

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

The 16th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols (Marrakesh, Morocco, 3-5 November 2009) accepted the kind offer of the Government of France to host the 17th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in France.

The following annotations to the proposed agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations. The opening session will be preceded, as per usual practice, by an informal meeting among the heads of delegations at 08.00 hrs.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be held at the Centre de Conférence Ministériel Convention, 27, rue de la Convention, 75015 Paris, France and will be opened at 09.30 hrs. on Wednesday 8 February 2012.

- Welcoming address and introductory remarks by French Minister in charge of Cooperation, H.E. Henri de Raincourt;
- Welcoming remarks by UNEP Deputy Executive Director and Assistant-Secretary-General of the United Nations Ms. Amina Mohamed;
- Keynote address (tbc);
- President elected by the 16th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties or his representative
- Address by UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention Executive Secretary and Coordinator;

Agenda Item 2: Organizational matters

2.1 Rules of procedure

The Rules of Procedure adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols, as amended (UNEP/IG.4/6, Annex XI) will apply to this meeting.

2.2 Election of officers

Subject to the Rules of Procedure, the meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties the members of the Bureau consisting of a President, four Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. It is recalled that "*the principle of equitable geographical distribution shall be observed*" (Article 19 of the Convention).

2.3 Adoption of the agenda

- (a) The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat in agreement with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties and finalized during the meeting of MAP Focal Points (Athens, 28 November - 1 December 2011) was distributed as document UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.20/1.
- (b) Subject to the rules of procedure referred to at paragraph 2.1, the meeting may wish to adopt the agenda and timetable appearing in the Annex to the present document amended as appropriate.

- (c) Simultaneous interpretation (Arabic, English, French and Spanish) will be available in all plenary sessions throughout the meeting.

2.4 Organization of work

- (a) The Meeting of the Contracting Parties may wish to decide that it should meet from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. subject to adjustments as necessary.
- (b) The Meeting of the Contracting Parties may wish to establish ad hoc discussion groups or drafting sub committees, as it may deem necessary and to specify their mandates.

2.5 Credentials

- (a) Rule 18 of the rules of procedure for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties provides that each Contracting Party shall be represented by an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternates and advisers as may be required.
- (b) Rule 19 of the rules of procedure for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties provides that the credentials of the representatives and the names of the alternate representatives shall be submitted by the Contracting Parties before the opening session of the meeting which the representatives are to attend. It provides also that the Bureau shall examine the credentials of representatives and submit its report to the meeting.

Agenda Item 3: Decisions

3.1 Thematic Decisions of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties

- (a) The Meeting of the Contracting Parties has before it document UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.20/5 "Draft Decisions for the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties". The Secretariat will briefly introduce the Draft Decisions. The chairperson of the Compliance Committee will introduce Draft Decision IG.20/1 as well as the report of the Compliance Committee to the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties Doc UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.20/7.
- (b) The Meeting of the Contracting Parties may wish to consider and adopt the following draft decisions that were approved at the MAP Focal Points meeting held in Athens in November 2011:

<i>Draft Decision IG.20/1</i>	Compliance Committee: amendment to the compliance procedures and mechanisms, programme of Work for the biennium 2012-2013 and partial renewal of membership
<i>Draft Decision IG.20/2</i>	Adoption of the Action Plan for the implementation of the ICZM Protocol for the Mediterranean (2012-2019)
<i>Draft Decision IG.20/3</i>	Reporting on measures taken to implement the Convention and its Protocols
<i>Draft Decision IG.20/4</i>	Implementing MAP ecosystem approach roadmap: Mediterranean ecological and operational objectives, indicators and timetable for implementing the ecosystem approach roadmap
<i>Draft Decision IG.20/5</i>	Amendments of the Annexes II and III to the Protocol concerning specially protected areas and biological diversity in the Mediterranean

