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Introduction

1. The Secretariat has prepared the present Progress Report to the attention of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, summarizing in concise manner key UNEP/MAP achievements over the biennium and describing main policy, legal and institutional developments.
2. A more detailed report on progress made by the Barcelona Convention/UNEP's Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) over the 2012-2013 biennium was submitted to the meeting of the MAP Focal Points in Athens, September 2013 (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 387/3). The report contains detailed information on the developments and achievements with respect to the implementation of the Convention, Protocols, Decisions of the meetings of the Contracting Parties and the 2012-2013 Programme of Work.

1. Summary of Achievements during 2012-2013

3. Over the 2012-2013 biennium, activities were carried out under the Programme of Work approved in Paris, France (2012) with a view to further advance the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols as well as Regional Strategies and Action Plans adopted by Decisions of Contracting Parties. The following progress can be noted:
 - Regarding the entry into force of all Protocols under the Barcelona Convention, progress continued in 2012 with the: ratifications by the Kingdom of Morocco and Croatia of the ICZM Protocol; and the EU Council's adoption of the Offshore Protocol. The Compliance Committee took steps towards facilitating compliance with obligations under the Convention and its Protocols through three substantive sessions during which the consistent non-submission of reports was identified as a situation of non-compliance;
 - Concrete milestones were achieved in the process of implementing the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) to human activities in the Mediterranean. A first set of definitions of Good Environmental Status (GES) and targets were developed for the 11 Ecological Objectives addressing in an integrated manner biodiversity, fisheries, pollution, coastal ecosystems and hydrography issues. In addition, the governance structure necessary to ensure participation of parties, experts, the scientific community and partners in the technical and policy processes necessary for advancing the EcAp RoadMap was agreed and has started operating effectively. The basis for developing the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme were established through an assessment of requirements and the adoption of overarching principles for an Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme as well as for data-sharing. The process has been supported by a 3-year project funded by EU since June 2012.
 - The first Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter to be adopted by a Regional Sea following the inclusion of marine litter in the global agenda after the Rio+20 Declaration has been developed under the Barcelona Convention after an intense and broad process of consultation. The Plan provides for innovative and globally recognized measures to prevent, manage and reduce litter, including through

ensuring environmentally sound solid waste management, reducing waste volumes, recycling and promoting sustainable patterns of consumption and production. It also establishes concrete reduction targets accompanied by a rigorous monitoring programme based on and coherent with the ecosystem approach. The Plan will become binding as it is developed under art. 15 of the Land Based Sources (LBS) Protocol;

- Capacity building and technical support took place in 10 countries (Albania, Algeria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Montenegro, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey) to progress in: the implementation of legally binding measures required by the Regional Plans on Mercury, POPs and BOD from the Food sector, which were also adopted under article 15 of the LBS; advance implementation of the National Action Plans (NAPs) under the Strategic Action Plan to reduce Pollution from Land Based Sources (SAPMED); as well as in the preparation of Pollutants Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs);
- The Marine Pollution National Contingency Plan (NCP) of Albania was adopted and NCP of Cyprus was reviewed and updated; discussion have started with Bosnia and Herzegovina to provide assistance in developing an Oil Spill Response Agreement with Croatia; while compliance monitoring with international marine Conventions was promoted through a surveillance operation (OSCARMED 2013) with participation of aircrafts from Algeria, France, Italy, Morocco and Spain;
- Implementation of the Action Plan on ICZM progressed with two new Coastal Area Management Plan (CAMP) projects piloting an integrated governance model inclusive of local, regional and national governments in Spain (Almeria) and the development of a physical coastal plan inclusive of ICZM in Montenegro. In addition, three countries were supported in developing national set-back zones studies classifying uses in line with the provisions of the Protocol and a Governance platform on ICZM was completed;
- Management plans are being elaborated for the 8 new Marine Protected Areas (MPA) under creation in Albania, Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Montenegro, Morocco and Tunisia, with additional assistance provided to 6 Mediterranean countries (Croatia, Lebanon, Libya, Montenegro, Morocco, and Syria) to evaluate potential sites for the creation of MPAs. In addition, Annexes II and III to the SPA/BD Protocol were amended and Action Plans supporting implementation of the Biodiversity Protocol were either updated (3 Action Plans on endangered species) or new ones developed (Dark Habitats) while a Strategy on Monk Seal Protection has also been completed;
- With regards to sustainable development, the 15th Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) recommended that the Mediterranean Strategy on Sustainable Development (MSSD) be revised taking into consideration Rio+20 outcomes and that the focus for the MCSD be sharpened. The MCSD also welcomed the Road-Map supporting the shift to Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in the Mediterranean.

Substantive notes and publications were issued including a note on “Twenty years of Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean”, which was disseminated during RIO+20 and “Monitoring the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development: Key indicators - update 2013”;

- Significant progress has been achieved during the biennium in fostering closer cooperation with key partners. Formal cooperation is expected to be established at the COP with the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) with whom joint work is already ongoing in assessing progress in the implementation of the SAPMED and the corresponding NAPs in parallel to the evaluation the investment portfolio of the H2020, an initiative to which we are also closely associated. Collaboration around a concrete agenda is taking place with the General Fisheries Commission of the Mediterranean (GFCM) following the agreement signed in May 2012 and a cooperation agreement was also negotiated with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The fruitful partnership with the EU on various policy and programme areas continued and the UNEP/MAP GEF MedPartnership Project which gathers 12 partners for the purposes of supporting implementation of SAPMED, SAPBIO and the ICZM Protocol was evaluated as moderately successful;
- UNEP-MAP contributed to global and regional processes and events. Inter-alia, the presentation of its work on EBSAs at the 16th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 16) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and its onward submission to the XI Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP XI, India October 2012) resulted in CBD’s submission of the Mediterranean EBSAs to the repository of the General Assembly on 19 March 2013 and in a request to hold a Mediterranean EBSA workshop which will take place in April 2014. It also contributed to UNEP “Regional Sea Strategic Directions for 2013-2016” adopted at the annual meeting of Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans (October 2012), which was followed by UNEP’s Governing Council Decision 27/6 on Oceans reaffirming the role of Regional Seas and Action Plans as platforms for implementation of global commitments on oceans and seas;
- The State of the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Environment Report was finalized and published in 2013. The report provides information on the overall nature of the Mediterranean ecosystems and defines recurrent and current pressures. Building on the first Assessment of the Mediterranean Ecosystem, it is organized around the 11 Ecological Objectives for the application of the Ecosystems Approach to the management of human activities. High level launching events took place in Ankara (Turkey) in cooperation with UNDP Turkey and the Turkish Ministry of Environment and Urbanization; and, in Athens (Greece) in cooperation with Hellenic Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change. The report is available in English, French and Arabic. Many other outreach activities were carried out;
- Several results were achieved towards strengthening the Barcelona Convention/UNEP-MAP’s Governance system. The terms of Reference for the Bureau of the Contracting Parties were updated in accordance with international

best practice; the Financial Rules, Regulations and Procedures of the Barcelona Convention were developed in accordance with art. 24 of the Convention; the functional review of the Coordinating Unit and MEDPOL adopted at COP 17 was implemented as of July 2012 and resulted Euro 180,000 savings per year; and, an Extended Functional Review of the UNEP/MAP system was carried out as requested by Contracting parties with the Decisions on Governance and the Programme of Work for consideration by COP 18 following up on several of its recommendations; and,

- A sound and rigorous approach to fund management and spending resulted in better than planned results in both the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF) and the host country contribution account (CAL) deficit recovery plans as well as in a significant reduction of past arrears. The MTF balance went from Euro -1,7 million in December 2011 to an expected Euro -0,4 million in January 2014. Past arrears evolved from Euro 2,4 million in January 2012 to Euro 0,4 million as of 15 November 2013. In addition, external resources mobilized for activities under the Programme of Works were higher than in the past amounting to some Euro 9 million.

