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Conference on the Conservation of the
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Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment Programme

1- The Jeddah Regional Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Conservation of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden was convened in the City of Jeddah at the invitation of the Government of The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and according to the arrangements made by the Arab Educational Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) for the realization of the Jeddah 1976 Declaration.

2- Meetings were held at Kandara Palace Hotel during the period 13-15 February 1982 following the closure of the Meeting of Experts of Plenipotentiaries for the Conservation of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden held at the Headquarters of the Meteorology and Environmental Protection Administration (MEPA) in Jeddah during the period 6 -11 February 1982 and which was attended by representatives of the States and Organizations attended this Conference in addition to representatives from:

- The Gulf States Arab Education Office.
- The Islamic Development Bank.
- The International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN).

3- The following States were invited:

Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Republic of Djibouti, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Republic of Sudan, Democratic Republic of Somalia, Palestine, Republic of Yemen.

All invited States except Djibouti attended the Conference.

4- An ALECSO delegation including a representative of the League of Arab States participated in the Conference.

5- The following Arab, Islamic and International Organizations were represented:

- The Saudi Sudanese Commission for the Exploitation of the Red Sea Resources.
 - The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
 - The United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
 - The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC).
 - The Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO).
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6- The Conference was inaugurated by Mr. R. M. Alromaih, Director General of MEPA and the Plenipotentiary of the Government of Saudi Arabia, as representative of the host State. His Royal Highness Prince Saud Ibn Abdulmohsen Alsaud, The Governor of the Holy Mecca Region, then welcomed the Conference. Other inaugural speeches were delivered by: Dr. Saeed, Assistant Director General of ALECSO and by Dr. A. A. Banaja, Executive Director of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment Programme (PERSGA). Inaugural speeches were concluded by Mr. M. Z. Alnashashibi, the Plenipotentiary of the Palestine Liberation Organization (P.L.O) on behalf of participating States.

7- After the inaugural ceremony, the delegates elected Mr. P. M. Alromaih, as President of the conference. All heads of delegations were nominated vice-presidents. Dr. D. H. Nasr of Sudan delegation was nominated Rapporteur to the Conference.

The Conference then adopted its Agenda and formed working committees as follows:

Credential Committee:

Chairman: Mr. R. M. Alromaih (Saudi Arabia)
Members: Mr. A. H. Abdeen (Jordan)
 Dr. D. H. Nasr (Sudan)

Draft Committee:

Chairman: Mr. R. M. Alromaih (Saudi Arabia)
Members: All member experts of delegations.

8- The following are the main documents constituting the basis of the Conference deliberations:

- (a) Draft Regional Convention for the Conservation of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment.
- (b) Draft Protocol concerning Regional Cooperation for Combating Pollution by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency.
- (c) Draft Action Plan for the Conservation of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden .
- (d) Recommendation to the Plenipotentiaries by the Expert Meeting 6-11 February 1982 concerning the signing of the Convention and Protocol and the adoption of the Action Plan.
- (e) **Draft Resolutions:**
 - 1- Draft Resolution concerning Financial Arrangements for the Action Plan during 1982 and 1983.
 - 2- Draft Resolution concerning ratification of the Convention and Protocol.
 - 3- Draft Resolution concerning Administrative Arrangements for the Action Plan Operation.

9- After concluding the procedures, the President opened deliberations by requesting Dr. A. A. Algain, Chairman of the Expert Meeting to read out the recommendation made by that

Meeting and addressed to the Plenipotentiaries for their signature of the Convention and Protocol and for adoption of the Action plan.

10- The President then tabled the Draft Resolutions contained in the documents. The Conference adopted the following resolutions:

- (a) Resolution concerning Financial Arrangements for the Action Plan during 1982 and 1983.
- (b) Resolution concerning Ratification of the Convention and Protocol.

11- The President then adjourned the session for fifteen minutes to allow heads of delegations recess to study the Draft Resolution concerning Administrative Arrangements for the Action Plan Operation.