<i>Draft Decision IG.20/6</i>	Adoption of the work-programme and implementation timetable of the Action Plan for the conservation of marine vegetation in the Mediterranean Sea for the period 2012-2017
<i>Draft Decision IG.20/7</i>	Conservation of sites of particular ecological interest in the Mediterranean
<i>Draft Decision IG.20/8</i>	Regional Plans in the framework of Article 15 of the land based sources and activities Protocol of the Barcelona Convention
<i>Draft Decision IG.20/9</i>	Criteria and standards for bathing waters quality in the framework of the implementation of Article 7 of the LBS Protocol
<i>Draft Decision IG.20/10</i>	Adoption of the strategic framework for marine litter management
<i>Draft Decision IG.20/11</i>	Regional strategy addressing ship's ballast water management and invasive species
<i>Draft Decision IG.20/12</i>	Action Plan to implement the Protocol of the Barcelona Convention concerning the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution resulting from exploration and exploitation of the continental shelf and the seabed and its subsoil
<i>Draft Decision IG.20/13</i>	Governance
<i>Draft Decision IG.20/14</i>	MAP Programme of work and budget for the 2012-2013 biennium

Expected outcome: The Meeting of the Contracting Parties is expected to adopt the proposed draft Decisions.

Working document/s	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.20/5	Draft Decisions for the 17 th meeting of the Contracting Parties

Agenda Item 4: Progress Report and Paris Declaration

- (a) The Meeting of the Contracting Parties has before it document UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.20/3 "Report by the Secretariat for the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties" reporting major achievements during the biennium which will be introduced by UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention Executive Secretary and Coordinator.
- (b) The Meeting of the Contracting Parties has before it document UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.20/4 "Draft Paris Declaration" which will be introduced by the representative of France who led the process of its preparation.
- (c) Heads of Delegations may wish to focus their interventions and address the issues presented in documents UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.20/3 and UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.20/4 as well as UNEP/MAP priorities for the future.

- (d) Given the number of Contracting Parties and the limited amount of time available, it is recommended that the duration of each intervention should be limited to a maximum of seven minutes.
- (e) The Meeting of the Contracting Parties is invited to discuss and adopt the Paris Declaration

Expected outcome: The Paris Declaration is expected to be adopted by the Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document/s	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.20/3	Report by the Secretariat for the 17 th Meeting of the Contracting Parties
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.20/4	Draft Paris Declaration

Agenda Item 5: Date and place of the 18th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2013

The meeting will be invited to consider the dates and place of the 18th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to be convened in 2013.

Expected outcome: A decision is taken about the date and the venue of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Agenda Item 6: Other business

The Meeting of the Contracting Parties may wish to consider other matters raised during the meeting.

Agenda Item 7: Adoption of the Report

At its final session, the Meeting of the Contracting Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report of the meeting as prepared by the Rapporteur.

Agenda Item 8: Closure of the Meeting

It is expected that the meeting will be closed by the President at 18.00 hrs. on Friday 10 February 2012.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME		
DATE	AGENDA ITEMS	WORKING DOCUMENTS
16.30 - 18.00	Agenda item 3 – continued	

Thursday 9 February 2012

09.30 - 11.00	Agenda item 3 – continued	
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee Break	
11.30 - 13.00	Agenda item 3 – continued	
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch break	
14.30 - 16.00	Agenda item 3 – continued	
16.00 - 16.30	Coffee break	
16.30 - 18.00	Agenda item 3 – continued	
20.00 - 22.00	Dinner offered by the Host Country	

Friday 10 February 2012

09.30 – 15.00	No session (in order for the Rapporteur to prepare the Draft Report of the Meeting)	
	Coffee Break	
15.00 – 18.00	<p>Agenda items</p> <p>(a) Date and place of 18th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2013</p> <p>(b) Other business</p> <p>(c) Adoption of the Report</p> <p>(d) Closure of the Meeting</p> <p>Mr. Brice Lalonde, Executive Coordinator for Rio+20</p> <p>Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Director of UNEP/Division of Policy Implementation</p> <p>President of the meeting</p> <p>Ms. Maria Luisa Silva Mejias, Executive Secretary and Coordinator</p>	UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.20/8