2. Main legal, institutional and policy developments

2.1. Legal Matters

4. During this biennium, the Kingdom of Morocco has become the second Contracting Party to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols to ratify the full set of legal instruments adopted in the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan. Morocco has assumed this status following the ratification of the ICZM Protocol on 21 October 2012. Also in October 2012, the Parliament of Croatia adopted the Law on Ratification of the ICZM Protocol. This brings to 23% the extension of the Mediterranean coastline covered by the Protocol. Furthermore, the EU Council adopted the Offshore Protocol on 17 December 2012, bringing it to one third of the number of Contracting Parties that have ratified this unique Protocol. The overall situation is as follows:
 - *20 Contracting Parties have accepted the amendments to the Convention, 1995;*
 - *18 Contracting Parties have ratified the SPA and Biodiversity Protocol, 1995;*
 - *17 Contracting Parties have accepted the amendments to the LBS Protocol, 1996;*
 - *15 Contracting Parties have accepted the amendments to the Dumping Protocol, 1995;*
 - *13 Contracting Parties have ratified the new Prevention and Emergency Protocol, 2002;*
 - *9 Contracting Parties have ratified ICZM Protocol, 2008.*
 - *7 Contracting Parties have ratified the Hazardous Waste Protocol, 1996;*
 - *7 Contracting Parties have ratified the Offshore Protocol, 1994;*

Detailed information on the status of ratification and entry into force is presented in Annex I.

5. The Secretariat has engaged with several countries at ministerial and technical levels with a view to explore possibilities for reaching universal acceptance of the modified Barcelona Convention and the entry into force of the Dumping Protocol.

Reporting on implementation

6. The Secretariat has offered assistance to eligible Contracting Parties in the preparation of the reports on measures taken for the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols during the 2012-2013 biennium, as per art 26 of the Convention. It has also sent reminders with a view to continue increasing the number of reports submitted, as well as to ensure a much earlier and more complete submission of reports.
7. As of 15 November 2013, fourteen Contracting Parties had officially submitted their reports on measures taken for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols for the Biennium 2010-2011. Among these Contracting Parties eleven have used the on line reporting system that constitutes a notable progress in comparison with the previous Biennium (nine submissions on line).
8. The reporting format on the legal and institutional aspects of the implementation of the ICZM Protocol was prepared for submission to COP18 together with the relevant decision.

Compliance Committee

9. The sixth, seventh and eight meetings of the Compliance Committee were held in Athens in January, June and October 2013. The meetings addressed substantive and procedural issues including: the issue of non-submission of reports, which resulted in the adoption of a Recommendation to Contracting Parties identifying several countries in a situation of non-compliance with art. 26 of the Barcelona Convention; a thematic evaluation of the Hazardous Waste and Land Based Sources Protocol; advice to Contracting Parties on how to implement legally binding measures in accordance with article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol; amendments to the Procedures and Mechanisms of compliance with a view to recognize the initiative of the committee to examine compliance difficulties based in all relevant sources of information.(Decision IG 17/2); and necessary changes to the Rules and Procedures for the Compliance Committee (Decision IG. 19/ 1) were also discussed.

2.2. MAP Governance

i. MAP Policy Making and Technical Bodies

10. During this biennium, three meetings of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties were held in Paris (France) in July 2012, in Algiers (Algeria) in February 2013 and in Ankara (Turkey) in July 2013. As mandated by COP17, the Bureau at each meeting considered the financial situation of MAP and on the basis of the proposals from the Coordinating Unit provided guidance in the reallocation of available funding, where

appropriate. The Bureau also discussed and provided recommendations and guidance on, inter alia, cooperation agreements, Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) implementation; RIO+20 outcomes and its relevance in the Mediterranean, Agreement on UNEP Secretariat Services; Financial rules and regulations; the Extended Functional Review; relations with IMO; and other administrative and financial matters.

11. It was envisaged to have two MAP Focal Points in this biennium. The first MAP Focal Points meeting was held in April 2013 in Athens (Greece). It discussed and sought areas of consensus regarding the Extended Functional Review of UNEP MAP system. The second meeting of MAP Focal Points took place in September 2013, as customary its purpose was to prepare the COP.
12. The Fifteenth Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) was held in Valetta (Malta) in June 2013 and opened by the Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change of Malta. It addressed the global processes following RIO+20 and its implications on MSSD revision; the need to develop a Road Map to implement SCP measures and objectives; and, MCSD reform. Successful sustainable development case studies were also presented. The new Steering Committee of the MCSD was selected and had their first meeting immediately after the closure of the 15th MCSD meeting. It has worked on the Draft Decisions on MCSD Reform and the Revision of MSSD. (IG.21/11 and IG.21/12)
13. The joint MED POL and CP/RAC Focal Points Meeting was held in Barcelona (Spain) in June 2013. The meeting of the MED POL Focal Points reviewed and discussed policy issues related to the implementation of LBS, Dumping, Hazardous Wastes Protocols, Regional Plans and EcAp; reviewed the proposed Programme of Work for the next biennium; and agreed on a revised version of the Draft Regional Plan on Marine Litter which is among Draft Decisions (IG.21/7). The CP/RAC Focal Points requested CP/RAC to prepare a draft decision on the implementation of a SCP Roadmap for the /Mediterranean, which the draft is among the COP18 Draft Decisions (IG.21/10).
14. SPA/RAC Focal Points Meeting was held in Rabat (Morocco) in July 2013. It discussed the status of implementation of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean; the evaluation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean region (SAP BIO); the extension, strengthening and effective management of the marine and coastal protected areas network, including areas beyond national jurisdiction; conservation and management of species and habitats. Feedback was also received on Programme of Work for 2014-2015. Three draft decisions were agreed to be presented to the consideration of MAP Focal Points, which were carried forward to COP18 for adoption. (IG.21/4, IG.21/5 and IG.21/6)
15. Back-to-back with the Coast Day celebration, a technical meeting of PAP National Focal Points was held on 24 September 2013 to discuss the results of the SHAPE and PEGASO projects as well as the proposed reporting format for the ICZM Protocol.

ii. Institutional Reform

Terms of Reference of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties

16. Operational paragraph 1 of Governance Decision IG.20/13 adopted at the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties "requested the Bureau with the support of the

Coordinating Unit to start a process of reviewing the terms of reference of the Bureau for the consideration of the 18th Contracting Parties". For the purposes of assessing the opportunity of changes, the Secretariat compared composition, mandate and tasks, periodicity of meetings, agenda preparation, emergency situations, reporting and some other processes of different institutional modalities of six global and regional conventions' governance structures with the current terms of reference of the Bureau. The proposal was discussed and finalized at the 77th Bureau Meeting. Changes proposed in new ToR clarify composition of the Bureau; elaborate on its general mandate including an enhanced definition of its role; and, consolidate many of the non-written practices related to agenda setting and proceedings, organization of meetings, organizations and tenure. The ToR is annexed to Draft Decision IG.21/13.

Financial Rules and Procedures of the Barcelona Convention

17. Operational Paragraph 31 of Decision IG 20/14 on Programme of Work and Budget for the 2012-2013 biennium "requests the Coordinating Unit in consultation with UNEP and UNON to develop for consideration by COP 18, financial rules for the Barcelona Convention as foreseen in Article 24.2". Following this request, a preliminary version of the draft Financial Rules was discussed during the 75th Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties in July 2012 and a more advanced version during its 76th Meeting in February 2013. Based on the comments provided during the 76th Bureau Meeting, and the Secretariat consultations with UNEP Office for Operations (OfO), UNEP/DEPI and UNON, a more advanced draft was presented to the Bureau by the Director of OfO, which subject to additional amendments recommended submission to COP18. Following recommendations by MAP Focal Points during their meeting in September 2013, the Barcelona Convention Financial Regulations, Rules and Procedures is annexed to the Draft Decision IG.21/15.

