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**Open Partial Agreement
on the prevention of, protection
against and organisation of relief in
the event of major natural and
technological disasters**

3rd Ministerial Meeting

Ankara, 9-10 July 1991

Open Partial Agreement on the Prevention of, Protection against and
Organisation of Relief in the event of Major Natural and
Technological Disasters (OPA)

IIIrd Ministerial Meeting

Ankara, 9-10 July 1991

The IIIrd Conference of Ministers of the Council of Europe's Open Partial Agreement on the prevention of, protection against and organisation of relief in the event of major natural and technological disasters took place in Ankara, 9-10 July 1991. (1)

1. The Ministers took note, with interest, of Turkish policy in the field of civil protection and European cooperation programmes being conducted in Turkey.
2. The Ministers congratulated the various European Centres of the Open Partial Agreement on the exhibition held on the occasion of their meeting.
3. The Minister noted with great interest:
 - the creation in Belgium of a European Centre under the Open Partial Agreement to deal with the legislative aspects of disasters, which should be of great legal assistance to Member States and other European Centres under the Agreement;
 - the creation in Aveiro (P) of a European Centre on major industrial disasters, and the holding of an international conference on this subject in Lisbon in 1992.
4. On a proposal by the Greek Minister, the Ministers of the Open Partial Agreement asked that the problem of the control of nuclear installations be put on the agenda of their next Meeting.
5. The Ministers adopted resolutions on the following themes:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Follow-up to the Chernobyl nuclear accident Unanimously adopted (2) . Protection of coral eco-systems unanimously adopted . Open Partial Agreement's 1992 Budget unanimously adopted 	<p><u>Resolution 1</u></p> <p><u>Resolution 2</u></p> <p><u>Resolution 3</u></p>
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(1) see list of participants in Appendix 1

(2) reservation expressed by the Italian delegation concerning the date of the Permanent Correspondents' extraordinary session in November 1991.

- . Evaluation of the European Centres
unanimously adopted Resolution 4
- . European Warning System
unanimously adopted Resolution 5
- . Open Partial Agreement contribution to
the United Nations' International Decade
on Natural Disaster Reduction
unanimously adopted Resolution 6
- . Individual countries' responsibility
in the event of a disaster that has
international repercussions: insurance
concerns
unanimously adopted Resolution 7
- . Forest fires
unanimously adopted Resolution 8
- . The impact of modern optics on the
prevention of and protection against
disasters
unanimously adopted Resolution 9
- . Declaration made by the Ministers of
the Council of Europe's Open Partial
Agreement on Major Disasters
unanimously adopted Declaration
- . In Resolution 10, unanimously adopted, the Ministers
express their sincere gratitude to the Turkish
authorities for their warm welcome and excellent
organisation of this IIIrd Ministerial Meeting of the
Open Partial Agreement.

At the invitation of the Government of San Marino, the Ministers decided to hold their next meeting there, end 1992. At the Belgian Government's invitation, they agreed that the following one would be held in Belgium.

The Press Communique of their IIIrd Meeting (Appendix 2) was adopted.

RESOLUTION 1

FOLLOW-UP TO THE CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR ACCIDENT

The Ministers of the Open Partial Agreement on Major Disasters of the Council of Europe,

considering

- the Soviet Authorities' request of 26 July 1990 for European cooperation in the health follow-up to the Chernobyl nuclear accident;
- the Resolution on this subject adopted by the Permanent Correspondents at their meeting in Moscow (3-5 April 1991), in which they expressed their great interest in the proposals presented and instructed the Executive Secretary of the Open Partial Agreement to submit a proposal for implementation of the project's pilot phase (24 months);

Taking note of the report presenting proposals made by the Executive Secretary of the Agreement in doc. AP/CAT (91) 18,

welcoming the positive assessments made and the willingness to cooperate expressed by Member States, the Commission of the European Communities, the European Space Agency, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO and the World Health Organisation and its Regional Office for Europe,

EXPRESS

. their great satisfaction with the quality of the work accomplished in the preparatory phase of the SIEAD/APO/Chernobyl Programme (System of epidemiological information and assistance in medical decision-making)

