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First Meeting of the Working group on Implementation
and Compliance under the Barcelona Convention

Athens, Greece, 8-9 November 2004

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Introduction

1. Further to the decision of the last Contracting Parties meeting in Catania 11-14 November 2003, and the nomination of members of the Working Group by the CPs and MAP Partners, the Secretariat is organizing the first meeting of the Working Group on Implementation and Compliance to discuss and recommend the possible setting up an implementation and compliance mechanism under the Barcelona Convention. The meeting will be held in Athens on 8-9 November 2004.
2. The following annotations to the provisional agenda for the meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

3. The meeting will be opened at 9:30 hrs on Monday, 8 November 2004, by the MAP Coordinator Mr. Paul Mifsud.
4. It is expected that the participants will tackle all items of the Provisional Agenda during the one and a half day meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 13:00 hrs on 9 October 2004. The recommendations of the meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat and will be submitted for adoption at the end of the meeting. The report of the meeting will be circulated to participants for adoption after the meeting.

Agenda item 2: Rules of procedure and election of officers

It is expected that the Meeting will elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Agenda item 3: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work

5. The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat, was distributed as document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.260/1 and annotated in the present document.
6. The meeting will review and adopt the Provisional Agenda. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for all sessions.

Agenda item 4: Setting up an implementation and compliance mechanism under the Barcelona Convention

7. The report prepared by the Secretariat will be presented at the meeting. It represents a synthesis of the main findings and options for setting up an implementation and compliance mechanism under the Barcelona Convention.
8. With a view to assisting the formulation of conclusions and recommendations, background material will also be disseminated to Members of the Working Group regarding implementation and compliance mechanisms and non compliance regimes in multilateral agreements such as Bern, POPs and Oskar Conventions.

9. The meeting is expected to comment on the content of the above report and adopt recommendations as appropriate.

Agenda item 5: Sharing of experience related to the set up of the implementation and compliance mechanisms under the UNECE and Bern Conventions (to be confirmed)

10. With a view to sharing experiences, achieving synergy and making use of lessons learnt, the meeting is expected to be informed about the experience gained during the establishment and functioning of the implementation and compliance mechanism of the UNECE and Bern Conventions.

Agenda item 6: Progress made by the Secretariat and Contracting Parties on Reporting under MAP

11. The Secretariat will introduce a methodology paper with regards to the comparative study between MAP reporting system and other MEAs reporting systems along with a list of preliminary recommendations related to the main directions of the update of the MAP reporting format.

Agenda item 7: Any other business

12. The meeting will consider any other issues that may be raised during the meeting.
13. It is expected that the meeting will address the timing for the preparation of a second, if appropriate, or of the final draft of the implementation and compliance mechanism, and its discussion and review by the Working Group. The Meeting will also discuss whether there will be the need of a second and if need would be for the organization of a second meeting of the Working Group, etc.

Agenda item 8: Adoption of the recommendations of the meeting

14. The Secretariat will submit for adoption a set of recommendations and give guidance for the further elaboration of the report. The report of the meeting is expected to be adopted by circulation at a later phase.

Agenda item 9: Closure of the meeting

15. The meeting is expected to be closed at 13:00 hrs on Tuesday 9 November 2004.