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SUMMARY OF MONITORING COMMITTEE DECISIONS

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SUMMARY OF MONITORING COMMITTEE DECISIONS

In summary, the Monitoring Committee is not referenced in our Rules of Procedure and is not a formal part of the Governance Structure included in the Convention Text. It was established by a COP Decision with a specific mandate and TORs. Those were reviewed and/or updated over the years depending on the needs of the Parties. During the early years of the Convention, there were joint face to face meetings of the “Bureau and Monitoring Committee” in preparation for the IGM/Cartagena Convention COP (usually the year before). In those days, there were also no ISTACS, STACs, or Protocol Conferences of Parties as these instruments had not yet entered into force.

There were a total of thirteen (13) meetings of this grouping with the last one taking place in 2003. There was an agreement in 2004 by Contracting Parties that given the financial challenges and given that the Secretariat had increased costs to convene 2 STACs, 2 Protocol COPs and an IGM/Cartagena Convention COP, that there was no longer a need for face to face meetings of the Bureau and Monitoring Committee. However, every COP, members of the Monitoring Committee continue to be elected in the event they are needed at any time by the Contracting Parties for a specific task.

Decisions relating to the Monitoring Committee

UNEP/CEPAL/IG.27/3.II.6 Decision to implement a Monitoring Committee to follow-up and evaluate the Plan as well as provide operational and policy guidelines. Countries sitting on the 1st committee listed

UNEP/CEPAL/IG.27/3.I.7 Composition of Monitoring Committee meetings outlined to include all member states and territories participating in the Programme as well as organizations granted observer status

UNEP/CEPAL/IG.42/3.II.16 Decision to maintain the priorities, based on resources, identified in the appendix to the Caribbean Action Plan at the 1st IGM(UNEP/CEPAL/IG.27.3) and the 1st meeting of the Monitoring Committee as well as additional topics mentioned

UNEP/CEPAL/IG.42/3.II.11 Acceptance of the terms of reference for the Monitoring Committee and its Bureau as outlined in Annex III of the Report to the 2nd IGM (UNEP/IG.42/CRP.1)

UNEP/CEPAL/IG.42/3.II.13 Composition of representatives of the Monitoring Committee for the next biennium outlined

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.2/4.7 Reconstitution of the Monitoring Committee for the biennium 1988-1989 with the same composition as was, due to the Programme being in a transitional stage

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.2/4.10 Adoption of the terms of reference of the Monitoring Committee as shown in Annex VIII of the Report to the 4th IGM

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.2/4.11 Acceptance of the kind offer of the Government of Mexico to host the next (7th) meeting of the Monitoring Committee in conjunction with the meeting of regional experts on evaluation of regional problems and priorities (See UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.2/4.2)

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.2/4.19 Note taken of the recommendations of the 6th Monitoring Committee meeting regarding the IMO/UNEP/IOC/Government of Mexico Seminar on the Control of Dumping and other Waste Disposal Methods in the Wider Caribbean (CARISEM/6/Rev.1)

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.6/6.1 Adoption of the Strategy for the Development of the CEP with modifications as contained in Annex VI of the Report of the 8th Meeting of the Monitoring Committee and Bureau of

Contracting Parties (in relation to UNEP (OCA)/CAR IG.4.4)

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.6/6.15 Secretariat in close collaboration with the IMO to explore the possibilities and financial implications of a joint workshop on MARPOL 73/78 for the criteria and requirements for designating the WCR as a `special area` under one or more Annexes to the MARPOL 73/78. Recommendations to be made to the 9th meeting of the Monitoring Committee and Special Meeting of the Bureau of Contracting Parties

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.6/6.6 Secretariat to prepare a revised draft of the proposed Rules of Procedure for the CEP as mentioned in Decision UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.2/4.8 & 9 and circulate to member governments for review and comment for the 9th meeting of the Monitoring Committee and Special Meeting of the Bureau of Contracting Parties