Functional Review

a) Functional Review of Coordinating Unit and MED POL

18. Decision IG.20/14 on MAP Programme of Work and Budget for the 2012-2013 biennium (Annex III, UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG 20/8) adopted during the 17th meeting of the COP of the Barcelona Convention: "Approves and endorses the technical results of the functional review, and asks the Coordinating Unit to implement its results and in the process smoothen its implications". Based on this decision the recommendations of the Functional Review on the structure of UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit and MEDPOL have been implemented as of July 2012, resulting in EUR 180,000 savings per year.

b) Extended Functional Review

19. Following the commitment in the Paris Declaration (2012) to "pursuing governance reforms taking into account in particular the results of the functional review and drawn up in close cooperation with the Contracting Parties" the Secretariat after consultation with the 75th Bureau launched an independent "Extended Functional Review" based on the TOR agreed at COP 17 and through a participatory process, which was tendered by UNEP/Evaluation Unit in accordance with UN procurement procedures. The Bureau also endorsed the TOR proposed by the Secretariat for a Contact Group to support implementation of the Functional Review and agreed on its members: Mr.

David Johnson (Then Executive Secretary to the OSPAR Commission based in London and Emeritus Professor of Coastal Management at Southampton Solent University) and Mr. Segbedzi Norgbey, Chief of Evaluation Office as the representative of UNEP Evaluation Unit.

20. The selected consultancy Company, Dalberg Global Development Advisors conducted visits to the Coordinating Unit and all RACs and sought views of Parties and Partners through a questionnaire. A draft Functional Review report was presented to the 76th Bureau meeting. The contact Group stated that: the review was consistent with international best practice; the methodology used and the description of the issues to be addressed appropriate; the logic behind it robust; and, its recommendations could enhance the coordination and cohesion of MAP. The Bureau made recommendations based on which a revised draft report was prepared and circulated to MAP Focal Points for written comments (provided by 4 countries) and discussion at their April 2013 Meeting. The meeting of the MAP Focal Points discussed the Extended Functional Review and pointed to the need of practical measures to ensure a more efficient system such as greater flexibility in strategic planning; improving alignment between funding allocations and strategy; strengthening delivery capacity as well as enhancing coordination and cooperation throughout the system. While providing a useful exchange on Parties perspectives, discussions were inconclusive and the Secretariat was requested to 4 additional countries provided written comments. At the Focal Point's request the Secretariat prepared 4 options of a Programme of Work and Budget for consideration to MAP Focal Points Meeting in September 2013 (UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG.387/20), which agreed to reduce the options to two. At the request of the Bureau and further to the advice received during the September Meeting of Focal Points, a note on the structure of the Secretariat was prepared. They are part of Draft Decision IG.21/7.

d) Relations with IMO regarding REMPEC

21. Dialogue between IMO, UNEP, the Government of Malta and the Contracting Parties regarding the REMPEC Center has taken place. The IMO asked to participate at the meeting of the 75th Bureau of the Contracting Parties in July 2012 and organized an informal meeting in September 2012 with IMO Mediterranean States on the issue. The Secretariat has explored possible solutions with IMO as well as with the Maltese authorities during visits to Malta in 2012 and 2013 and at a tripartite informal consultations meeting between the Government of Malta, IMO have taken place in two occasions with a view to make proposals that secure the future sustainability of the Center based on the results of the Extended Functional Review. Three proposals were developed and presented in the Joint UNEP-IMO Information Document Inf.18.

e) Note on Staff Contracts

22. As per operational paragraph 7 of the 17th CoP decision on Governance (IG.20/13), the Coordinating Unit was urged "to develop a common policy for all MAP components, to be submitted to the COP, on the costs of administration and staff". The Secretariat engaged in consultations with UNEP Central Services following to which a clarification of types of personnel engaged by the Barcelona Convention / MAP system was provided. The analysis made by the Secretariat and its implications was presented in the Specific Issues Report of the 77th Meeting of the Bureau (UNEP/BUR/77/4) and has resulted in changes in the structure of the budget.

f) The Host Country Agreements

23. Annex I to Decision IG. 20/13 includes a model agreement approved by UNEP Legal Unit and the UN Office of Legal Affairs which proposes Regional Activity Centers to be national centers with a regional vocation. COP 17 also approved the following four minimum common requirements as proposed by the 70th Bureau meeting held in 2010 (Morocco): host country and MAP Coordinating Unit engagement in the Center's governance including participation in its Steering Committee or similar governance arrangements; functional operational autonomy to implement MAP's Programme of Work; selection and appointment procedures for RAC Directors ensuring their highest professionalism and competence through a Committee in which a representative of the Coordinating Unit participates; and, management of funds to be done in accordance with the highest criteria and periodic submission of reports by an independent and reputable audit firm.
24. Dialogue and exchange have taken place between the Secretariat and the countries hosting the RACs with a view to progress in finalizing the host country agreements as requested by Decision IG. 20/13. Negotiations are on-going.

iii. Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach

25. Operational Paragraph 6 of decision IG.20/4, "Implementing MAP ecosystem approach roadmap: Mediterranean Ecological and Operational Objectives (EOs), Indicators and Timetable for implementing the ecosystem approach roadmap" adopted by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention at its 17th meeting in Paris, decided to establish an EcAp Coordination Group (EcAp CG) consisting of MAP focal points, the Coordinating Unit, the MAP components and MAP partners to oversee the implementation of the ecosystem approach, identifying progress and gaps in the implementation of the road map and finding feasible solutions for the advancement of the EcAp agenda.
26. The first two meetings of the EcAp CG were held on 29-30 May 2012 and on 24 April 2013, in Athens, Greece. The first meeting provided guidance to the Secretariat on the Barcelona Convention/MAP governance mechanism to oversee and implement the EcAp process, as well as recommendations for the process of determination of Good Environment Status (GES) and Targets. The second meeting discussed progress on the work carried out since the first EcAp CG meeting. It provided its views and recommendations to the Secretariat on the first draft list of GES descriptions and targets developed in three meetings of Correspondence Group – GES and Targets Clusters; and, on the activities to be undertaken to achieve expected outcomes in Decision IG.20/4 and, decided on the revised timeline on the priorities for the future. The third EcAp CG Meeting (9 September 2013) discussed the Decision on EcAp to be presented to COP18 as well as the cooperation between the EU and the Parties to the Barcelona Convention in the implementation of Barcelona Convention/MAP EcAp and EU MSFD.
27. Good Environmental Status and Targets - The Correspondence Group on GES and Targets (COR-GEST) is composed of national experts designated by the Contracting Parties, and coordinated by the Secretariat in cooperation with relevant MAP components. It works to ensure efficient coverage and in-depth discussions and analysis of all EOs and is made up of 3 clusters: 1) Pollution and litter related EOs (EOs 5, 9, 10 and 11); 2) Biodiversity and Fisheries related EOs (EOs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6); and 3) Coast and Hydrography related EOs (EOs 7 and 8). A Regional Thematic

Expert was assigned to each cluster to ensure coordination and provide technical assistance.

The first round of meetings of these three clusters was as follows:

- The COR-GEST Pollution and Litter Cluster, met in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina on 29-30 October 2012;
- The COR-GEST Biodiversity and Fisheries Cluster (organized in close cooperation with GFCM) met in Rome, Italy on 7-8 February 2013; and,
- The COR-GEST Coast and Hydrography Cluster met in Ankara, Turkey on 12-13 March 2013.

