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*-Resolution n° 3 "The Medium Term Plan 1997-2001 of the EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement" **

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RESOLUTION N° 3**ON THE MEDIUM TERM PLAN 1997-2001
OF THE EUR-OPA MAJOR HAZARDS AGREEMENT****The Ministers,****Considering:**

- that the main aim of the EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement is to secure closer co-operation on prevention of, protection against and organisation of relief in major natural and technological disasters between the member States
- that the EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement is an instrument for contact, exchange and co-operation between the States of Eastern Europe, the Southern Mediterranean and Western Europe
- that in order to avoid duplication, activities under the Agreement are, as far as possible, prepared, conducted and evaluated together with the European Union and the other European institutions (the European Space Agency, ...), and with international institutions such as the specialised United Nations agencies (DHA, UNESCO, WHO, ILO, IAEA, WMO, etc.), and NATO

Adopt the Medium Term Plan 1997:2001 defining the priority fields of activity of the European network of Specialised Centres of the EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement as far as research, training and information are concerned:

Underline that the specific programmes implemented within the Agreement, such as the FORM-OSE Programme (Training in Western Europe, South of the Mediterranean, Eastern Europe in the field of risk sciences), the STRIM Programme (European Programme on the use of space techniques for major risks management), the Programme on Communication and Information, cover moreover the essential sectors in the field of risk sciences:

Considering the proposal by the Ukrainian Minister that post-accident radiological monitoring methods and procedures should be developed, and in view of the international importance of this matter:

Decide, without changing the priorities of the Medium Term Plan, to instruct the Executive Secretary to examine the possibility of finding resources outside the budget of the Agreement in order to implement such a proposal in close co-operation with the international organisations concerned, and to present it to the next Ministerial session of the Agreement in 1998.