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Introduction

1. In accordance with the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee, the 14th Meeting of the Compliance Committee of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols will be held in Athens, Greece, on 27-29 June 2018.
2. Documentation will be provided in English and French. As per practice, pre-session documentation will not be distributed on paper. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.
3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda have been prepared by the Secretariat, in agreement with the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee, Ms. Milena Batakovic, to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The Chairperson of the Compliance Committee, Ms. Milena Batakovic, will be invited to open the 14th Meeting of the Compliance Committee at 09:30 am on Wednesday, 27 June 2018.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

Working Documents	UNEP/MED CC.14/1. Provisional Agenda UNEP/MED CC.14/2/Rev.1 Provisional Annotated Agenda UNEP/MED CC.14/3/Rev.1 Proposed Timetable
Information Documents	UNEP/MED CC.14/Inf.1/Rev.1 Provisional List of Documents UNEP/MED CC.14/Inf.3. Report of the 13 th Meeting of the Compliance Committee of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (Athens, Greece, 26-27 September 2017)

5. In conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee, the Provisional Agenda for this session has been prepared in agreement with the Chairperson of the Committee, and include items arising from the role of the Compliance Committee as specified in Section IV of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance, and other related items.
6. The Compliance Committee is expected to **review** and **adopt** the Provisional Agenda (UNEP/MED CC.14/1) and the Provisional Annotated Agenda (UNEP/MED CC.14/2/Rev.1) for this session, and **agree** upon the proposed timetable to conduct its work (UNEP/MED CC.14/3/Rev.1).
7. The Compliance Committee is expected to **note** as background information the Report of the 13th Meeting of the Compliance Committee of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (Athens, Greece, 26-27 September 2017) (UNEP/MED CC.14/Inf.3), as adopted intersessionally by the 13th Meeting of the Compliance Committee.

Agenda item 3: Signature of the Solemn Declaration by new Members and Alternate Members

8. The Compliance Committee is expected to **request** those Members and Alternate Members which were elected or renewed according to Decision IG. 23/2 of the 20th Meeting of Contracting Parties (COP20) and are present at the meeting to take the written oath pursuant to Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee.

Agenda item 4: Cooperation with other Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms of Multilateral Environmental Agreements

9. To strengthen cooperation with the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms established under other Multilateral Environmental Agreements, representatives of the London Convention, the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) and the Basel Convention Compliance Committees have been invited to present the work of their Committees, including work in dealing with national reporting.

10. The Compliance Committee is expected to **take note of** the information presented and **comment**, as appropriate.

Agenda item 5: Status of Reporting and Examination of Reports Received under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention

Working Documents	UNEP/MED CC.14/4. Status of Reporting under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention UNEP/MED CC.14/5. Updated Synthesis Analysis of the Information Provided in the National Implementation Reports Submitted by Contracting Parties for the Biennium 2014-2015 UNEP/MED CC.14/6. Key Findings of the Updated Synthesis Analysis and Updated General Status of Progress as regards the Barcelona Convention and the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean
Information Documents	UNEP/MED CC.14/Inf.4. Assessment of the Information Contained in the Updated Synthesis Analysis and Updated General Status of Progress as regards the Barcelona Convention and the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean UNEP/MED CC.14/Inf.5. Updated General Status of Progress in the Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

11. The Secretariat will introduce the status of reporting under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention (UNEP/MED CC.14/4). The Compliance Committee is expected to **consider** progress made and **provide guidance** on how to further support Contracting Parties in fulfilling their reporting obligations under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention.

12. At the recommendation of the Compliance Committee at its 13th Meeting, the Secretariat, together with the relevant MAP components, prepared an updated version of both the synthesis analysis (UNEP/MED CC.14/5) and general status of progress (UNEP/MED CC.14/Inf.5). This is complemented by the assessment of the information contained in both documents as regards the Barcelona Convention and the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (UNEP/MED CC.14/Inf.4), as carried out by a Member and an Alternate Member of the Compliance Committee. The key findings of the assessment are presented in document UNEP/MED CC.14/6.

13. The Secretariat will introduce the updated synthesis analysis, thus setting the framework for the presentation of the key findings by Ms. Selma Osmanagić-Klico and Ms. Milena Batakovic.

14. The Compliance Committee is expected to **examine** the updated synthesis analysis together with the key findings and **provide guidance** on how to progress work on this matter.

Agenda item 6: Testing Results of the Draft Guidelines for the Preliminary Assessment of Reports Submitted under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention

Working Document	UNEP/MED CC.14/7. Results of the Testing of the Draft Guidelines for the Preliminary Assessment of Reports to Identify Actual or Potential Cases of Non-Compliance
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Information Documents	UNEP/MED CC.14/Inf.6. Compilation of Tests Received of the Draft Guidelines for the Preliminary Assessment of Reports to Identify Actual or Potential Cases of Non-Compliance
	UNEP/MED CC. 14/Inf.6/Add.1. Test du Projet de Lignes Directrices de l'Évaluation Préliminaire des Rapports Soumis sous l'Article 26 de la Convention de Barcelone
	UNEP/MED CC.14/Inf.7. Draft Guidelines for the Preliminary Assessment of Reports to Identify Actual or Potential Cases of Non-Compliance.

