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CONCLUSIONS

As agreed at the Naples conference (December 97), the EMWIS Management Committee met in Paris (France), on March 17, 1998 under the presidency of Italy and the vice-presidency of Jordan.

The whole set of countries and organisations, members of the Management Committee, was represented (Cyprus, Spain, France, Italy, Malta, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, European Commission), except Algeria and United Kingdom.

First Mr Roussel, French Water Director, welcomed the participants and Mr. Mazzitti, Chairman, reminded the meeting objectives. Then, the countries members attending the meeting reminded the organisation at their level for the setting up of their National Focal Points.

To complete this general overlook on the NFP organisation, it has been agreed that a letter would be sent very quickly to the 27 countries in order to receive a written confirmation about the agreements for the focal points setting up and to be able to make the list of the organisations responsible for these National Focal Points.

Regarding the Technical Unit, Italy and France agree to contribute financially to its setting up whereas Spain will take a decision before March 31 on its possible contribution.

Any way, a European Group of Economic Interest (GEIE) will be set up in April between IOWater for France, SOGESID for Italy and possibly CEDEX for Spain (if any positive answer).

The EMWIS implementation programme here attached has been presented and approved entirely.

In order to be able to get the European Commission contribution at the disposal of EMWIS (Ecu 1.2 Million), M. Brusset, the Commission representative reminded the necessity to get:

- a list of the National Focal Points set up in the countries;
- a confirmation of the countries commitment to the Technical Unit;
- a sub-detail of financial elements presented in the budget;

elements which will be supplied to him as soon as possible.

On an other hand, it is noticeable that, on the proposal of the Management Committee Chairman, a « news letter » could be done specially to inform the partners on the project progress, knowing that this document could be quickly completed through a regular up-dated EMWIS presentation on Internet and information flash by E- mail.

The next Management Committee meeting could be held in Roma at the end of June 98 in order to follow the progress of the structures implementation and to validate the work programme before the third Management Committee meeting, which could take place at the end of September/ beginning of October in Lebanon. It is important to note that this very tight timetable has been established only for the initial phase of this system.

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