28. Additionally, two discussions took place back to back to the meetings of Focal Points to MED POL and SPA/RAC, and an online consultation with Coast and Hydrography cluster participants and a UNEP/MAP EcAp Task Force meeting on integration in Athens (July 2013). The outcome of this process is submitted to the endorsement of MAP Focal Points.
29. The first set of GES and targets were developed and following the review and consideration of the EcAp CG and MAP Focal Points, provided in a Draft Decision IG.21/3 for the adoption of Contracting Parties in COP18.
30. Integrated Monitoring Programme & Integrated Assessment Policy – As adopted in Decision IG.20/4 two important steps of the EcAp implementation have been the establishment of the integrated policy on assessments for UNEP/MAP, as well as a regional integrated monitoring system. The initial work towards achieving these steps was carried out and the overarching principles of UNEP/MAP Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme were identified and submitted to MAP Focal Points' endorsement. An outline of the EcAp process and timeline was also developed which aims to achieve an Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme by COP19 in 2015 and a Quality Status Report (QSR) covering all agreed Ecological Objectives by the third EcAp Cycle in 2023. The QSR will be developed in close consultation with the Contracting Parties and the scientific community, using the existing governance structure.
31. The Correspondence Group on Economic and Social Analysis (COR ESA) met in Sophia Antipolis on 11-12 April 2013, and reviewed the proposal of the Plan Bleu regarding the Economic and Social Assessment in the Mediterranean Region. The meeting agreed on the priority to mainstream socioeconomic issues into work on GES and targets, monitoring and development/revision of measures. The meeting recommended "Marine Water Accounts Approach" to assess human uses of the marine ecosystem and socioeconomic benefits of it. It was agreed that the cost of degradation studies should consider cost of remediation and the pressures on habitats for endangered species. The Analysis will be ready in December 2013.
32. A 3-year project supported by EU was developed and approved by EU and started in June 2012 which was the major financial resource for carrying out core EcAp related activities in UNEP/MAP's Programme of Work. In particular, it mobilizes the capacity of the Coordinating Unit, the MAP components and that of its partners to achieve the mandates received in Decision IG.20/4 on "Implementing MAP Ecosystem Approach Roadmap".

iv. **Regional Plans and Strategies**

33. Mediterranean Strategy on Sustainable Development (MSSD)- The 14th Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) meeting requested to develop a more detailed programme of work around the implementation of the MSSD including related activities such as the adaptation to climate change framework, SCP, ICZM and other actions related to the MSSD. Based on the roadmap and proposals prepared by the Plan Bleu/RAC, the issue was discussed by the 15th Meeting of the MCSD. Members recommended that the MSSD be revised taking into consideration Rio+20 outcomes, while building on past experiences and practices. They also agreed that the new MSSD be both more action oriented and include a better monitoring and review system.
34. SAP/MED and NAPs - Progress was made in the SAP/MED and NAPs assessment during the biennium. The overall assessment of the policy, legal and capacity building components was carried out by MED POL, while EIB and UfM are evaluating the investment portfolio within the framework of H2020. The whole process is coordinated by UNEP/MAP (MED POL). This exercise is implemented in the framework of the Land Based Sources Protocol. It is a complex process involving all Contracting Parties and close coordination with the UfM Secretariat and the H2020 initiative are needed so as to enhance existing and potential synergies and cooperation. The NAPs will be updated in order to take into account the 2025 SAP targets, the seven regional Plans adopted in the framework of Article 15 of the LBS protocol as well as the adopted GES and targets under EcAp for EO 5, 9 and 10. The state of play of NAP implementation carried out during this biennium will be the basis to build the NAP update. The preliminary results were shared with MED POL FP meeting in July 2013 in Barcelona.
35. SAP BIO evaluation was finalized and new strategic orientations submitted to SPA/RAC Focal Points Meeting in July 2013. It is proposed that the SAP BIO be oriented during the period 2013-2020 towards achieving the five Strategic Goals of the Aichi Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 adopted within the framework of the CBD; the Mediterranean Ecological Objectives, the EcAp Roadmap and the work done at Mediterranean level for the identification of the Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs). At the request of MAP Focal Points at their September meeting, the SAPBIO should be completed by COP 18 in full alignment with the EcAp.
36. Marine Litter - The preparation of the regional plan in the framework of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol as decided by COP17 in Paris, 2012 was carried out. In the spirit of Decision IG 20/9 of COP 17, Paris, France, 2012, the process for preparing the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management was participatory and several regional and global partners were invited to provide active feedback and contribution such as UNEP/GPA, OSPAR, ACCOBAMS, EC, GFCM, MSFD sub group on marine litter, and the concerned UNEP/MAP components. A consultation meeting was held at UNEP/MAP Secretariat premises in Athens on 26 March 2013 to discuss the first draft. The draft Regional Plan was reviewed by an Expert Group, nominated by the Contracting Parties, on 17-18 May 2013, Barcelona, Spain and endorsed by the MEDPOL FP meeting in June 2013. The Regional Plan is attached to Draft Decision 21/7.
37. Offshore Protocol - The Secretariat and REMPEC have launched the process of preparing an Action Plan to support the implementation of the Offshore Protocol. The 1st Offshore Protocol Working Group Meeting was organized in Valletta (Malta) on 13-14 June 2013. The participants encouraged the involvement of the OSPAR Commission, the European Offshore Oil and Gas Authorities Group and other fora

with a view to harmonize the Mediterranean approach with internationally recognized best practices, and the creation of synergies with other related MAP Programmes and approaches and other Contracting Parties' Decisions. They further recognized the added value of representatives from the oil and gas industry for their technical input and underlined the need to involve them in future activities. The Meeting emphasized the need to gather relevant and detailed legal and technical information on the current situation. In this regards, the Countries have been requested to send this information to REMPEC by 15 September 2013. The draft report prepared by the Company selected to assist REMPEC and the Secretariat to draft the Action Plan will be discussed in Athens (Greece) in December 2013.

v. Global and Regional Processes and Events

38. CBD - Based on Operational Paragraph 8 of decision IG.20/7 on Conservation of Sites of Particular Ecological Interest in the Mediterranean, adopted by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention at its 17th meeting in Paris, the Secretariat transmitted the work carried out regarding "Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas" (EBSAs) to CBD Secretariat. UNEP/MAP presented the work regarding EBSAs at the 16th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 16) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) held in April 2012. The SBSTTA recommendation on EBSAs included a preamble paragraph relating to the Mediterranean work and the description of the areas that could meet EBSAs criteria in the Mediterranean region was included in the summary report. Decision 17 of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP XI, India October 2012) noted decision IG.20/7 of the Barcelona Convention COP 17(Paris, February 2012) regarding the conservation of sites of particular interest in the Mediterranean. On 19 March and following the decision's request, the Executive Secretary of CBD submitted the summary reports with the descriptions of areas that meet the EBSAs criteria in the repository to the General Assembly, Parties, Governments and all other relevant International Organizations. UNEP/MAP Secretariat consulted with the CBD Secretariat and interested Parties on the particular need for a regional workshop in the Mediterranean region to finalize the description of EBSAs as also noted in the CBD decision. Due to the lack of resources, the workshop is planned for 7-11 April 2014 in Malaga (Spain).
39. World Oceans Assessment – Regarding The United Nations process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects, both current and foreseeable, building on existing regional assessments, as agreed at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg (2002), UNEP/MAP disseminated information to Parties to Barcelona Convention and actively participated in the first workshop on the World Oceans Assessment (previously known as UN Regular Process) aiming to inform the first cycle of the Regular Process for European Seas and the Atlantic, which was organized by Belgium in June 2012. Discussions have taken place for a Capacity Building workshop regarding the Assessment in the Mediterranean to ensure broader presence of the countries that are Parties to Barcelona Convention. At the global level, the Assessment's table of content was agreed and recognition that delays may further the release of the report to one year later (2015).
40. UNEP "Regional Sea Strategic Directions for 2013-2016" were developed and adopted at the annual meeting of Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans, to which UNEP/MAP- Barcelona Convention Executive Secretary participated (October 2013). The Strategic Directions acknowledged the role of the 18 Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans (RSCAP) in assessing the state of the marine

environment; addressing key developments that interact with the marine environment; and, agreeing on appropriate responses in terms of strategies, policies, management tools and protocols. The strategic directions are meant to increase the effectiveness and outreach of RSCAP during the period of 2013-2016, through increasing country ownership, promoting the incorporation of the Convention and/or Action Plan and their protocols into national legislation, promoting compliance and enforcement mechanisms, involving civil society and the private sector, building capacities, strengthening coordination and partnerships to improve global knowledge, funding and implementation, developing assessment and monitoring procedures, as well as supporting the provision of tools to decouple economic growth from environmental pressures.

41. Rio+20 - During the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (RIO+20), a side event on “Challenges and Opportunities for a Mediterranean Green Growth” was co-organized by Mediterranean organizations including UNEP/MAP, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Secretariat, the Commission of the European Union (DG Environment), Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED), Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med), MIO-ECSDE and Fondation Prince Albert II de Monaco.
42. The Malta Declaration concluding the second meeting of heads of state and government of the ten countries bordering the Western Mediterranean Basin held on 5th October 2012 renewed the group’s commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals and to prepare the post-2015 agenda in the framework of the Barcelona Convention.

vi. The State of the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Environment Report

43. The State of the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Environment Report was finalized and published. It is based on the First Integrated Assessment of the Mediterranean Ecosystem endorsed at COP17 (Paris 2012) and provides information on the overall nature of the Mediterranean Ecosystem, defines recurrent and new pressures, presents regional regulatory responses and identifies knowledge gaps as well as next steps. The Report can be accessed at www.unepmap.org.
44. The official regional launching took place in Ankara, Turkey on 16 January 2013, in cooperation with UNDP Turkey under the auspices of the T.R. Ministry of Environment and Urbanization. The meeting was attended by representatives of relevant Ministries’ experts from Turkish Government, MAP partner NGOs, UN organizations and media.
45. A second launching was made on the World Environment Day (5th June 2013) in Athens in cooperation with Hellenic Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, followed by a presentation to the Committee on Water Resources at the Greek Parliament.
46. The Report (in English and French) has been sent to all Ministers of Environment in the Region. The Arabic version will be disseminated at the COP.

vii. Cooperation and partnerships

47. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) was signed on 14th May 2012 at the opening of the 36th session of the GFCM in Marrakech, Morocco. The MoU aims to facilitate

collaboration between UNEP/MAP and GFCM to further shared goals and objectives regarding the conservation of marine ecosystems and the sustainable use of marine living resources in their respective fields of competence. Two operational meetings took place in July 2012 and February 2013. The following implementation priorities have been identified: the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp); synergies in criteria for establishing protected areas under both regimes, ie. Fisheries Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs) and species protection related issues; and fishing for litter. UNEP/MAP and GFCM jointly organized the meeting of the Correspondence Group Cluster on Biodiversity and Fisheries in FAO Headquarters (February 2013), collaborated on the elaboration of the synthesis document for the meeting, and identified a case study for the application of EcAp, and MSFD. The third operational meeting between the Secretariat and the GFCM will be held in December 2013.

48. Following Decision IG.20/13 requesting the Secretariat to collaborate with the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), and after consultations with MAP Components, initial discussion was held between UNEP/MAP and UfM, led by the UNEP/MAP Coordinator and the Deputy Secretary General of the UfM for Environment and Water. The results of these discussions were shared with the 75th Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention held in Paris (France) in July 2012 and reflected in a revised version of the MoU which was shared with the Bureau members in November 2012. The Secretariat has continued consultations with the broader UfM Secretariat including the Energy, Transport and Urban Development as well as the Environment and Water Divisions. Their suggestions were further discussed with MAP Components and captured in a draft which was subject of a final coordination meeting between the Secretary General of the UfM and the Deputy Secretary General for Environment and Water and the UEP/MAP Coordinator in May 2013. Substantively, the main difference with the previous version lays in enlarging the scope of the MoU to include all MAP activities and clarify the areas of cooperation in a more precise manner. The draft MoU was discussed with the Bureau and endorsed by the MAP Focal Points. It will be signed at COP18. (Annex I of Draft Decision IG.21/14)
49. Following Decision IG.20/13 requesting the Secretariat to also prepare formal collaboration with IUCN and further to consultations with Regional Activity Centers (RACs), efforts have been made to bring the relations to a more strategic level. As discussed during a bi-lateral working session between UNEP/MAP and IUCN, this would be best achieved by putting at the service of the Barcelona Convention the IUCN global and regional networks in the selected areas of cooperation with a view to strengthen the scientific and policy basis of relevant work under the Convention. The format of the cooperation is proposed to be a concrete programme of work in the context of the existing overall MoU between IUCN and UNEP. The cooperation agreement will be signed during COP18. (Annex II of Draft Decision IG.21/14)
50. The annual EU Commission and UNEP/MAP Coordination Meetings took place on 29 March 2012 and 10 July 2013. Policy discussions focused around EU-UNEP process for environmental projects, environmental policy, governance of UNEP/MAP system, Ecosystem Approach and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD). With a view to continue ensuring synergies between the application of the Ecosystem Approach in the Mediterranean and MSFD, relevant UNEP/MAP staff participated in the discussions at the EU implementation structure levels, including the participation by the Executive Secretary and Coordinator to Marine Directors Meeting in May 2013.
51. The UNEP/MAP/MED POL cooperated closely with UfM Secretariat and EIB with regard to the evaluation of NAP/SAP investment portfolio and H2020 projects. It contributed to the three working/steering groups (capacity building, information and investments) in order to align H2020 efforts and enhance synergies as appropriate to

support the implementation of SAP/NAPs and achievement of their targets. In the context of the capacity building component, MED POL has contributed to the preparation of the new programme of work 2014-2018 ensuring the Barcelona Convention/MAP priorities and country needs were fully taken into account. The activities include, inter-alia, organization of an ad hoc regional training course in the field of industrial pollution monitoring; mid-term evaluation of H2020 CB/MEP (2009-2014), and, H2020 monitoring and assessment through the identification and population of 6 indicators. EEA and MED POL also continue cooperation to prepare the first assessment report of H2020 progress as called by the roadmap of the Cairo Declaration.

52. With regard to ballast water management, the on-going cooperation sustained with HELCOM and OSPAR on the finalization of a Notice to Shipping on the “General Guidance on the Voluntary Interim Application of the D1 Ballast Water Exchange Standard by vessels operating between the Mediterranean Sea and the North-East Atlantic and/or the Baltic Sea” which was communicated to IMO for circulation to IMO Member States.
53. In the field of preparedness for and response to marine pollution, as in recent years, REMPEC continued to cooperate with the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) which co-financed with IMO the organization of a National Workshop on Oil Spill Waste Management and the Sub-regional Workshop on Claims Management for Arab Speaking Countries and the Technical Session on Assistance support cost and reimbursement.
54. At the end of June 2013, REMPEC and Blue Plan convened a meeting on the establishment of a network of law enforcement officials relating to MARPOL in the Mediterranean Sea (MENELAS). The meeting, which was held in Spain and organised with the financial support of the Government of France, was also financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) “Regional Governance and Knowledge Generation Project” (ReGoKo Project) being implemented by Blue Plan. Operational and judicial officials from 14 countries and territories in the Mediterranean responsible for investigating and sanctioning marine pollution offences participated in the meeting aimed at facilitating the exchange of information and experience amongst these officials. The meeting discussed and endorsed the terms of reference of the proposed network and recommended the establishment of the network and the adoption of its terms of reference to the Contracting Parties.

55. UNEP/MAP GEF MedPartnership Project

- The external evaluation of the project was conducted from October to December 2012 and the Project was evaluated as moderately successful. The joint execution continued through MAP components (MED POL, CP/RAC, PAP/RAC and SPA/RAC), UNESCO-IHP, FAO/GFCM, UNIDO, and WWF-MedPO, GWP-MED, MIO-ECSDE. A joint integrated methodology for coastal zone and water (including groundwater and aquifer) management has been developed by UNESCO-IHP, GWP-Med and PAP/RAC, and applied in two areas, the Buna/Bojana (Albania/Montenegro) and the Reghaia (Algeria) coastal zones. In addition, the replication strategy has been expanded to join with EC projects, the Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean (SWIM) and Horizon 2020 in order to adopt one approach to the promotion of best practices, as well as combining resources and expertise to be more strategic and cost effective. The first replication activities were conducted within the MedPartnership in support of the Mediterranean Marine Protected Area (MPA) Forum, held in Antalya in November 2012, on enhancing management and the creation of new MPA's.

- In January 2012, the GEF CEO approved a parallel project “Integration of Climate Variability and Change into National Strategies to implement the ICZM Protocol (Climate Variability project). It provides a unique opportunity to integrate climate variability aspects into the ongoing work of the MedPartnership. The assessments, tools, revised ICZM plans and ultimately a Climate Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean will be finalized for consideration by the 2015 meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.
56. UNEP/MAP participated actively in the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative Workshop, where the Government of Croatia and the European Commission jointly launched the Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Seas, on 6th December 2012 at a conference in Zagreb. The new strategy is part of the overall Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP) of the EU, which already includes maritime strategies for the Baltic and the Atlantic Seas. During the parallel working groups meetings, information on the Ecosystem Approach implementation in the Mediterranean was shared with the participants. In parallel, dialogue continued with the World Bank on an Adriatic GEF Project, under which UNEP/MAP will support developing EcAp targets in the sub-region.
57. As part of the ENRTP Cooperation between UNEP and EU, two projects - “Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) in the Mediterranean (EcAp-MED)” and the “SWITCH MED” with the aim to facilitate the shift towards sustainable consumption and production patterns and the green economy in the Mediterranean were approved in April 2012 and started as of June 2012. Additional funding from EU was secured to extend the EcAp-MED project with a Marine Litter component.
58. In the field of prevention of pollution from ships, REMPEC cooperated with the European Commission (EC) and with the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) as well as with IMO in the implementation of the SafeMed II Project.
59. NGO/Civil Society (POSOW Project), private sector (MOIG joint activities) and academic/research institutions (MEDESS-4MS Project) involvement in REMPEC activities were secured.
60. MAP Partners - The operational paragraph 4 of Governance Decision IG.20/3 “requests the Secretariat to complete the review of the current list of MAP partners on the basis of the criteria established in Decision 19/6 on “MAP/Civil society cooperation and partnership” and submit the list for consideration and approval by the Bureau of the Contracting Parties during next biennium and submit it for endorsement by the meeting of the Contracting Parties”. On 19 March 2012, the Secretariat asked the MAP Partners appearing on the list in document UNEP(DEPI) MED IG 20/11 (Directory of MAP Partners) to complete as soon as possible the application form responding to criteria in Annex II for the status of MAP observer/partner. The Secretariat has carried out a detailed assessment of the 29 responses received out of 84 in the list. Based on the lists of criteria for accreditation, as defined in Annex II to Decision GI. 19/6, the Secretariat considered that all 29 organizations comply with the above criteria for accreditation. The Secretariat has also received and assessed three new applications for accreditation from organizations working in the field of protection of the environment in coastal areas of the Mediterranean, which also comply with the criteria for accreditation.

viii. Financial, Personnel and Administrative Matters

61. Thanks to a rigorous and conservative approach in fund management and spending adopted by the Secretariat and supported by the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, and a higher contribution rate by Parties for 2012, the MTF regained its healthy

position within the year. The final UNEP account has shown a positive USD 1.2 million MTF fund balance as of December 2012 recovering from the deficit of US\$ 1.7 million in 2011. While full deficit recovery seems achievable by 2014, one year earlier than the target of 2015 set by the Secretariat and agreed by Contracting Parties at COP17 (Paris, 2012), delays on payment of contributions and remaining arrears and the prevailing difficult regional situation may hinder the prospect of restoring the financial situation as expected.

62. The contribution rate in 2012 reached 99.7%, the highest level in recent years. Arrears have also been significantly reduced. However, in spite of the Secretariat efforts, the collection rate remains at 64% as of 31 October 2013, which seems again to be lagging behind and is a matter of concern.

Financial Matters

63. The status of the Mediterranean Trust Fund as at 31 October 2013 stood as follows:

- Total pledges of ordinary contributions for 2013: EUR 5,540,569
- Total collections during 2013: EUR 3,540,483
- Total unpaid contributions as of 31/10/2013 are EUR 2,676,937

64. Additional contributions have been received from the EU (EUR 598,569 being the voluntary contribution for 2013) and the Host Country (USD 400,000).

ix. Programme of Work and Budget 2014-2015 Main directions and context

65. Substantive priorities outlined below take into consideration the evolving international context, the assessment of progress during the 2012-2013 biennium, the gaps to complete the current 5 Year Programme of Work and the emerging issues to consider. They are structured around the themes agreed at the Strategic Programme of Work and Budget:

- Under the Governance theme (I), priorities focuses on: developing an Integrated Programme of Measures of the Barcelona Convention building on i) existing Action Plans and relevant Strategies and on a gap-analysis of these, in line with EcAp Ecological Objectives, indicators and targets; ii) developing an Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme and testing EcAp as required for completing the Implementation of the Ecosystems Approach cycle as agreed by the Contracting Parties; iii) revising the MSSD in light of Rio+20 and the SDG; iv) strengthening Compliance of the Convention and Protocols; v) Implement the Functional Review reforms agreed by the parties; vi) carrying out an external evaluation of the current 6 Year Programme of Work and developing a new Medium-Term one (2016-2021); vii) deepen vertical and horizontal partnerships, particularly by operationalizing signed agreements; and, viii) strengthen visibility on the State of the Mediterranean Environment through an enhanced information system, communication and outreach.
- Under the ICZM theme (II): scaling up implementation of the ICZM Action Plan in particular by: further supporting development of national ICZM strategies; producing ICZM guidelines; carrying out an ex-post evaluation of the CAMPs and including findings in the new generation of CAMPs; launching development of

Marine Strategy Planning (MSP) tools to complement implementation of ICZM in the marine part of coastal areas; building capacity to address inadequate port reception facilities; and, supporting application of Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) and carrying capacities methodologies.

