

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

In its decision IG.17/2, the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties adopted the procedures and mechanisms on compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols. It also elected the Compliance Committee that consists of 7 members and 7 alternate members. The seven members and five alternate members of the Committee were elected on the basis of an equitable geographical representation to serve on the Compliance Committee for two or four years. Two additional alternative members are expected to be nominated by Algeria and Lebanon subject to endorsement by the Bureau of the Contracting Parties.

Decision IG17/2 also requested the Secretariat to arrange a meeting of the Compliance Committee for the purpose of developing its rules of procedure. Accordingly, the first meeting of the Compliance Committee will take place at the premises of the Coordinating Unit (48, Vassileos Konstantinou, Athens, Greece) from 3-4 July 2008.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The first meeting of the Compliance Committee will be opened by the MAP Coordinator at 9.30 a.m. on 3 July 2008.

Agenda item 2: Election of officers

2. The members of the Compliance Committee will be invited to elect a Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons.

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

3. The Rules and Procedures for meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the present meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

4. The Compliance Committee may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda proposed by the Secretariat (UNEP(DEPI)MED Compliance Committee.1/1) and annotated in the present document.

5. The language of the meeting will be English and French.

Agenda item 4: Development of Rules of Procedure for the Compliance Committee

6. According to decision IG.17/2, the main purpose of the first meeting of the Compliance Committee should be to develop rules of procedure for the Committee. To facilitate the work of the Committee, the Secretariat has prepared a document containing draft rules of procedure UNEP(DEPI)MED Compliance Committee.1/3.

7. The Compliance Committee is invited to discuss and develop its Rules of procedure and, in accordance with Decision IG.17/2 of the 15th meeting of the Contracting Parties to submit draft Rules of procedure for the Compliance committee to the 16th meeting of the Contracting Parties for consideration and adoption.

Agenda item 5: **Adoption of the Working Plan of the Compliance Committee for 2008-2009**

8. Under this agenda item, the Compliance Committee may wish to discuss its work plan, including consideration of the discharge of its functions set out in section IV of the procedures and mechanisms on compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

9. The Secretariat has prepared a draft work plan (UNEP(DEPI)MED Compliance Committee.1/4) to facilitate the discussion on this item.

Agenda item 6: **Date and place of the second meeting of the Compliance Committee**

10. Under this agenda item, the Compliance Committee may wish to discuss the place and the dates for its next meeting and its main agenda items.

Agenda item 7: **Other matters**

11. Under this item, the members of the Compliance Committee may wish to raise and discuss other relevant matters. At the time of writing, the Secretariat had no points to be addressed.

Agenda item 8: **Adoption of the report**

12. The Compliance Committee will consider for adoption draft findings and conclusions of the meeting prepared by the Secretariat as well as draft rules of procedure for the Compliance Committee.

13. The full report of the meeting will be adopted through circulation by electronic means.

Agenda item 9: **Closure of the meeting**

14. It is expected that the meeting will be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, 4 July 2008.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Thursday, 3 July 2008	
0930-1000	Opening of the Meeting
1000-1100	Agenda items 1,2, 3, 4
1100-1130	<i>Coffee break</i>
1130-1300	Agenda item 4
1300-1430	<i>Lunch</i>
1430-1600	Agenda item 4
1600-1630	<i>Coffee break</i>
1630-1800	Agenda item 4
Friday, 4 July 2008	
0900-1000	Agenda item 4
1000-1100	Agenda item 5
1100-1130	<i>Coffee break</i>
1130-1300	Agenda items 6, 7
1300-1500	<i>Lunch</i>
1500-1700	Agenda items 8, 9