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The Protection and Sustainable Development of the Mediterranean-Black Sea Ecosystem

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Programme

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5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Inaugural Session**

Chair and introduction: Amedeo POSTIGLIONE, Director, ICEF; Vice President, European Forum of Judges for the Environment; Judge of the Italian Supreme Court, Rome, Italy

Welcoming addresses: Giovanni CONSO, President, National Academy of Lincei, Rome; former President, Italian Constitutional Court, Rome, Italy; Honorary President, ICEF

Massimo CACCIARI, Mayor of Venice, Italy

Introductory address: *The role of the Veneto Region in the protection and sustainable development of the Mediterranean – Black Sea ecosystem*

Giancarlo GALAN, President, Veneto Region, Venice, Italy

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Which priorities for the protection and sustainable development of the Mediterranean-Black Sea ecosystem?**

David Grant LAWRENCE, Director, Water, Chemicals and Cohesion, DG Environment, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

Corrado CLINI, Director General for Research, Environment and Development, Italian Ministry of the Environment, Land Protection and the Sea, Rome, Italy

Giovanni PUGLISI, President, Italian National Commission for UNESCO, Rome, Italy

Giuseppe CAVARRETTA, Director, Department Earth and Environment, National Research Council (CNR), Rome, Italy

Paul MIFSUD, Coordinator, Mediterranean Action Plan, UNEP/MAP, Athens, Greece

Ahmet KIDEYS, Executive Director, Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution, Istanbul, Turkey

7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Environmental damage and access to justice for individuals and groups at the international level**

Francesco FRANCIONI, European University Institute, Florence, Italy

Fulco PRATESI, President, WWF, Rome, Italy

International Forum of Women for an International Court of the Environment: Pinuccia MONTANARI, City Council of Reggio Emilia, Italy

Celestina TINELLI, Lawyer; Council of the Judiciary, Rome, Italy

7:30 p.m. **Welcome Reception**
Friday 25 May

9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. I Session - The Protection and Sustainable Development of the Mediterranean – Black Sea Ecosystem: the Legal Framework

Chair and introduction: Paul MIFSUD, Coordinator, Mediterranean Action Plan, UNEP/MAP, Athens, Greece

The international protection of the Mediterranean: the role of law
Tullio SCOVAZZI, University of Milan, Italy

The Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution
Ahmet KIDEYS, Executive Director, Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution, Istanbul, Turkey

The protection of nature and biodiversity in the Mediterranean-Black Sea integrated ecosystem
Sheila ABED de ZAVALA, Chair, Commission on Environmental Law, IUCN, Gland, Switzerland

The Black Sea legal regime: what is missing?
Nilufer ORAL, Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey

European environmental law principles and the protection of the sea
Giovanni CORDINI, University of Pavia, Italy

The special legal framework for safeguarding Venice and the Lagoon
Alfredo BIAGINI, Lawyer, Rome, Italy

General debate

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Coffee-break

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. II Session - The Protection and Sustainable Development of the Mediterranean – Black Sea Ecosystem: Strategies of Prevention, Monitoring and Pollution Emergency Response

Chair and introduction: George KREMLIS, Head of Unit, Cohesion Policy and Environmental Impact Assessments, DG Environment, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

Greenhouse effect and climate change: which future for the Mediterranean Sea?
Antonio NAVARRA, Director, The Euro-Mediterranean Center for Climate Change, Lecce, Italy

Environmental monitoring in the Mediterranean-Black Sea ecosystem: advanced technologies
Roberto SOMMA, Thales Alenia Space, Rome, Italy

The integrated coastal zone management in the Mediterranean Sea
Sergio MARCHISIO, Director, Institute for International Legal Studies on the International Community, National Research Council, Rome, Italy

Prevention of and response to pollution from sea-based sources in the Mediterranean Sea: priorities and future challenges
Frédéric HEBERT, Director, Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea-REMPEC, Malta
Ecosystem approaches and the competences of the European Community in Fisheries Law
Detlef CZYBULKA, University of Rostock, Germany

Giuseppe NERIO CARUGNO, Commissioner, ICRAM- Central Institute for Scientific and Technological Marine Research, Rome, Italy

Round table with the participation of: Giancarlo BOERI, Director for Water and Sea Protection, APAT-Italian National Agency for Environmental Protection, Rome, Italy; Fausto MARTINELLI, Acting Director General, Italian State Forestry Corp, Rome, Italy; Italian Coasts Guard; NOE-Operational Ecology Unit, Carabinieri, Italy; Patrizia FANTILLI, Senior Legal Officer, WWF, Rome, Italy; Alessandro GIANNI, Greenpeace, Rome, Italy; Pino LUCCHESI, President, Mareamico, Rome, Italy; Daniele CALZA BINI, International Department, Legambiente, Rome, Italy; Vincenzo SATTA, Director General, National Park of the Maddalena, Italy; Francine COUSTEAU, President, Equipe Cousteau, Paris, France; Agni VLAVIANOS-ARVANITIS, President, Biopolitics International Organisation, Athens, Greece

1:30 p.m. Buffet-lunch

2:30 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. III Session - The Implementation and Enforcement of the Law Protecting the Mediterranean-Black Sea Ecosystem: National Reports

Chair and introduction: Adel Omar SHERIF, Vice President, Constitutional Court, Cairo, Egypt; President, Arab Forum of Judges for the Environment

