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10th Meeting of the Compliance Committee of the Barcelona Convention
and its Protocols

Athens, Greece, 21-22 May 2015

**Agenda Item 5: Participation of the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee as observer to
the 79th Meeting of the Bureau of the Barcelona Convention**

**Letter of 11 December 2014 of the MAP Secretariat to the President of the Bureau
of the Barcelona Convention**

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Subject: Compliance Committee of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

Dear Professor Birpinar,

At its Ninth Meeting held in Split, Croatia, on 27-28 November 2014, the Compliance Committee requested the Secretariat to include in the draft provisional agenda of the next Bureau meeting an item on the implementation and follow-up to Decision IG. 21/1 of the 18th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 18, Istanbul, Turkey, 3-6 December 2013). You may recall that, in accordance to this request, the provisional agenda of the 79th Meeting of the Bureau (Antalya, Turkey, 3-4 February 2015) that you have approved includes an item on compliance issues.

In addition, the Compliance Committee asked the Secretariat to request you to please invite its representative to participate as an observer in the next Bureau meeting on issues related to the work of the Committee. I would be grateful if you could consider this request and let me have your decision, including on the modalities of such participation, i.e. whether for the whole duration of the meeting of the Bureau or only for the relevant item on compliance issues, currently scheduled for discussion on the morning of Wednesday, 4 February 2015.

I look forward to your reply, so that the Secretariat may inform Ms. Daniela Addis, Chairperson of the Compliance Committee accordingly as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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