

# WEG 3

- 17:00-18:00: Session 4: The Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference in Barcelona (13 April 2010)
  - 12 April 2010: Open Technical Workshop and Civil Society Workshop.
  - Draft Declaration
  - Status of the UfM secretariat  
(Moderated by Spain)

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## Draft Declaration of the IV Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference in Water

- The strategy for Water in the Mediterranean will be attached to the Declaration as ANNEX
  
- Future framework
  - To call on all stakeholders to contribute to the implementation of the new strategy
  - Action Plans (specific projects): To be presented (proposed) in 2012
  - Ministers appoint the WEG, to be supported by the TDG to follow up the implementation of the SWM.
  - To propose to hold the 5th Euro-Med Ministerial Conference on water in the coming years [in the second half of 2012/ first half of 2014]
  - transfer agreements to the related Ministerial Conferences and Summit of Head of Governments and State of the Union for the Mediterranean to be held in Barcelona, the 7th of June 2010

# UfM SECRETARIAT

## Background Information

- The Paris Summit for the Mediterranean (July 2008) decided to create a **Secretariat for the UfM** (Final Statement, Marseille, 3-4 November, 2008).
- **Barcelona** was chosen unanimously the seat of the UfM Permanent Secretariat. It symbolizes the effort made by Europe and the Mediterranean Countries to build a **joint future for the Region**.



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### ➤ Secretariat's Building

Pedralbes Royal Palace (XVII<sup>th</sup> Century)



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### ➤ **The Secretariat should:**

- Give an impulse to the UfM Process in terms of follow up, assess projects and search funding opportunities.
- Work in operational liaison with all structures of the process, particularly with the co-presidencies, including the elaboration of working documents for the decision-making bodies.
- Work as a focal point for projects funding in the framework of the UfM
- Have a separate legal personality with an autonomous status

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## Organization and composition

The **statutes** of the UfM Secretariat are still being developed (draft under discussion).

The Senior Officials appointed on January 12<sup>th</sup> **Mr. Ahmad Masa´deh**, Jordanian Ambassador in Brussels, as **future Secretary General** of the UfM.

On March 4<sup>th</sup> 2010 a public **presentation ceremony** of the Secretary General will be held in Barcelona. The event will be attended by foreign ministers of the two co-presidencies and Jordan.

Two main issues are delaying the adoption of the statutes:

- The possibility to create a sixth General Deputy Secretary.
- Allocation of the portfolios:
  - Coordination and project finance, SME and business development: **Italy**
  - Energy: **Greece**
  - Water and Environment: **National Palestinian Authority**
  - Research and education: **Israel**
  - Social and civil affairs: **Malta**
  - **Transports: to be allocated**

## UfM SECRETARIAT Launch process

Once the statutes are approved the negotiations should focus on funding and administrative issues.

➤ **Funding:** It must be taken into account that the Secretariat will not have own resources and would have to rely on the contributions of the CE and the 43 member countries.

➤ A **draft Road Map** is already being developed by the Senior Official to speed up the launch process.