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Open partial agreement on the prevention of,
protection against, and organisation of relief
in major natural and technological disasters

2nd ministerial meeting
Malta, 10-11 October 1989

CONCLUSIONS

The Second ministerial meeting on the Open Partial Agreement on the prevention of, protection against, and organisation of relief in major natural and technological disasters took place at the Foundation for International Studies in Malta on 10 and 11 October 1989 (1).

I. The Ministers took note with interest of the Maltese policy in the field of civil protection and of the programme carried out in the framework of European cooperation

II. The Ministers adopted resolutions concerning the following items:

- a. the request for accession to the Open Partial Agreement by the Principality of Monaco (Resolution 1)
- b. the interest of the Soviet Union in acceding to the Open Partial Agreement (Resolution 2)
- c. the request for participation of Unesco in the Open Partial Agreement (Resolution 3)
- d. activities undertaken in the framework of the Open Partial Agreement (Resolution 4)

The texts of Resolutions 1, 2, 3 and 4 adopted are the following:

RESOLUTION 5

The Ministers of the Open Partial Agreement on the prevention of, protection against, and organisation of relief in major natural and technological disasters of the Council of Europe, convened in Malta on 10 and 11 October 1989:

address their sincere gratitude to the Hon, Guido DE MARCO, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Internal Affairs and Justice of the Government of Malta for his remarkable presidency

wish to extend their thanks to the Maltese authorities for their generous hospitality and for the efficient organisation of the 2nd Ministerial meeting of the Open Partial Agreement held at the Foundation for International Studies in Valletta.

X. The Ministers at the end of the Second ministerial meeting of the Open Partial Agreement adopted the following press release:

Press Release

2nd Ministerial Meeting of the Open Partial Agreement on the prevention of, protection against, and organisation of relief in major natural and technological disasters
Malta, 10 and 11 October 1989

Under the chairmanship of the Hon. Guido de Marco, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior and Justice, the Ministers of the Open Partial Agreement on the prevention of, protection against, and organisation of relief in major natural and technological disasters of the Council of Europe convened in Malta at the Foundation for International Studies on 10 - 11 October 1989.

Having taken into consideration the letter sent by the Ambassador of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in France to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, expressing the interest of the Soviet Union in acceding to the Open Partial Agreement of the Council of Europe, the Ministers expressed their favourable opinion concerning the interest shown by the Soviet Union in acceding to the Open Partial Agreement of the Council of Europe.

They supported the request for accession by the Principality of Monaco as well as Unesco's request of participation in the Open Partial Agreement.

They have underlined the importance they attach to the European programmes of research and training implemented within the Network of eight European centres of the Open Partial Agreement:

- European Centre for disaster medicine, San Marino
- European University Centre for the Cultural Heritage, Ravello (Italy)
- European training centre for natural disasters, Ankara (Turkey)
- European Centre on prevention and forecasting of earthquakes, Athens (Greece)
- European Centre of geodynamics and seismology, Luxemburg
- Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Marine Contamination Hazards, Valletta (Malta)
- Euro-Mediterranean seismological Centre, Strasbourg (France)
- European Centre on Information to the public in the event of disaster situations, Madrid (Spain)

Finally, they expressed their conviction that the co-operation undertaken between the Council of Europe through its Open Partial Agreement and the Commission of the European Communities will allow more meaningful levels of efficiency to be reached in the activities carried out within the Open Partial Agreement.