MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN

Second meeting of the Compliance Committee

Athens, Greece, 26-27 March 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA
INTRODUCTION

The second meeting of the Compliance Committee will take place at the premises of the Coordinating Unit (48, Vassileos Konstantinou, Athens, Greece) from 26-27 March 2009. The objective of the meeting is to finalize the rules of procedure for the meeting of the Committee, exchange views on a number of issues that are crucial for an effective implementation of the compliance procedures and mechanisms of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols as well as to provide advise to the Secretariat.

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The second meeting of the Compliance Committee will be opened by the Chairman of the Compliance committee elected at its first meeting, and by the MAP Coordinator at 9.30 a.m. on 26 March 2009.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

2. 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).

3. 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.2/1) and annotated in the present document.

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

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

5. The report of the first Committee meeting was adopted immediately after the meeting through circulation. However, as agreed during the first Committee meeting, the report will be submitted to the second Committee meeting for formal adoption.

6. The meeting is expected to adopt the report.

AGENDA ITEM 4: RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

7. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce the suggestions and considerations of the 67th meeting of the Bureau held in September 2008 in Madrid on the draft rules of procedure for the committee agreed by the first Compliance committee meeting.

8. The meeting is expected to review all the comments and recommendations made by the Bureau, and in this connection, review the draft rules of procedure, as appropriate, with a view to their finalization and submission to the meeting of the Contracting Parties for approval.

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)MED Compliance Committee.2/3 – Draft Rules of procedure for the Compliance committee
Agenda item 5:  

**Implementation of the Working Plan of the Compliance committee for 2008-2009**

9. This agenda item is proposed to be addressed in two parts:

10. Part I is related to: a) the review of general issues of compliance with reporting requirements; b) General analysis of the national reports submitted by the Contracting Parties on measures taken to implement the Convention and its Protocols during 2004-2005 and c) Effectiveness Implementation indicators.

11. The meeting is expected to embark on a discussion on the findings and considerations made by the Secretariat on the above matters and provide their suggestions accordingly.

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)MED Compliance Committee.2/4 - Review of general issues of compliance by the Contracting Parties

Information document: UNEP(DEPI)MED Compliance Committee.2/Inf.3 - Analysis and synthesis of reports submitted by Contracting Parties, in accordance with Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, during the biennium 2004–2005

Information document: UNEP(DEPI)MED Compliance Committee.2/Inf.4 - Proposed effectiveness indicators

12. Part two is related to the preparation of a Draft Guide Brochure on compliance procedures and mechanisms of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols as well as the publication a draft structure on the compliance mechanism and procedure page in the MAP website.

13. The meeting is expected to work on the text and finalize it in order for the Secretariat to prepare the design and publish the draft guide brochure in the website and disseminate at the MAP Focal Points and Contracting Parties meetings.

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)MED Compliance Committee.2/5 - Draft guide brochure on the procedures and mechanisms on compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

Agenda item 6:  

**Draft Programme of work of the Compliance Committee 2010-2011**

14. The secretariat would propose a draft programme of work for the next biennium. The meeting is expected to provide their inputs and finalize the programme of work for submission to the MAP Focal Points meeting for their consideration.

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)MED Compliance Committee.2/6 – Draft programme of work of the Compliance Committee for the biennium 2010-2011, prepared by the Secretariat
**Agenda item 7:** **Next steps until the 16th meeting of the Contracting Parties meeting**

15. Under this agenda item, the meeting is expected to discuss and decide on the preparation of the report of the Compliance Committee for submission to the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties as well as the next meeting of the Compliance committee.

16. It is also expected to change some views on the procedure to be followed for the election of the four new members of the Compliance committee for a term of office of four years by the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

**Agenda item 8:** **Other matters**

17. 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 9:** **Adoption of the conclusions and decisions**

18. The Compliance Committee will consider for adoption the draft findings and conclusions of the meeting prepared by the Secretariat, the draft rules of procedure for the Compliance Committee, the draft programme of work 2010-2011 as well as the draft guide brochure and table of contents of Compliance page in the MAP website.

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

**Agenda item 10:** **Closure of the meeting**

20. It is expected that the meeting will be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, 27 March 2009.
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