National Reports

Morocco
Saad MOUMMI, Supreme Court, Rabat

Algeria
Noureddine BECHA, Ministry of the Environment, Alger

Tunisia
Rhida MEZGHANI, Lawyer and professor, University of Tunis

Egypt
Ahmed EL ANWER, Ministry of the Environment, Cairo

Adel Omar SHERIF, Vice President, Constitutional Supreme Court, Cairo

Lebanon
Tarek MAJZOUB, Supreme Court, Beirut

Israel
Dalia DORNER, Supreme Court, Jerusalem

Cyprus
Melina PYRGOU, Lawyer

Serbian Republic
Majda KRŠIKA, Supreme Court, Belgrade

Montenegro
Slavica BRAUNOVIC, Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Protection, Podgorica

Miroslava RAICEVIC, Ministry for Economical Development, Podgorica

Albania
Besnik IMERAJ, Supreme Court, Tirana

Narin PANARITI, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Water Administration, Tirana

Sabri LAÇI, University of Tirana
General debate

4:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Coffee-break

5:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. IV Session-The Implementation and Enforcement of the Law Protecting the Mediterranean-Black Sea Ecosystem: National Reports

Chair and introduction: Vladimir GOLITSYN, former Director, UN Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea, New York

National Reports
- **Bulgaria**
  Maria IVANOVA, Supreme Court, Sofia

- **Georgia**
  Konstantive KUBLASHVILI, President, Supreme Court, Tbilisi

- **Romania**
  Corina Michaela JIJIIE, Supreme Court, Bucharest

- **Russia**
  Mario TESSITORE, Pavia&Ansaldo Law Firm, Moscow

- **Turkey**
  Tacettin SIMSEK, Council of State, Ankara
  Sedat KADIOGLU, Head, Department for Foreign Relations, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Ankara

- **Ukraine**
  Tatiana GOSHOVSKA, Supreme Court, Kiev
  Victoria N. RADCHENKO, Director, International Oceans Institute, Operational Centre, Kiev

General debate

Saturday 26 May

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. V Session - The Implementation and Enforcement of the Law Protecting the Mediterranean-Black Sea Ecosystem: National Reports

Chair and introduction: Robert REED, Court of Session, Edinburgh; President, EU Forum of Judges for the Environment, Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom

The role of the Council of Europe in the protection of nature, landscape and coasts of the Mediterranean-Black Sea ecosystem
Maguelonne DEJEANT-PONS, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France

Luc LAVRYSEN, Constitutional Court, Brussels, Belgium

National Reports
- **Spain**
  Rafael FERNANDEZ VALVERDE, Supreme Court, Madrid

- **France**
  Dominique GUIHAL, Supreme Court of Cassation, Paris

- **Monaco**
  Patrick VAN KLAVEREN, Chair, Pelagos Sanctuary Agreement Scientific Committee, Monaco
  Astrid CLAUDEL-RUSIN, Ministry for Public Works, Environment and Urban Development, Monaco
Italy
Amedeo POSTIGLIONE, Supreme Court of Cassation, Rome; ICEF Director, Rome; Vice President, EU Forum of Judges for the Environment
Angelica CARNELOS, General Directorate for Research, Environment and Development, Ministry of the Environment, Land Protection and the Sea, Rome

10:40 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Coffee-Break

Greece
Constantinos MENOUDAKOS, Council of State, Athens
Vassili Th. COSTOPOULOS, Lawyer, Athens

Malta
Gino CAMILLERI, Constitutional Court, Valletta

Slovenia
Mirjam ŠKRK, Vice President, Constitutional Court, Ljubljana

Croatia
Mira MEDIĆ, Assistant Minister, Ministry of the Environment, Zagreb
Marijana A. MANCE, Ministry of the Environment, Zagreb
Katarina BULJAN, Supreme Court, Zagreb

General Debate

12:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. VI Session - The Implementation and Enforcement of the Law Protecting the Mediterranean-Black Sea Ecosystem: the Big Rivers and Compared Experiences with Other European Marine Ecosystems

Chair and introduction: Marco GASPARINETTI, Policy Desk Officer, Protection of Water and Marine Environment, DG Environment, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

Legal and institutional mechanisms of international cooperation for the protection of the Mediterranean-Black Sea Ecosystem: the Danube River basin example
Ivan ZAVADSKY, Director, UNDP/GEF Danube/Black Sea Regional Programme, Vienna; ICPDR-International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River

Sweden
The management and cooperation in the Baltic Sea area
Ulf BJÅLLAS, Environmental Court of Appeal, Stockholm, Sweden; Vice President, EU Forum of Judges for the Environment

Germany
Protecting marine biodiversity in Germany: the process of establishing marine protected areas in the EEZ of the Baltic Sea and North Sea
Henning VON NORDHEIM, Head, Marine and Coastal Nature Conservation, German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, Rügen, Germany

Hungary
From the river to the sea: regional initiatives for co-operation on the Sava river and the Adriatic Sea
Stephen STEC, Head, Environmental Law Programme, Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe, Szentendre, Hungary
General debate/round table with the participation of:
Stefan ROSENMAYR, Administrative Court, Vienna, Austria;
Indrek KOOLMEISTER, Supreme Court, Tallinn, Estonia;
Stasys STACIOKAS, Constitutional Court, Vilnius, Lithuania;
Thomas SMYTH, High Court, Dublin, Ireland

1:20 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Conclusions - Venice Statement 2007: Priorities for the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Mediterranean-Black Sea Ecosystem
Deirdre EXELL PIRRO, ICEF International Relations Officer, Florence, Italy

1:30 p.m. Luncheon-Break

INFORMATION

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