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- Resolution on First-Phase Implementation of Risk Prevention Initiatives

¹ Unanimously

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THE MINISTERS,

Considering the resolution on Euro-Mediterranean Synergy adopted at this Ministerial Session,

Having regard to the priority they have given to the contribution which the Agreement must make in the scientific and technical field to hazard prevention,

Having regard to the conclusions presented at the meeting in Montpellier on 12-14 December 2001 as part of the programme on mobilisation of the scientific and technical community for the improvement of risk management, initiated with the support of the European Commission (DG Research, International Co-operation), which emphasises the value of developing initiatives under the Agreement on:

- the prevention of technological hazards, based on the establishment of a website on the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, a network of experts on industrial hazard prevention, improvement of water management in catchment areas from the point of view of quality and quantity of water (Danube Basin), and of torrential floods in Mediterranean countries, particularly those in Algeria in 2001 and Nîmes, France, in 2002.

Take note of and welcome:

- the start of the programme concerning comparative analysis of existing national and Euro-Mediterranean risk-management legislation, coordinated by the European Centre in Florival, Belgium, the European Centre for Technological Risk Assessment (TESEC), Ukraine, and the European Centre in Sofia (CSLT), Bulgaria;
- the scientific and technical meeting to be held in Munich (14 -15 November 2002) on the preparation of schemes to improve flood prevention in the Danube catchment area and in the Tisza basin;
- the meeting in Toulouse on 23 October 2002 on the setting up of European expert networks on the prevention of industrial hazards.

INSTRUCT the Executive Secretary, in liaison with the Presidency, to make contact with the relevant departments of the European Commission, in particular the Directorate General of the Environment, to consider, initiate and monitor possible co-operation and synergies to implement these initiatives.

REQUEST the Executive Secretary to report on the execution of this remit at the next meeting of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents.