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

Status of Reporting under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention

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Note by the Secretariat

Introduction

1. The conclusions and recommendations from the 13th Meeting of the Compliance Committee on the status of reporting on the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention (See the report of the meeting: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC. 13/12 paragraph 13, as presented in document UNEP/MED CC.14/Inf.3) were tabled at the 20th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP20) (Tirana, Albania, 17-20 December 2017).
2. At COP20, the representatives of several of the Contracting Parties pointed out that the complexity of the reporting format had indeed been a challenge to timely reporting and affirmed that steps were being taken to finalize and submit their reports as soon as possible (UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG. 23/23 paragraph 24). At the same meeting, Contracting Parties adopted the Revised Reporting Format for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols by Decision IG. 23/1, which sought to facilitate reporting, increase the relevance of national reports and homogenize the reporting requirements of the Contracting Parties under the Convention and its Protocols.
3. Following COP20, the Secretariat contacted once again by telephone and email those Contracting Parties which had not yet submitted their national implementation reports for the reporting period(s) 2012-2013 and/or 2014-2015, resulting in:
 - (1) the submission of national implementation reports by Egypt for the reporting period 2012-2013, Spain for the reporting periods 2012-2013 and 2014-2015, and Slovenia for the reporting period 2014-2015;
 - (2) the confirmation by the remaining Contracting Parties of on-going arrangements to submit their pending national implementation reports as soon as possible.
4. The table below shows the status of national reporting under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention, as of 16 May 2018.

Status of reporting under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention		
Contracting Party	Reporting Period 2012-2013	Reporting Period 2014-2015
Egypt	Submission	Non -submission
Libya	Non-submission	Non-submission
Monaco	Non -submission	Non-submission
Syria	Non-submission	Non-submission
Tunisia	Non-submission	Non-submission

Action requested

5. 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.