FUTURE CO-OPERATION

Emergency response is fully reliant on cooperation and in this regard we would value your input on the following

	A5.1 TIERED RESPONSE									
A5.1.1	Tier 1 resources in Country (Local Resources)	Adequate		Insufficient		unknown				
A5.1.2	Tier 2 resources in Country (National/Area Resources)	Adequate		Insufficient		unknown				
A5.1.3	Tier 3 resources (International Resources)	Adequate		Insufficient		unknown				
		A5.2 SUPPOI	RT ORGA	NIZATIONS						
A5.2.1	International oil companies support organizations	Adequate		Insufficient		unknown				
A5.2.2	National Oil and Joint venture companies support organizations	Adequate		Insufficient		unknown				
A5.2.3	Maritime sector support organization	Adequate		Insufficient		unknown				
A5.2.4	National Support Organizations	Adequate		Insufficient		unknown				
A5.2.5	Regional support organizations	Adequate		Insufficient		unknown				
A5.2.6	International Support Organizations	Adequate		Insufficient		unknown				
	A5 3 SHARING SCHEMES - T	O CASCADE DESC		N TIMES OF EMED	CENCV					

ASIS SHIMMING SCHEMES TO CASCADE RESOURCES IN TIMES OF EMERGENCE								
A5.3.1	International oil companies sharing scheme for resources in country	Adequate		Insufficient		unknown		
A5.3.2	National Oil and Joint venture companies sharing scheme for resources in country	Adequate		Insufficient		unknown		
A5.3.3	Maritime sector sharing scheme for resources in country	Adequate		Insufficient		unknown		
A5.3.4	Regional sharing scheme to bring resources in country	Adequate		Insufficient		unknown		
A5.3.5	International sharing scheme to bring resources in country	Adequate		Insufficient		unknown		

A5.4 MAINTAINING PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE							
A5.4.1	Stakeholders participating in emergency planning	Adequate		Insufficient		unknown	
A5.4.2	Local Drills (Other than your own facilities)	Adequate		Insufficient		unknown	
A5.4.3	Area / National Exercises to cascade and integrate resources	Adequate		Insufficient		unknown	
A5.4.4	International Exercises to cascade and integrate resources	Adequate		Insufficient		unknown	

A5.5 FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT									
Maintaining an adequate level of preparedness and response is costly to any company / organization, Accident rates are decreasing, however inevitably they shall still occur, therefore there is a definite need to maintain a level of preparedness and response commiserate to the identified risk, one such way is sharing resources. In order to effectively ensure adequate resources there must be a budget available. Can you please indicate your company's views on the following?									
A5.5.1	Financial participation in an national response system.	No		Yes		Not at This Time		Own Resources are adequate	
A5.5.2	Participate with regional oil spill response organizations	No		Yes		Not at This Time		Own Resources are adequate	
A5.5.3	Participate with international oil spill response organizations	No		Yes		Not at This Time		Own Resources are adequate	

A5.5 GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY COOPERATION							
A5.5.1	What level of communication/dialogue between Government and Oil Industry exits	High		Medium		absent	
A5.5.2	Are Industry Oil Spill Contingency Plans in line with the National one	No		Yes		unknown	
A5.5.3	Are the Industry Emergency Plans co-ordinated with the National system established in accordance with art.6 of the OPRC and approved in accordance with procedures established by the Competent National Authority	No		Yes		unknown	
A5.5.4	Does Oil Companies communicate/exchange information regularly with other Oil Companies operating in the same Country	No		Yes		unknown	
A5.5.5	Is there any specific Agreement, Arrangement, Committee or Mechanism	High		Medium		absent	
A5.5.6	Does Industry organize regularly joint exercise with other industry operating locally	No		Yes		unknown	
A5.5.7	Does Industry and Government organize joint exercise	No		Yes		unknown	
A5.5.8	If Government requires equipment or expertise would you be in a position to assist and under which condition	No		Yes		unknown	

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For further and detailed information to answer the Section A5.5 Question, please complete Hein after:

GLOSSARY

At Sea Response	The ability to mount a response within the at sea area at estimated time frame. Pre planning and resources are critical in determining the at sea response capability.
Dispersant management	A plan designed for the full management of dispersant. Buying approved certified types,
plan	Stock control, Pre-Use approval, Use Approval, Use, resupply and recertification.
Mobilization	The time it takes to get the resources assembled and prepared at the staging site.
Near shore	Means the area extending seaward 12 nautical miles from the line of demarcation.
Near shore	
Oil	Means petroleum in any form including crude oil, fuel oil, sludge, oil refuse and refined products.
Offshore Unit	Means any fixed or floating offshore installation or structure engaged in gas or oil
Ulishore Unit	exploration, exploitation or production activities, or loading or unloading of oil.
0:1	Boom that is used to collect and hold oil on the surface of the water for recovery by
Oil Boom	skimmers or similar collection devices.
	Means an occurrence or series of occurrences having the same origin, which results or
	may result in a discharge of oil and which poses or may pose a threat to the marine
Oil Pollution Incident	environment, or to the coastline or related interests of one or more States, and which
	requires emergency action or other immediate response.
	A computer software predicting the movement of oil and scale of impact on resources,
	utilizing real time and operator input data to provide a valuable planning tool for
Oil Spill Modeling	preparedness and a powerful response tool for decision support when used in
	combination with in-field surveillance.
	Equipment and personnel dedicated primarily to oil spill response, cleanup, and spill
Own Resources	containment. Such equipment and personnel are not utilized for any other activity that
	would affect the response capability.
	Boom used for deflecting/diverting or otherwise influencing oil on the water surface
Protective boom	away from sensitive environments, often but not always toward containment sites.
	Means those facilities which present a risk of an oil pollution incident and includes,
Sea Port	inter alia, sea ports, oil terminals, pipelines and other oil handling facilities.
	Means a vessel of any type whatsoever operating in the marine environment and
Ship	includes hydrofoil boats, air-cushion vehicles, submersibles, and floating craft of any
1	type.
	The capability to protect a certain area of coastline from the impact of an oil spill. The
Shoreline Protection	actual area that can be protected shall be applicable to pre planning and the resources
	available.
	The ability to mount a response from the shoreline, deploying resources from
Shoreline Response	designated areas. The actual response ability shall be determined by pre planning,
I	available resources and the type of shoreline.
	Devices used to remove spilled oil from the surface of the water through means of
Skimmers	mechanical suction, adhesion, absorption, adsorption, or some similar mechanism of
	action that allows separation and recovery of spilled oil from the water's surface.
Worst Case	The largest foreseeable discharge. In the case of a tank vessel, a discharge, in adverse
Discharge (WCD)	weather conditions, of a tank vessel's entire oil cargo
Discharge (WCD)	

