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Future Considerations for Technical Collaborative Work in the Water Sector

Scenarios/Options for WEG
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Tasks defined by Water Ministerial Declaration (Jordan, 2008)

- Drafting Strategy and Action Plan (points 3-8, 16).
- Strengthening of effective cooperation in the fields of Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Supply and Sanitation (point 9).
- Strengthening the coordination of existing initiatives and networks on information and expertise, policy planning and monitoring as well as capacity building (points 10, 11).
- Exchange of good/best practices (points 12, 14).
- Encouragement of swift implementation of partnerships in order to implement concrete projects in line with the guidelines of the future Strategy (point 15).

Drafting a Water Strategy for the Mediterranean (SWM)

- Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Meeting (Jordan, 2008) tasked WEG to elaborate SWM.
- First 3 WEG meetings dedicated to drafting Strategy.
- The Strategy, which has not been adopted by the 43 member states and participants, was to be “subsequently developed in a related Action Plan” (point 16).

Scenario 1: Worst case

- SOM, having not agreed to adopt SWM, neither agrees for the Secretariat/WEG to proceed with preparation of a draft Action Plan nor with endorsement of any project in the field of water without having an endorsed strategy/action plan.
- *This would mean complete halt of the Secretariat's main activities in the water sector.*
- *No further WEG meetings until further notice.*

Scenario 2: Best case

- SOM adopts SWM by consensus after deliberations and discussions (mainly pertaining to the perceived issues in the Strategy).
- *This means that WEG meets regularly to develop Draft Action Plan to be submitted to SOM for endorsement within shortest timeframe possible.*

Scenario 3: Possible Outcome

- SOM, having not agreed to adopt SWM, does not agree to proceed with the preparation of draft Action Plan, but accepts to proceed with project gathering and development, to be submitted to SOM for endorsement and labeling.
- *This means that Secretariat proceeds with project identification and processing through the approved pipeline, guided by the Declaration of the Water Ministerial Meeting (Jordan 2008) and other relevant documents, but without an approved Strategy or Action Plan.*
- *Adhoc WEG meetings may be needed for brainstorming or discussion of regional or sub-regional projects (using concept of Variable Geometry).*

Scenario 4: Possible Outcome

- SOM having not agreed to adopt SWM, acknowledges/accepts that the preparation of a draft Action Plan may be initiated, so that both a Strategy and its draft Action Plan (if ready) may be submitted together for endorsement whenever the Co-Presidency deems appropriate.
- *WEG organized meetings may go ahead for preparation of a draft Action Plan.*

If Scenario 2 or 4 is realized, how would WEG proceed?

An exposé of ideas based on the organization for drafting the SWM to be detailed by ***MED EUWI***, *previously tasked by WEG* to provide secretarial (technical and administrative) support.