

The Twelfth Oil Spill Response Officers Virtual Meeting

4th October 2022, MEMAC HQ – K. of Bahrain

Eleventh OSRO Meeting Recommendations

1. AGENDA ITEM 6 :

Review, Discussion and Update the Status of Member States' Oil and Chemical Spill National Contingency Plans and Related Elements

By the Protocol's Provision, the Meeting urges the Member States and the OSRO Members to communicate all the required updates about the NC, Chemicals, and HNS Plans along with their Manuals main elements. The elements should include the List of Contacts during the Emergency, oil spill Stockpile, Chemical, and HNS Stockpile, Status of the Conventions in progress, Laws and Regulations and Directives....etc.

2. AGENDA ITEM 7 : Enhancing the Preparedness level Through the Following:

7.6 Periodical Reports on Marine Emergency

Eng. Hassan Marzooq (Bahrain) and Capt. Nader Pasandeh (Iran) recommended that MEMAC reconsider and study the Protocol regarding the reporting system and its mechanism. (Given as Doc OSRO 12/13)

7.8 Marine Environment High Risk Areas (MEHRAS)

The Meeting requested MEMAC to urge the Member States to update the Data frequently, as it is highly critical and essential towards the strategy of the marine environment protection.

7.9 Status of the Master Plan Implementation

As the Master Plan is the umbrella for all of the International, Regional Conventions, Protocols and MEMAC activities programmes, the Meeting recommended the utilization and the implementation of the Master Plan Information and Data at the National and Regional levels. The Meeting also recommends establishing the Master Plan Committees Members by the Member States.

7.10 The Draft of the Guidelines for the Establishment of the Regional Maritime Casualty Investigation Board

The Meeting agreed with Mr. Ahmed Al Babteen (K. Saudi Arabia) to request the Member States to nominate the Investigations' officers as per the Council Decision to commence the INTERPOL training.

3. AGENDA ITEM 8 : Other Matters

Eng. Hassan Marzooq Bahrain OSRO brought to the meeting and stated that several programmes and projects had been repeatedly over the past ten years. We need to find a reason and obstacles that delay those programmes.

Captain Al Janahi totally agreed with the statement and stated the following:

- All those Programme and projects were prepared by OSRO Meetings and by MEMAC based on the lesson learned from the different incidents,
 - From MEMAC point of view that since the issue is not purely within the marine environment sectors, and it's widely connected with many other authorities. A need for enhancing the cooperation and coordination among the different authorities within the Member States to implement the various instruments.
 - MEMAC already prepared earlier the Master Plan study, which was already approved by the Council for implementation. The Master Plan is a useful tool for cooperation, coordination and bridge the gap among the different parties within the authorities at the national and regional level.
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