

Ministerial Meeting / Diplomatic Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution

17 April 2009

Venue: Sheraton Hotel (Sredetz Hall), Sofia, Bulgaria

Time	Agenda Item / Annotation
08:00 - 08:45	Registration <i>The participants shall register and present their credentials at the registration desk</i>
08:45 - 09:00	Break
1. Official Opening of the Meeting	
09:00 - 09:20	1.1 Official opening by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, His Excellency Mr. Ivailo Kalfin <i>The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Republic of Bulgaria, His Excellency Mr. Ivailo Kalfin, shall open the Ministerial Meeting /Diplomatic Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution</i> 1.2 Welcoming speech by the Minister of Environment and Water of the Republic of Bulgaria, His Excellency, Mr. Dzhevdet Chakarov <i>Welcoming speech by the Minister of Environment and Water of the Republic Bulgaria, His Excellency Mr. Dzhevdet Chakarov</i>
09:20 – 09:30	1.3 Family Photo <i>Family Photo of the Ministers/Heads of Delegations of the Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and Ukraine</i>
2. Progress in the Implementation of the Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution	
09:30 – 09:40	2.1 State of the Environment Report (by the Chief Editor of the report) <i>The Chief Editor, Prof. Temel Oguz, Institute of Marine Sciences, Middle East Technical University, Erdemli, Republic of Turkey, shall present the State of Environment Report 2001- 2006/7</i>

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09:40 – 09:50	<p>2.2 Implementation of the Strategic Action Plan for Rehabilitation and Protection of the Black Sea 2002– 2007 (Report by the Permanent Secretariat)</p> <p><i>Dr. Violeta Velikova, Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer at the Permanent Secretariat of the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution shall present the Report on the Implementation of the Strategic Action Plan for the Rehabilitation and Protection of the Black Sea 2002– 2007</i></p>
09:50 – 10:20	<p>2.3 National statements on implementation of the Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution and its Protocols as well as the Strategic Action Plan for the Rehabilitation and Protection of the Black Sea (1996, updated 2002).</p> <p><i>The Ministers/Heads of Delegations of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution shall deliver statements on the implementation (5 minutes for each delegation)</i></p>
10:20 – 10:45	Coffee Break
<p>3. Commitment of the Contracting Parties to Further Development of Legal Framework of the Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution and Adoption of Agreed Documents</p>	
10:40 – 11:00	<p>3.1 Information from the Depository of the Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution on the procedure of Convention amendment, LBSA (Protocol on Pollution Control from Land-Based Sources and Activities), Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution.</p> <p><i>The Depository shall present information on the procedure of Convention amendment, LBSA (Protocol on Pollution Control from Land-Based Sources and Activities), Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution.</i></p>
11:00 – 11:20	<p>3.2 <i>Exchange of views of</i> the Contracting Parties on the adoption of amendments to the Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution and decision on the adoption.</p> <p><i>The Contracting Parties shall state their position on the adoption of the amendments to the Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution – statements from the Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and Ukraine.</i></p>
11:20 – 11:40	<p>3.3 <i>Exchange of views of</i> the Contracting Parties on the adoption of the Protocol on Pollution Control from Land-Based Sources and Activities 2009 and decision on the adoption.</p> <p><i>The Contracting Parties shall state their position on the adoption of the Protocol on Pollution Control from Land-Based Sources and Activities 2009– statements from the Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and Ukraine</i></p>

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11:40 – 12:00	<p>3.4 Exchange of views of the Contracting Parties on the adoption/signing of Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution and decision on the adoption.</p> <p>The Contracting Parties shall state their position on adoption of the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution – statements from the Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and Ukraine. * [Item removed from the Agenda based positions and discussions at the 21st Extraordinary Meeting of the commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution]</p>
12:00 – 12:20	<p>3.5 Exchange of views of the Contracting Parties on the adoption of the Strategic Action Plan for the Environmental Protection and Rehabilitation of the Black Sea (2009) and decision on the adoption.</p> <p><i>The Contracting Parties shall state their position on the adoption of the Strategic Action Plan for the Environmental Protection and Rehabilitation of the Black Sea (2009) – statements from the Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and Ukraine</i></p>
12:20 – 12:40	<p>3.6 Exchange of views of the Contracting Parties on the adoption of Ministerial Declaration and decision on the adoption.</p> <p><i>The Contracting Parties shall state their position and adopt of the Ministerial Declaration – statements from the Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and Ukraine</i></p>
12:40 - 12:45	<p>3.7 Closing of the morning session</p> <p><i>The Chair of the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea shall declare the morning session closed.</i></p>
12:45 - 14:00	<p>Lunch Break</p> <p><i>Lunch for the Ministers/Heads of Delegations will be hosted by the Minister of Environment and Water, Republic of Bulgaria, Pirin Hall, Sheraton Hotel.</i></p> <p><i>Lunch for the participants – buffet in the Serdica Hall.</i></p>
<p>4. Support and Commitments of the International Community to the Rehabilitation and Protection of the Environment of Black Sea and Sustainable Development of Coastal Areas / Strategies for the Black Sea for the Next 5-10 Years</p>	
14:00 – 14:05	<p>4.1 Statement by the representative of the European Commission, Mr. Peter Gammeltoft, Head of Water and Marine Environment Unit, DG-ENV, EC</p> <p><i>The representative of the European Commission, Mr. Peter Gammeltoft, shall present EC involvement in the protection and rehabilitation of the Black Sea and outline the future strategies for the next 5 - 10 years.</i></p>
14:05 – 14:10	<p>4.2 Statement by the representative of UNEP, Ms. Jacqueline Alder, Head Coordinator, UNEP, Marine and Coastal Ecosystem Branch</p> <p><i>The representative of the UNEP, Ms. Jacqueline Alder, shall present their involvement in the protection and rehabilitation of the Black Sea and outline the future strategies for the next 5 - 10 years.</i></p>

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14:10 – 14:15	<p>4.3 Statement by the representative of UNDP, Mr. Henry Jackelen, Resident Coordinator for Bulgaria, UNDP</p> <p><i>The representative of the UNDP, Mr. Henry Jackelen, shall present their involvement in the protection and rehabilitation of the Black Sea and outline the future strategies for the next 5 - 10 years.</i></p>
14:15 - 14:20	<p>4.4 Statement by the representative of ICPDR, Mr. Philip Weller, Executive Secretary, ICPDR</p> <p><i>The Executive Secretary of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR), Mr. Philip Weller, shall present the cooperation and collaboration between the ICPDR and the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution and outline the future cooperation strategies for the next 5 - 10 years between the two Commissions.</i></p>
14:20 - 14:25	<p>4.5 Statement by the representative of ACCOBAMS, Ms. Marie Grillo-Compulsione, Executive Secretary, ACCOBAMS</p> <p><i>The Executive Secretary of the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS), Ms. Marie Grillo-Compulsione, shall present the cooperation and collaboration between ACCOBAMS and the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution and outline the future strategies for cooperation in the next 5 - 10 years.</i></p>
14:25 – 14:30	<p>4.6 Statement by the Representative of the BSEC, Ms. Marina Naumova, Executive manager of the Permanent International Secretariat, Black Sea Economic Cooperation</p> <p><i>The Representative of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), Ms. Marina Naumova, shall present the cooperation with the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution and outline the future strategies for cooperation in the next 5 - 10 years.</i></p>
14:30 – 14:35	<p>4.7 Statement by the Representative of the FAO/GFCM, Mr. Abdellah Srour, Executive Secretary, FAO/GFCM</p> <p><i>The Representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)/General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean (GFCM), Mr. Abdellah Srour, shall present the cooperation with the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution and outline the future strategies for cooperation in the next 5 - 10 years.</i></p>
14:35 – 14:40	<p>4.8 Statement by the representative of the NGOs, Ms. Emma Gileva, Regional Office Coordinator, Black Sea NGO Network</p> <p><i>The representative of the Black Sea NGOs, Ms. Emma Gileva, shall present the involvement of the NGO community in the environmental protection of the Black Sea</i></p>
14:40 - 15:00	Coffee Break / preparation of the room for signatures
<p>5. Signing of the Final Act of the Ministerial Meeting / Diplomatic Conference. Signing of the Biodiversity Protocol by Georgia. Official Declaration by the Ministers of Environment</p>	
15:25 – 15:30	<p>5.1 Signing of Final Act</p> <p><i>Signing ceremony for the Final Act by the Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and Ukraine, including the adopted instruments enclosed to the Final Act</i></p>

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15:30 - 15:35	5.2 Signing of Biodiversity Protocol and Landscape Conservation Protocol by Georgia <i>Signing ceremony of Biodiversity Protocol and Landscape Conservation Protocol by Georgia</i>
15:35 – 15:50	5.3 Official Declaration by the Ministers of Environment of the Contracting Parties to the Convention. <i>The Declaration of the Ministers of Environment of the Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and Ukraine is officially announced.</i>
15:50 – 16:00	5.4 Closing of the Ministerial Meeting/Diplomatic Conference <i>Closing of the Ministerial Meeting/Diplomatic Conference by the Chair</i>