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3rd Ministerial Meeting

Ankara, 9-10 July 1991
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The IIIIrd 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:

   - Follow-up to the Chernobyl nuclear accident
     Unanimously adopted (2)
     Resolution 1

   - Protection of coral eco-systems
     unanimously adopted
     Resolution 2

   - Open Partial Agreement's 1992 Budget
     unanimously adopted
     Resolution 3

(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 9

IMPACT OF MODERN OPTICS APPLIED
TO THE PREVENTION OF AND PROTECTION AGAINST DISASTERS

The Ministers,

Aware of the value of forward-looking analyses of the role of modern
techniques in the prevention of and protection against disasters,

AGREE to sponsor the "International Conference on Optics in Human and
Environmental Protection against Natural and Technological Disasters" and
request that a report on the results of this Conference be presented at the
next session of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents.