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REd Mediterránea de Organismos de Cuenca
MEDiterranean Network of Basin Organisations
RÉseau Méditerranéenne des Organismes de Bassin

Summary of Statutes

MENBO was created as a regional network within the International Network of Basin Organisations (INBO) on the 3rd of November of 2002. The head office is that of the Secretariat, located in Valencia, Spain.

*** Languages**

The official languages of MENBO are: French, English, and Spanish, and, when needed, Arabic or other languages spoken in the Mediterranean Basin.

*** Members**

MENBO is made up of voluntary Member Organisations and observers. To date, members of MENBO come from 9 different Mediterranean countries and they all share a concern for integrated water resource management at the River Basin level in the Mediterranean countries. Organisation members come from: Algeria, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Morocco, Macedonia, Portugal and Spain.

Members may be Basin Organisations, governmental administrations in charge of water management, and bi and multilateral co-operation agencies. Members of MENBO are also considered INBO members. In addition to Member organisations, other types of public organisations can become “permanent observers” of the network.

*** Objectives**

MENBO’s main objective is to promote an integrated water resource management. To accomplish this objective MENBO seeks:

- To develop lasting relationships among water management organisations in the Mediterranean region, and exchange information between them
- To facilitate the implementation of water management tools
- To develop information and training programmes
- To encourage population’s awareness on water management related issues
- To promote integrated water resource management in international programmes
- To evaluate on-going members’ actions
- To strengthen relations among MENBO members
- To develop joint activities of regional interest

*** Composition of MENBO**

MENBO is composed of:

- 1 General Assembly: It is made up of all members of the Regional Network. It holds a meeting every two years, and approves admission of new members, activities, joint projects and accounts among other tasks.
- 2 The Bureau: It is made up of the President of the Regional Network, and representatives of organisations from a country approached by the General Assembly. Its members are elected during each General Assembly, and it holds at least 2 meetings between two General Assemblies. The Bureau prepares

meetings and approves agendas for the General Assemblies, carries decisions made by the General Assembly, and co-ordinates joint projects among other tasks.

- 3 The Regional Network's President: Mr. José María González Ortea, current President of MENBO, represents the Regional Network. Convenes the General Assembly and sets its agenda among other tasks.
- 4 The Regional Network's Secretariat: It is designated by the General Assembly for four years on proposal of the Liaison Bureau. It prepares documents needed for meetings, writes reports of meetings, directs the Network and follows up joint projects and their implementation among other tasks.
- 5 The Council of Experts: It is made up of known qualified personalities that are consulted on issues related to integrated water resource management at the level of River Basins in the Region.

*** INBO**

INBO assists the activities of the Regional Network whenever possible, and favours exchange of information and experiences with its other Regional Networks.