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.6/6.18 Decision to convene the Ninth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee and Special Meeting of the Bureau, the Tenth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee and Special Meeting of the Bureau and the Sixth IGM and third Contracting Parties Meeting and approximate month and year outlined

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.6/6.5 Approval of the allocation of resources from the Trust Fund to ensure the participation of one representative of each State and Territory contributing to the Trust Fund at future IGMs, as requested. Secretariat to inform the Ninth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the financial implications of this decision

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.10/5.1 Approval and adoption of the recommendations of the 10th Meeting of the Monitoring Committee and the Bureau of Contracting Parties, as contained in Annex IV of the Report to the 6th IGM

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.10/5.8 Secretariat to finalize the assessment of the nature of all movements of hazardous wastes in the WCR based on the preliminary recommendations in document UNEP

(OCA)/CAR WG.10/INF.3 for presentation to the 11th Meeting of the Monitoring Committee

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.10/5.9 Reconstitution of the Monitoring Committee and its Bureau for the period 1993-94 with the same composition (as present), in keeping with the needs of the CEP and its Convention

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.10/5.2 In relation to recommendation No. 9 of the 10th Monitoring Committee and Bureau of Contracting Parties Meeting, the approval of 3 additional general service posts as described in Appendix I to the Annex of the Report of the 6th IGM

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.12/7.1 Approval and adoption of the Recommendations of the 11th Monitoring Committee and Bureau of Contracting Parties, as modified by the 7th IGM and contained in Annex V of the Report of the 7th IGM

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.12/7.6 Monitoring Committee and the President of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to actively participate in the development of the CEP and its Convention, in particular the causes and solutions to problems affecting the Trust Fund

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.13/8.18 Monitoring Committee Meeting and Special Meeting of the Bureau of Contracting Parties to revise the workplan and budget for 1998-1999 in keeping with the methodology used in the IGM for the 1997 workplan, for countries to pay quotas for 1997 and that quotas in arrears for 1996 be negotiated between the relevant government and the Secretariat in order to establish short-term financial arrangements for payments

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.13/8.19 Note taken of the Discussion Paper on a Draft Strategy for "The Development of The Caribbean Environment Programme 1997-2001, UNEP (WATER)/CAR IG.13/6, and to request that the Monitoring Committee finalize the development to be included in the Decisions of the 8th IGM

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.13/8.21 Adoption of the revised 1996-1997 workplan and budget as contained in Annex V to the Report to the 8th IGM and to submit to the next Monitoring Committee Meeting the proposed 1998-1999 workplan of the Action Plan for the CEP for its revision and adoption in keeping with the guidelines provided by the 8th IGM

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.13/8.27 IMO and UNEP, in consultation with donor countries, to continue to develop the necessary institutional arrangements and terms of reference for the REMPEITC Centre and present draft of these to the next (12th)Monitoring Committee Meeting

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.17/5.IV.1 General approach of the 'Strategy for the Development of the Caribbean Environment Programme 2000-2004 endorsed and the Secretariat to prepare document reflecting the inputs and results of discussions of 9th IGM and submit to the 13th Monitoring Committee Meeting

UNEP(OCA)CAR IG.17/5.IV.11 Noted the paramount importance of Education, Training and Awareness as a sub-programme and Secretariat to continue discussions with interested governments and partners re funding and prepare a draft workplan to be presented to the 13th Monitoring Committee Meeting

UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.28/4.VI.2 Contracting Parties to create an Intercessional Working Group to be Chaired by the Government of Mexico to analyze the legal and administrative aspects of involving the Contracting Parties in the designation and performance evaluation of the Executive Secretary, through the Monitoring Committee of the Cartagena Convention to serve as a forum for such a purpose

FINAL Meeting was of the 13th in 2001 – SPAW STACs and LBS ISTACs

The secretariat proposed to not schedule the next Meeting of the Monitoring Committee during the 2004-2005 biennium in order to save funds and allow the secretariat to dedicate its energy to the execution of the approved workplan. This proposal was approved by the Meeting.