After recess the session was resumed where the Conference adopted the Resolution drafted on the matter:

12- Thus the Conference adopted the following resolutions:

- (a) Resolution concerning Financial Arrangements for the Action Plan during 1982 and 1983.
 - (b) Resolution concerning Ratification of the Convention and Protocol.
 - (c) Resolution concerning Administrative Arrangements for the Action Plan Operation.
 - (d) Tribute to ALECSO.
 - (e) **Acknowledgement to the following International Organisations and bodies:**
 - UNEP
 - UNESCO
 - IOC
 - IMCO
 - IUCN
 - (f) Acknowledgement to the Executive Administration of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment Programme.
 - (g) Tribute to the Government of The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
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In witness whereof, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed the present Final Act.

For the Government of:

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan,

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

The Republic of the Sudan,

The Democratic Republic of Somalia

Palestine

The Republic of Yemen

Done at the city of Jeddah on Saturday 19 Rabi'e Althani 1426 (H) corresponding to 13 February 2005.

Resolutions

The Jeddah Plenipotentiary Regional Conference on the Conservation of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden

JEDDAH 13-15 February 1982

1- Resolution concerning Financial Arrangements for the Action Plan during 1982 & 1983

The Plenipotentiaries of Governments participating in the Conference.

Having adopted the Action Plan for the Conservation of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, **and having signed** the Regional Convention for the Conservation of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment and the Protocol attached thereto concerning Regional Cooperation in Combating Pollution by Oil and other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency.

Acknowledging the initiative of the Director General of ALECSO to render assistance and contribute to the costs of implementing the Action Plan for the Conservation of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden .

Taking in consideration that the total cost for implementing Phase I of the Action Plan during 1982 & 1983 is estimated at six million U.S. Dollars.

They resolve the following:

Recommending the Contracting Parties to start the implementation of the Action Plan and to contribute to its financing based on the percentage shares of member States within the League of Arab States.

Requesting the Interim Executive Administration of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment Programme to convene, soonest possible, the Interim Council for the Conservation of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment in order to adopt the budget for 1982-1983 and to fix the contributions of Member States according to the agreed percentage shares.

2- Resolution concerning Ratification of the Convention and Protocol

The Plenipotentiaries of Governments participating in the Conference **having signed** the following two documents:

- (a) The Regional Convention for the Conservation of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment.
 - (b) The Protocol concerning Regional Cooperation for Combating Pollution by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency.
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And having adopted the Final Act of the Conference *realizing* that problems of conserving the marine environment are vital for the benefit of the present and future generations and call for prompt confrontation and treatment.

They recommend the Contracting Parties for early ratification of said two documents.

3- Resolution concerning Administrative Arrangements for the Action Plan Operation

The Plenipotentiaries of the Governments participating in the Conference.

Having adopted the Action Plan for the Conservation of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

And having signed the Regional Convention for the Conservation of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment and the Protocol concerning Regional Cooperation in Combating Pollution by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency.

Appreciating the hosting of the Interim Executive Administration of ALECSO Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment Programme by the Government of Saudi Arabia for more than one year now.

Referring to Article XVI of the initialled Convention designating the City of Jeddah as permanent headquarters of the Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment.

Referring also to Articles 22, 23 and 24 of the Action Plan, which articles deal with the Interim Council for the Conservation of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment and with the present Administration belonging to ALECSO and which articles assigns to the latter Administration the responsibility of starting Action Plan implementation.

They resolve the following:

- (a) Recommending the Government of Saudi Arabia to complete all interim arrangements necessary for the headquarters of the interim Executive Administration of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment Programme so that it can be able to discharge its duties.
 - (b) Calling upon the Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment established by Article XVI of the Convention to enter negotiations with the Government of Saudi Arabia for hosting its permanent headquarters.
 - (c) Requesting the Executive Director of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Programme to start negotiations with the Government of Saudi Arabia for realization of what is stated in 2. above. ■
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