- Under the Biodiversity theme (III): enhancing follow up of the status of endangered species and strengthening legal protection; strengthening connectivity among marine and coastal protected areas and raising the profile of the SPAMI label through networking among SPAMIs, strengthening the scientific evaluation process as well as communication and information; operationalizing the GFCM agreement; regional monitoring and awareness raising regarding ballast water and invasive species; and, moving into more catalytic action regarding capacity building.
- Under the Pollution Control and Prevention theme (IV): implementing the marine litter regional action plan and waste management in cooperation with H2020; scaling up cooperation and assistance to implement the revised NAPs; further building national and sub-regional capacities to respond to a spill and to enforce the contingency plans; assistance in implementing the dumping Protocol in anticipation of its entry into force; and, technical assistance to implement the Offshore Protocol Action Plan. With regards to pollution monitoring, tracking trends in pollution input and levels to be enhanced, the Pollutant Release and Transfer Mechanism (PRTR) to be extended to as many countries possible and the pollutant national budget reporting process to be completed.
- Under the SCP theme (V): moving from awareness-raising to influencing policy reforms on sectors which particularly impact the marine and coastal environment and demonstrating the concrete change value of SCP to those policies through pilot interventions; development of a regional SCP Action Plan to support this approach; support changes by addressing consumer and producer behavior and the enabling environment for green entrepreneurship; and strengthening engagement and outreach to the private sector and other new actors.
- Under the Climate Change theme (VI), priority will to be given to: finalize the climate change adaptation strategy; carry out analyses of climate change impacts on the marine and coastal environment; implement ICZM based adaptation measures; and, continue the work on reducing adverse effects of climate change in marine and costal environment with a particular emphasis on desalination, waste water re-use and carbon capture and sequestration (CSS).

ANNEX I

Status of signatures and ratifications of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols as of 1 November 2013

Signatures and Ratifications of the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols as at 15 June 2013.

Contracting Parties	1976 Barcelona Convention 1/				1976 Dumping Protocol 2/			1976 Emergency Protocol 3/		
	Signature	Ratification	Acceptance of 1995 Amendments	Entered into force	Signature	Ratification	Acceptance of 1995 Amendments	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force
Albania		30.05.90/AC	26.07.01	09.07.04	-	30.05.90/AC	26.07.01	-	30.05.90/AC	29.06.90
Algeria		16.02.81/AC	09.06.04	09.07.04	-	16.03.81/AC	-	-	16.03.81/AC	15.04.81
Bosnia and Herzegovina		22.10.94(SUC)	-	-	-	22.10.94/SUC	-	-	22.10.94/SUC	01.03.92
Croatia		12.06.92(SUC)	03.05.99	09.07.04	-	12.06.92/SUC	03.05.99	-	12.06.92/SUC	08.10.91
Cyprus	16.02.76	19.11.79	18.07.03	09.07.04	16.02.76	19.11.79	18.07.03	16.02.76	19.11.79	19.12.79
European Union	13.09.76	16.03.78/AP	12.11.99	09.07.04	13.09.76	16.03.78/AP	12.11.99	13.09.76	12.08.81/AP	11.09.81
Egypt	16.02.76	24.08.78/AP	11.02.00	09.07.04	16.02.76	24.08.78/AP	11.02.00	16.02.76	24.08.78/AC	23.09.78
France	16.02.76	11.03.78/AP	29.03.01	09.07.04	16.02.76	11.03.78/AP	29.03.01	16.02.76	11.03.78/AP	10.04.78
Greece	16.02.76	03.01.79	10.03.03	09.07.04	11.02.77	03.01.79	-	16.02.76	03.01.79	02.02.79
Israel	16.02.76	03.03.78	29.09.05	29.10.05	16.02.76	01.03.84	-	16.02.76	03.03.78	02.04.78
Italy	16.02.76	03.02.79	07.09.99	09.07.04	16.02.76	03.02.79	07.09.99	16.02.76	03.02.79	05.03.79
Lebanon	-	08.11.77/AC	*	*	-	08.11.77/AC	-	-	08.11.77/AC	12.02.78
Libya	31.01.77	31.01.79	12.01.09	11.02.09	31.01.77	31.01.79	-	31.01.77	31.01.79	02.03.79
Malta	16.02.76	30.12.77	28.10.99	09.07.04	16.02.76	30.12.77	28.10.99	16.02.76	30.12.77	12.02.78
Monaco	16.02.76	20.09.77	11.04.97	09.07.04	16.02.76	20.09.77	11.04.97	16.02.76	20.09.77	12.02.78
Montenegro	-	19.11.07	19.11.07	19.12.07	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morocco	16.02.76	15.01.80	07.12.04	06.01.05	16.02.76	15.01.80	05.12.97	16.02.76	15.01.80	15.02.80
Slovenia	-	16.09.93/AC	08.01.03	09.07.04	-	16.09.93/AC	08.01.03	-	16.09.93/AC	15.03.94
Spain	16.02.76	17.12.76	17.02.99	09.07.04	16.02.76	17.12.76	17.02.99	16.02.76	17.12.76	12.02.78
Syria	-	26.12.78/AC	10.10.03	09.07.04	-	26.12.78/AC	11.04.08	-	26.12.78/AC	25.01.79
Tunisia	25.05.76	30.07.77	01.06.98	09.07.04	25.05.76	30.07.77	01.06.98	25.05.76	30.07.77	12.02.78
Turkey	16.02.76	06.04.81	18.09.02	09.07.04	16.02.76	06.04.81	18.09.02	16.02.76	06.04.81	06.05.81

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* pending notification from Depository country

Contracting Parties	2002 Emergency Protocol 4/			1980 Land-Based Sources Protocol 5/				1982 Specially Protected Areas Protocol 6/		
	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force	Signature	Ratification	Acceptance of 1996 Amendments	Entered into force	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force
Albania	-	-	-	-	30.05.90/AC	26.07.01	11.05.08	-	30.05.90/AC	29.06.90
Algeria	25.01.02	-	-	-	02.05.83/AC	-	-	-	16.05.85/AC	23.03.86
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	-	-	22.10.94/SUC	-	-	-	22.10.94/SUC	01.03.92
Croatia	25.01.02	01.10.03	17.03.04	-	12.06.92/SUC	11.10.06	11.05.08	-	12.06.92/SUC	08.10.91
Cyprus	25.01.02	19.12.07	18.01.08	17.05.80	28.06.88	18.07.03	11.05.08	-	28.06.88/AC	28.07.88
European Union	25.01.02	26.05.04	25.06.04	17.05.80	07.10.83/AP	12.11.99	11.05.08	30.03.83	30.06.84/AP	23.03.86
Egypt	-	-	-	-	18.05.83/AC	-	-	16.02.83	08.07.83	23.03.86
France	25.01.02	02.07.03	17.03.04	17.05.80	13.07.82/AP	29.03.01(AP)	11.05.08	03.04.82	02.09.86/AP	02.10.86
Greece	25.01.02	27.11.06	27.12.06	17.05.80	26.01.87	10.03.03	11.05.08	03.04.82	26.01.87	25.02.87
Israel	22.01.03	-	-	17.05.80	21.02.91	19.06.09	19.07.09	03.04.82	28.10.87	27.11.87
Italy	25.01.02	-	-	17.05.80	04.07.85	07.09.99	11.05.08	03.04.82	04.07.85	23.03.86
Lebanon	-	-	-	17.05.80	27.12.94	-	-	-	27.12.94/AC	26.01.95
Libya	25.01.02	-	-	17.05.80	06.06.89/AP	-	-	-	06.06.89/AC	06.07.89
Malta	25.01.02	18.02.03	17.03.04	17.05.80	02.03.89	28.10.99	11.05.08	03.04.82	11.01.88	10.02.88
Monaco	25.01.02	03.04.02	17.03.04	17.05.80	12.01.83	26.11.96	11.05.08	03.04.82	29.05.89	28.06.89
Montenegro	-	19.11.07	19.12.07	-	19.11.07(AC)	19.11.07	11.05.08	-	-	-
Morocco	25.01.02	26.04.11	26.05.11	17.05.80	09.02.87	02.10.96	11.05.08	02.04.83	22.06.90	22.07.90
Slovenia	25.01.02	16.02.04	17.03.04	-	16.09.93/AC	08.01.03	11.05.08	-	16.09.93/AC	15.03.94
Spain	25.01.02	10.07.07	09.08.07	17.05.80	06.06.84	17.02.99	11.05.08	03.04.82	22.12.87	21.01.88
Syria	25.01.02	11.04.08	11.05.08	-	01.12.93/AC	11.04.08	11.05.08	-	11.09.92/AC	11.10.92
Tunisia	25.01.02	-	-	17.05.80	29.10.81	01.06.98	11.05.08	03.04.82	26.05.83	23.03.86
Turkey	-	03.06.03	17.03.04	-	21.02.83/AC	18.09.02	11.05.08	-	06.11.86/AC	06.12.86

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Contracting Parties	1995 SPA & Biodiversity Protocol* 7/			1994 Offshore Protocol 8/			1996 Hazardous Wastes Protocol 9/		
	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force
Albania	10.06.95	26.07.01	25.08.01	-	26.07.01	24.03.11	-	26.07.01	18.01.08
Algeria	10.06.95	14.03.07	13.04.07	-	-	-	01.10.96	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Croatia	10.06.95	12.04.02	12.05.02	14.10.94	-	-	-	-	-
Cyprus	10.06.95	18.07.03	17.08.03	14.10.94	16.05.06	24.03.11	-	-	-
European Union	10.06.95	12.11.99	12.12.99	17.12.12/AC.	27.02.13	29.03.13	-	-	-
Egypt	10.06.95	11.02.00	12.03.00	-	-	-	01.10.96	-	-
France	10.06.95	16.04.01	16.05.01	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greece	10.06.95	-	-	14.10.94	-	-	01.10.96	-	-
Israel	10.06.95	-	-	14.10.94	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	10.06.95	07.09.99	12.12.99	14.10.94	-	-	01.10.96	-	-
Lebanon	-	22.04.09	22.05.09	-	-	-	-	-	-
Libya	-	-	-	-	16.06.05	24.03.11	01.10.96	-	-
Malta	10.06.95	28.10.99	12.12.99	14.10.94	-	-	01.10.96	28.10.99	18.01.08
Monaco	10.06.95	03.06.97	12.12.99	14.10.94	-	-	01.10.96	-	-
Montenegro	-	19.11.07	19.12.07	-	-	-	-	19.11.07	18.01.08
Morocco	10.06.95	24.04.09	25.05.09	-	01.07.99	24.03.11	20.03.97	01.07.99	18.01.08
Slovenia	-	08.01.03	07.02.03	10.10.95	-	-	-	-	-
Spain	10.06.95	23.12.98	12.12.99	14.10.94	-	-	01.10.96	-	-
Syria	-	10.10.03	09.11.03	20.09.95	22.02.11	24.03.11	-	22.02.11	24.03.11
Tunisia	10.06.95	01.06.98	12.12.99	14.10.94	01.06.98	24.03.11	01.10.96	01.06.98	18.01.08
Turkey	-	18.09.02	18.10.02	-	-	-	01.10.96	03.04.04	18.01.08

* Annex II (List of endangered or threatened species) and Annex III (List of species whose exploitation is regulated) of the SPA & Biodiversity Protocol were adopted in 1996 and amended by Decision IG.19/12 "Amendments of the list of Annexes II and III of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean" of the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties, Marrakesh, Morocco, 2009. The amendments entered into force on 13 February 2011.

Contracting Parties	2008 Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Protocol 10/		
	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force
Albania		04.05.2010/AD	24.03.11
Algeria	21.01.08	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	-
Croatia	21.01.08	29.01.2013/R	28.02.2013
Cyprus	-	-	-
European Union	16.01.2009-	29.09.10/AP	24.03.11
Egypt.	-	-	-
France	21.01.08	29.10.09/AP	24.03.11
Greece	21.01.08	-	-
Israel	21.01.08	-	-
Italy	21.01.08	-	-
Lebanon	-	-	-
Libya	-	-	-
Malta	21.01.08	-	-
Monaco	21.01.08	-	-
Montenegro	21.01.08	09.01.12/R-	08.02.12-
Morocco	21.01.08	21:09:12/R	21.10.12-
Slovenia	21.01.08	01.12.09/R	24.03.11
Spain	21.01.08	22.06.10/R	24.03.11
Syria	21.01.08	22.02.2011	24.03.11
Tunisia	21.01.08	-	-
Turkey	-	-	-

Adhesion= AD

Approval = AP

Ratification = R

STATUS OF ENTRY INTO FORCE

Legal instruments	Place and date of Adoption	Entry into force date	Place and date of adoption of amendment	Entry into force of amendments
Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, <i>amended as</i> Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (Barcelona Convention)	16 February 1976, Barcelona	12 February 1978	—	—
	—	—	10 June 1995, Barcelona	9 July 2004
The Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft (Dumping Protocol), <i>amended as</i> The Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft or Incineration at Sea (Dumping Protocol)	16 February 1976, Barcelona	12 February 1978	—	—
	—	—	10 June 1995, Barcelona	Not yet in force
The Protocol concerning Co-operation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency (Emergency Protocol)	16 February 1976, Barcelona	12 February 1978	—	—
The Protocol concerning Co-operation in Preventing Pollution from Ships and, in Cases of Emergency, Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea (Prevention and Emergency Protocol)*	25 January 2002, Malta	17 March 2004	—	—

* According to paragraph 2 of Article 25, this Protocol as from the date of its entry into force (17 March 2004) shall replace the Emergency Protocol (of 1976) in the relations between the Parties to both instruments.

Legal instruments	Place and date of Adoption	Entry into force date	Place and date of adoption of amendment, if any	Entry into force of amendments
The Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution from Land-based Sources, amended as The Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution from Land-based Sources and Activities (LBS Protocol)	17 May 1980, Athens	17 June 1983	—	—
	—	—	7 March 1996, Syracuse	11 May 2008
The Protocol Concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas (SPA Protocol)	3 April 1982, Geneva		Not applicable	Not applicable
The Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (SPA & Biodiversity Protocol)**	10 June 1995, Barcelona	12 December 1999	Not applicable	Not applicable
Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil (Offshore Protocol)	14 October 1994, Madrid	24 March 2011	Not applicable	Not applicable
Protocol on the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (Hazardous Wastes Protocol)	1 October 1996, Izmir	18 January 2008	Not applicable	Not applicable
Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM Protocol)	21 January 2008, Madrid	24 March 2011	Not applicable	Not applicable

** According to paragraph 2 of Article 32, this Protocol as from the date of its entry into force (12 December 1999) shall replace the SPA Protocol (of 1982) in the relations between the Parties to both instruments.

Annex II
Status of Contributions as of 31 October 2013

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Country	Unpaid Pledges for 2012 and Prior years	Pledges for 2013	Collections in 2013 for 2013	Unpaid Pledges for 2013
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
Albania	(3,577)	3,877	300	0
Algeria	0	58,163	58,163	0
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0	16,619	16,619	0
Croatia	0	53,730	53,730	0
Cyprus	0	7,755	7,755	0
Egypt	0	27,143	27,143	0
European Union	0	138,483	138,483	0
France	0	2,103,262	2,103,262	0
Greece	155,653	155,653	0	155,653
Israel	0	81,427	81,427	0
Italy	0	1,737,670	892,860	844,810
Lebanon	4,068	3,877	0	3,877
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	493,859	109,124	0	109,124
Malta	0	3,877	3,877	0
Monaco	0	3,877	3,877	0
Montenegro	0	1,294	1,294	0
Morocco	0	15,511	15,427	84
Slovenia	0	37,113	0	37,113
Spain	0	830,337	0	830,337
Syrian Arab Republic	30,424	15,511	0	15,511
Tunisia	0	11,632	11,632	0
Turkey	0	124,634	124,634	0
TOTAL	680,428	5,540,569	3,540,483	1,996,509

Additional Contributions for information only

	Expected contribution	Received contribution
European commission	598,569	598,569

	Deficit in CAL account 31/12/2012	Expected contribution	Received contribution
Greece	359,800	292,740	292,740