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ARTICLE 6

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SYSTEMS FOR PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

- **1.1** Each Party shall establish a national system for responding promptly and effectively to oil pollution incidents. This system shall include as a minimum:
 - (a) The designation of:
 - (i) The competent national authority or authorities with responsibility for oil pollution preparedness and response;
 - (ii) The national operational contact point or points, which shall be responsible for the receipt and transmission of oil pollution reports as referred to in article 4; and
 - (iii) An authority which is entitled to act on behalf of the State to request assistance or to decide to render the assistance requested;
 - (b) A national contingency plan for preparedness and response which includes the organizational relationship of the various bodies involved, whether public or private, taking into account guidelines developed by the Organization.
- 1.2 In addition, each Party, within its capabilities either individually or through bilateral or multilateral cooperation and, as appropriate, in co-operation with the oil and shipping industries, port authorities and other relevant entities, shall establish:
 - (a) A minimum level of pre-positioned oil spill combating equipment, commensurate with the risk involved, and programmes for its use;
 - (b) A programme of exercises for oil pollution response organizations and training of relevant personnel
 - (c) Detailed plans and communication capabilities for responding to an oil pollution incident. Such capabilities should be continuously available; and
 - (d) A mechanism or arrangement to co-ordinate the response to an oil pollution incident with, if appropriate, the capabilities to mobilize the necessary resources.
- **1.3** Each Party shall ensure that current information is provided to the Organization, directly or through the relevant regional organization or arrangements, concerning:
 - (a) The location, telecommunication data and, if applicable, areas of responsibility of authorities and entities referred to in paragraph (1)(a);
 - (b) Information concerning pollution response equipment and expertise in disciplines related to oil pollution response and marine salvage which may be made available to other States, upon request; and Its national contingency plan.

ANNEX 6

MOIG SHORT ASSESSMENT FORM TEMPLATE



Site Name:		
Operating Company:		
Site Address:		
Site Type:		
- Contact Name:	nergency contact: r:	-
	Plan:	
3. Equipment available - Tier 1 equipment availa - If yes specify:		Yes/No -
- Tier 2 and Tier 3 arrang - If yes specify:	gement in place:	Yes/No -
(government)	n place (industry/industry – industry/	Yes/No
4. Trained personnel a - If yes specify:	vailable for oil spill response:	Yes/No -
	anised within last year:	Yes/No -
cooperation in the Med	view on possible improvement on oil sp iterranean region.	
7. Previous oil spill exp	eriences (Year, location, cause)	

ANNEX 7

Opening speech by the International Maritime Organization representative Stefan Micallef, Deputy Director, Marine Environment Division

It is a great pleasure to be here with you today and I bring with me the greetings and congratulations of International Maritime Organization. I am particularly pleased to see the mix of industry and government representatives since you are the key players for regional co-operation on preparedness and response to accidental marine pollution.

It is well recognized that the process of encouraging effective and sustainable preparedness and response action must be done in a co-operative manner with government and industry participating willingly. The foundation for this lies in the OPRC Convention whilst the catalyst for this process lies in the co-operation of the industry with the IMO and the ability to influence industry activity and governments respectively, both at a national and a regional level through what is know as the Global Initiative. Thus partnership among governments and industry is essential in arranging effective mechanisms for regional pollution preparedness and response. Such a partnership brings us back to the two notions underpinning the Global Initiative; regional outreach and working together.

You will in the next two days be breaking important ground focusing on industry/government cooperation within the context of regional co-operation in the Mediterranean. You would need to chart a way forward on the concrete measures to be taken, in the short, medium and long term to develop and put in place a sustainable mechanism for this cooperation [between industry and governments]. This you would need to do through very frank discussions on the most appropriate formula for a shared responsibility as you consider possibly new and innovative arrangements for this cooperation bearing in mind that this which will require the political will, drive and commitment, at all levels to ensure success in the long term.

Through these discussions you would provide an opportunity for working together and lay the foundations of a reinforced co-operative system between Government and Industry whereby pollution incidents can be efficiently dealt with in Mediterranean waters. In the true spirit of the Mediterranean I am sure that by the end of this week, you would have made inroads to this initiative so that the process that you would have initiated will continue for years to come in the pursuit of our common objectives and that you will also have an enjoyable stay in this historic city.

Ladies and Gentlemen welcome to this Workshop and thank you.