15. In preparation for the 13th Meeting of the Compliance Committee, three Members of the Compliance Committee and two Alternate Members tested the draft Guidelines for the Preliminary Assessment of Reports to Identify Actual or Potential Cases of Non-Compliance against three national implementation reports corresponding to the reporting period 2014-2015.

16. The results of the testing, as presented to that meeting, are re-submitted in document UNEP/MED CC.14/7, as well as the tests carried out intersessionally, which are compiled in the information documents UNEP/MED CC.14/Inf.6 and UNEP/MED CC.14/Inf.6/Add.1. In addition, the Draft Guidelines for the Preliminary Assessment of Reports to Identify Actual or Potential Cases of Non-Compliance are presented in document UNEP/MED CC.14/Inf.7 for reference.

17. The Secretariat will present the results of the testing of the draft Guidelines. The Compliance Committee is expected to **consider** them and **advise** on any additional action to take.

Agenda item 7: Review of the Communication from Ecologistas en Acción de la Región Murciana (Spain)

Working Document	UNEP/MED CC.14/8. Communication from Ecologistas en Acción de la Región Murciana (Spain)
Information Document	UNEP/MED CC.14/Inf.8. Documentation submitted by Ecologistas en Acción de la Región Murciana (Spain) in support to its communication.

18. Following-up on the conclusion of the 13th Meeting of the Compliance Committee, the Communication from Ecologistas en Acción de la Región Murciana (Spain) regarding the implementation by Spain of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean is presented in document UNEP/MED CC.14.8. In addition to, documentation from Ecologistas en Acción de la Región Murciana (Spain) in support of its communication is presented in document UNEP/MED CC. 14/Inf.8. A summary of the communication and its supporting documentation will be presented by the Rapporteur for this matter and Alternate Member of the Compliance Committee, Ms. Orr Karassin.

19. The Compliance Committee is expected to **examine** the Communication from Ecologistas en Acción de la Región Murciana (Spain), **consider** the summary from the Rapporteur and **advise** on further steps.

Agenda item 8: Legal Analysis of the Regional Plans Adopted under the Land-Based Sources Protocol

Working Document	UNEP/MED CC.14/9. Analysis of the Legal Nature of the Main Obligations Contained in the Regional Plans Adopted by the Meeting of the Contracting Parties under the Land-Based Sources Protocol
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20. As agreed at the 13th Meeting of the Compliance Committee, two Members of the Compliance Committee worked intersessionally, in coordination with the Secretariat, to analyse the legal nature of the main obligations contained in the Land-Based Sources (LBS) related regional plans adopted by the Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

21. Mr. Bernard Brillet and Mr. José Juste Ruiz will introduce the analysis so carried out as presented in document UNEP/MED CC. 14/9. The Compliance Committee is expected to **review** the analysis provided, **express** its agreement and **advise** on follow-up steps.

Agenda item 9: Awareness Raising and Outreach Activities to Promote the Role of the Compliance Committee

Working Document UNEP/MED CC.14/10. Options to Improve the Text on the Compliance Committee Presented on the UN Environment/MAP webpage

22. Following-up on the conclusions of the 13th Compliance Committee meeting, a Member of the Compliance Committee and two Alternate Members worked intersessionally, in coordination with the Secretariat, to improve the text on the Compliance Committee presented on the UN Environment/MAP webpage.

23. The result of that work is submitted in document UNEP/MED CC.14/10. The document will be introduced by Ms. Ayşin Turpanci, who will also provide the elements for a SWOT (Strengths-Weaknesses- Opportunities- Threats) analysis exercise on the ways to raise the visibility of the role and work of the Compliance Committee.

24. The Compliance Committee is expected to **consider** the proposed options regarding the section related to the Compliance Committee presented on the UN Environment/MAP webpage, and **advise** on further steps.

Agenda item 10: Proposal to Amend the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

Working Document UNEP/MED CC.14/11. Proposal to Amend the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

25. As concluded at the 13th Compliance Committee Meeting, a proposal to amend the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance from the Member of the Compliance Committee, Mr. Nicos Georgiades, is presented in document UNEP/MED CC. 14/11.

26. The Secretariat will present the proposal and the Compliance Committee is expected to **consider** it and **provide guidance**, as appropriate.

Agenda item 11: Other Matters

27. The Members and Alternate Members of the Compliance Committee will be invited to **raise** any other items of interest to the Compliance Committee under this point of the Agenda.

Agenda Item 12: Place, dates and duration of the 15th Meeting of the Compliance Committee

28. In line with the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance and its Rules of Procedure, the Compliance Committee is expected to **decide**, in consultation with the Secretariat, on the dates, venue and duration of the 15th Meeting of the Compliance Committee.

Agenda Item 13: Draft Conclusions and Recommendations

29. Under this Agenda item, the Compliance Committee will **review** and **approve** a set of draft conclusions and recommendations.

30. The report of the meeting will be prepared at a later stage for approval by electronic means and then circulated to MAP Focal Points.

Agenda Item 14: Closing of the Meeting

31. The Meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee, Ms. Milena Batakovic, at 12:00 am on Friday 29 June 2018.