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Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the
Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment
and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols

Croatia, Zagreb, 8-9 November 2010

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Introduction

1. At the invitation of the Government of Croatia and in consultation with the President and members of the Bureau, it was decided that the meeting of the Bureau will be held on 8 and 9 November 2010, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Croatia, Zrinjevac 7-8, Zagreb.
2. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

DAY 1: MONDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2010

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting (09:30 – 10:30)

3. The meeting will be opened at 09.30 hrs on Monday, 8 November 2010, by the President of the Bureau, Mr Mohamed Benyahia. Mr Nikola Ružinksy, State Secretary, will also welcome Bureau members on behalf of the host country.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work

4. The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat, was distributed as document UNEP/BUR/71/1.
5. The meeting will review and adopt the Provisional Agenda. Simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Arabic will be available for all sessions.
6. It is expected that the Bureau will tackle all items of the Provisional Agenda during its one and a half day meeting including the adoption of a list of decisions. It is envisaged to close the meeting of the Bureau at mid-day on 9 November 2010. The report of the meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat and distributed to the members of the Bureau for comments and adoption through circulation.

Coffee Break: 10:30 – 10.45

Agenda item 4: Report by the Secretariat on Specific issues (10:45 – 18:30)

7. The Officer in Charge and Deputy Coordinator of MAP will present document UNEP/BUR/71/4 on Specific Issues.
8. The Bureau will be invited to embark on an exchange of views on a number of important issues related to:

4.1, 4.2 Status of the MTF (10:45 – 13:30)

9. The representative of UNEP HQ will present the status of the MTF as well as short and medium term measures to overcome the current deficit. Measures to improve budgeting so as to avoid similar situations from happening in the future will also be presented. (documents UNEP/BUR/71/Inf.3 and UNEP/BUR/71/4).
10. The Secretariat will propose options for prioritization of activities in the Programme of Work and Budget for 2010-2011, adopted by the Contracting Parties in Marrakesh, Morocco in November 2009, with a view to limit expenditures to available income.
11. The Bureau is expected to provide advice on the proposals made by the Secretariat.

Lunch Break: 13.30 – 14.30

4.3 Governance

b) MSSD Assessment/preparing the 14th Meeting of the MCSD (14:30 – 15:15)

12. The Secretariat will share with the Bureau its proposal with regard to the organization of the forthcoming MCSD meeting as well as some working internal reflexions on modalities and composition of the MCSD.

13. The members of the Bureau are expected to provide feedback on the reflexions made by the Secretariat and make recommendations as appropriate.

c) MAP Info System (15:15 – 15:45)

14. The Secretariat will present the need for developing a regional policy governing the management and sharing of data generated by the Contracting Parties in the framework of MAP and reporting obligations under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols as well as for accelerating the work for the development of InfoMAP.

15. Bureau members are expected to provide their views and recommendations as appropriate.

d) Process of updating the Five-Year Programme of Work (15:45 – 16.15)

16. In accordance with the Governance Paper, the Secretariat will introduce: a) the rationale on whether there is a need to update the Five-Year Programme of Work adopted in 2009; and b) the process proposed to update it.

17. The Bureau members are expected to embark on a discussion on all questions raised and provide recommendations as appropriate.

Coffee Break: 16:15 – 16.30

4.4 Ecosystem Protection (16:30 – 17:00)

18. The Secretariat will make proposals to the Bureau with regard to a possible procedure to carry out a peer review of the integrated assessment report of the Mediterranean sea Ecosystem. It will also share main outputs for implementing the ecosystem approach roadmap agreed in 2008 in Almeria, Spain by the 15th Contracting Parties meeting, during the current and forthcoming biennium.

19. The Secretariat will also submit a position strategic paper on the implementation of the ICZM Protocol.

20. The Bureau is expected to analyze the considerations and proposals made by the Secretariat and provide guidance, as appropriate.

4.5 Climate Change (17:00 – 17:30)

21. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will submit an updated roadmap for preparing the regional framework on adaptation to climate change and a proposal of its main elements as well as information on the new project on climate vulnerability.

22. In addition, the Secretariat will bring to the attention of the Bureau some findings and recommendations with regard to the development of marine renewable energies in the Mediterranean.

23. Bureau members are expected to provide their advise and guidance as appropriate.

Agenda item 3: Progress Report by the Secretariat on activities carried out during the period April 2010 – September 2010 (17:30 – 18:00)

24. The Officer in Charge and Deputy Coordinator of MAP will present document UNEP/BUR/71/3 “*Progress Report by the Secretariat on activities carried out during the period April 2010 – September 2010*”.

25. Bureau members are expected to comment on and take note of the progress achieved on the implementation of the activities carried out and advise the Secretariat as they may deem useful.

DAY 2: TUESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2010

Agenda item 4: (continued)

4.3 Governance

a) *Offshore Protocol: Response to potential accidents (08:30 – 09:00)*

26. The Secretariat will seek the views of the Bureau on possible measures to expedite the entry into force of the Offshore Protocol to the Barcelona Convention in light of the high pollution risks associated with offshore platforms in the Mediterranean.

27. The Bureau is expected to address the matter and advise as appropriate for the Secretariat's consideration.

4.6 Preparing the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (09:00 – 09:30)

28. The representative of France will be invited to share with the Bureau information on the preparation of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties, as well as the host country's views on the ministerial section themes.

29. The Bureau is expected to embark on a discussion in this regard and advise accordingly.

Agenda item 5: Any other business

30. The meeting will consider other issues which may be raised during the meeting. At the time of formulating the annotated agenda, the Secretariat has not any issue to propose for discussion under this agenda item.

Coffee Break: 09:30 – 11:30 *(The Secretariat to draft conclusions and draft decisions)*

Agenda item 6: Conclusions and decisions (11:30 – 13:00)

31. The Secretariat will submit for adoption a set of decisions. The report of the meeting will be circulated to the members of the Bureau at a later stage for adoption.

Agenda item 7: Closure of the meeting

32. The meeting will be closed by the President of the Bureau at 13.00 hrs on Tuesday 9 November 2010.

TIMETABLE

Monday, 8 November 2010			
09:30 – 10:30	1. Opening of the meeting 2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work	President of the Bureau	Working Document/s UNEP/BUR/71/1 UNEP/BUR/71/2
10:45 – 17:30	4. Report by the Secretariat on Specific Issues (4.1, 4.2, 4.3 points b, c, d, 4.4, 4.5)	Officer-in-Charge, Bureau	Working Document/s UNEP/BUR/71/4 UNEP/BUR/71/Inf.3
17:30 – 18:30	3. Progress Report by the Secretariat on activities carried out during the period April 2010 – September 2010	Officer-in-Charge, Bureau	Working Document/s UNEP/BUR/71/3
Tuesday, 9 November 2010			
08:30 – 09:30	4. Report by the Secretariat on Specific Issues (continued 4.3 point a, 4.6) 5. Any other business. Date and place of next Bureau meeting.	Officer-in-Charge, Bureau	Working Document/s UNEP/BUR/71/4
11:30 – 13:00	6. Conclusions and decisions 7. Closure of the Meeting	President of the Bureau and Secretariat President of the Bureau	Draft decisions (in session)

Note:

Monday 8 November

Coffee breaks: 10:30 – 10:45 and 16:15 – 16:30 hrs

Lunch break: 13:30-14:30 hrs

Tuesday 9 November

Coffee break: 09:30 – 11.30 (The Secretariat will prepare the conclusions and decisions)