. their agreement with the Programme's objectives and broad outlines, the importance attached to information and training activities and assistance with medical decision-making and the structure proposed for implementation (see appendix):

- a Steering Committee with its assessment structure
- a Project Management Team (PMT)
- 5 specialist committees:
 - . Medical Committee
 - . Technical Committee
 - . Information and Training Committee
 - . 'Users' Committee
 - . Publications Committee

TAKE NOTE of the budget estimates for the 24 month pilot phase of the concerted Programme which amount to 59,741 MFF, i.e. 8,533 M.ECUS, and of the proposals for budget contributions presented by the Executive Secretary:

. Belgium	1 MFF
. Spain	3 MFF
. France	20 MFF
. Greece	0,5 MFF
. Italy	20 MFF
. Rep. San Marino	0,5 MFF
. Turkey	1 MFF
. Portugal	(to be determined)
. USSR	3 Million Roubles (plus the accommodation expenses in the USSR of those taking part in the SIEAD/APO/Chernobyl Programme)
. European Space Agency	(Providing stations to transmit and receive information by satellite and also transmitting channels)
. EEC	14 MFF
<u>Total</u>	<u>60 MFF</u>

RESOLVE:

. to approve the SIEAD/APO/Chernobyl Programme, as described in the Executive Secretary's report (24 month pilot phase)

. to instruct the Executive Secretary, in liaison with the Project Management Team (PMT), to prepare a report by 15 October 1991 clearly specifying:

- the various operations to be undertaken in the spheres of medicine, computer logistics, software, information and training activities, analyses and others;

- the composition of the European teams to implement the various parts of the programme;

- the chronological implementation of the pilot phase, to begin on 1 January 1992, last 24 months and end with an evaluation.

The activities undertaken for completion of the report (official journeys by experts and members of the Secretariat, contracts) will be covered by a special budget of 1 MFF in voluntary contributions.

INSTRUCT the Permanent Correspondents to meet in extraordinary session in November 1991 with a view to adopting the report to be presented by the Executive Secretary on 15 October 1991 together with the budgetary contributions (24-month pilot phase).*

* the Italian Delegation expressed reservation concerning the date of the Permanent Correspondents' extraordinary session in November 1991

APPENDIXSTRUCTURE - SIEAD/APO/Chernobyl

1. The Steering Committee will comprise representatives of Member States of the Open Partial Agreement and the principal partners in the Programme. With the Committee will be associated an evaluation group to assess the Programme as it is being implemented; this group will comprise independent experts appointed by the Ministers of the Open Partial Agreement on proposals by the Executive Secretary.

- Commission of the European Communities: M.J. MAJO-CRUZATE
- European Space Agency
- World Health Organisation
- 2 representatives from Turkey

2. A Project Management Team

- coordinator: Prof. H. PLANEL (F)
- vice-coordinator: Prof. TSYB (USSR), specialist in nuclear medicine
- epidemiological specialist: Prof. LECHAT (B)
- computer scientist: Ing. FERRARA (I)
- person in charge of project management: Mr J.P. MASSUE (Council of Europe)
- representative of the European Communities: Mrs J. PIJLS
- representative of Turkey: Dr G. Gürcan YULEK
- representative of the Republic of Ukraine
- representative of the Republic of Byelorussia
- representative of the Federation of Russia
- person in charge of evaluation procedures: Mrs F. TONDRE (Council of Europe)
- legal adviser: Prof. G. LALOGGIA (I)
- representative of the World Health Organisation

3. 5 Specialist Committees

- a) Medical Committee - Prof. STRAMBI (I) (Chairman), Dr Cemil KUSÖGLU (Tr), a WHO representative
- b) Technical Committee - Dr C. MEYER (F) (Chairman), M. GUTTOWSKI (EEC), Mr Firrat GÖZBEK (Tr)
- c) Information and Training Committee - Prof. MOBILIA (I) (Chairman), a WHO representative, a representative of Turkey
- d) Users Committee: S. VECCHI (EEC)
- e) Publications Committee - Prof. F. RIZZI (I) (Chairman)

Each specialist Committee will have a Vice-Chairman from the Soviet Union.