Meeting of the MAP Focal Points

Athens, Greece, 13-16 October 2015

Agenda item 3: Progress report on activities carried out during the 2014-2015 Biennium

Reports of the Meetings of the Executive Coordination Panel Held in the 2014-2015 Biennium
Note by the Secretariat

In accordance with the Decision IG.17/5 “Governance Paper” of COP 15 (Almeria, Spain, January 2008), the Executive Coordination Panel (ECP) met during the biennium 2014-2015 on the following dates:

ECP 18: 3-5 February 2014, Athens, Greece
ECP 19: 28 August 2014, Athens, Greece
ECP 20: 8 October 2014, Athens, Greece
ECP 21: 15-16 December 2014, Rome, Italy
ECP 22: 3-4 March 2015, Athens, Greece
ECP 23: 22-24 June 2015, Athens, Greece

ECP 24 is scheduled to take place on 12 October 2015 in Athens, Greece, on the eve of the Meeting of MAP Focal Points.

In addition, informal in-person ECP meetings were held on the occasion of major events, such as meetings of the MCSD and MAP Focal Points. Teleconferences were held on the eve and/or immediately after Bureau meetings and at other times when necessary.

Attached are the reports of the ECP 19, ECP 20 and ECP 21 meetings for information. No reports were produced for ECP 22 and 23, as their outcome was the revised draft of the Strategic Framework and of the Medium-Term Strategy 2016-2021 subsequently distributed to the MAP Focal Points.

Three ECP Task Forces were established and met as follows:


Report of the 19th Meeting of the Executive Coordination Panel (ECP), 28 August 2014, Athens, Greece
EXECUTIVE COORDINATION PANEL (ECP)
Nineteenth Meeting
28 August 2014, Athens, Greece
Notes and Action Points

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. Gaetano Leone, UNEP/MAP Coordinator, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. He referred to the formal nature of the ECP as mandated by decision IG17/5 (COP 15, Almeria, January 2008) and to the need to revive this crucial mechanism of coordination and execution of the Programme of Work.

2. The meeting was attended by:
   - Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, UNEP/MAP
   - Khalil Attia, Director of SPA/RAC
   - Jonathan Pace, Officer-in-charge/Head of REMPEC
   - Hugues Ravenel, Director of PB/RAC
   - Zeljka Scaricic, Director of PAP/RAC
   - Enrique Villamore de Martin, Director of SCP/RAC
   - Habib El Habr, Deputy Coordinator of UNEP/MAP, Officer-in-charge MED POL
   - Atila Uras, Programme Officer, UNEP/MAP
   - Kumiko Yatagai, Finance and Administration Officer, UNEP/MAP (Agenda item 3)
   - Lorenzo Galbiati, Project Manager of MedPartnership (Agenda items 3 and 4)
   - Gyorgyi Gurban, Project Manager of EcAp-MED (Agenda items 3 and 4)

3. The ECP reviewed and adopted the Provisional Agenda as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED ECP.19/1.

Agenda item 2. Coordination, cooperation and accountability within the MAP system: principles, issues, challenges

4. The roles of the Coordinating Unit (CU) and the MAP components were discussed with a special emphasis on the scale of coordination. It was underlined that the complementary work of all the MAP Components must be efficiently delivered, in order to make sense as a big picture. It should be avoided to work in silos, and all efforts for effective and efficient integration need to be made. Coordination is essential in supporting the implementation of the Programme of Work (PoW), avoiding, however, undue interference.

5. There is shared responsibility for the delivery of the mandate of the Barcelona Convention and MAP system.

6. The ECP welcomed the MAP Planning and Priorities Table, a monitoring tool on quarterly basis developed and maintained by the CU, where milestones per PoW activities are listed.
7. Allocation of an earmarked budget for RACs cooperation as part of the biannual PoW could be considered when preparing the next PoW and budget.

**Agenda item 3. Implementation of COP 18 decisions and delivery of the POW: review of progress and main issues (substantive and process-related, including preparation of project documents and reports)**

8. The Administrative and Finance Task Force, agreed during the previous ECP meeting, is to be established.

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<td>Each component is expected to fill the sections of its responsibility and return it to the CU</td>
<td>RAC Directors</td>
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<td>Invite MAP Components to nominate members of the Administrative and Finance Task Force</td>
<td>Administration (Kumiko Yatagai)</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Organize a training session (either through skype or during the first in-person meeting) on the project document preparation and reporting prior to the next reporting period</td>
<td>CU (Atila Uras)</td>
<td>Before end of 2014</td>
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9. The RACs stated that existing MAP strategies and action plans should be mainstreamed into the new Midterm Strategy and activities for their implementation should be permanent part of each biennial PoW. This will secure their implementation with an appropriate budget allocation.

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<td>4</td>
<td>Share the detailed calendar of MSSD review process with other ECP members</td>
<td>CU (Atila Uras)</td>
<td>CU to by 12 September 2014</td>
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10. The SCP Regional Action Plan, which will feed into the MSSD, will be discussed at the SCP/RAC Focal Points Meeting that will be organized in the third week of November 2014. ICZM will be part of the MSSD as a management approach rather than a “strategy” per se.

11. Options for greening MAP meetings/events and in general the work of the MAP system need to be further explored as a priority practice, and should be amongst the
initial work of the Administration and Finance Task Force, with the involvement of other interested Components.

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<td>5</td>
<td>Develop an agenda and have a test meeting on the greening issue.</td>
<td>Administration (Kumiko Yatagai)</td>
<td>31 October 2014</td>
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**Agenda item 4. Partnerships and resource mobilization**

12. For a better resource mobilization performance, it may be beneficial to refer to all existing UNEP/MAP strategies and action plans during Midterm Strategy preparations (as mentioned above).

13. In addition to resource mobilization, technical coordination and contribution to each other’s work is a priority for CU and MAP Components, building on the on-going cooperation among RACs. In several occasions RACs include competent MAP Components as partner implementers of their projects.

14. The funding opportunities of EU, like in the example of the recent DG MARE call for proposal on Marine Spatial Planning should be followed closely. The future call for proposals on MSFD-related projects should be part of the agenda of the bilateral meetings of UNEP/MAP and EU in September 2014.

15. EEA cooperation regarding several existing data platforms is considered as an opportunity.

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<td>6</td>
<td>Send suggested priorities for GEF project/programme development to the MedPartnership Project Management Unit, to be taken to its Coordination Group Meeting in November 2014</td>
<td>RAC Directors</td>
<td>24 October 2014</td>
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16. SPA/RAC will participate to Marine Protected Areas Trust Fund Meeting in September 2014. Plan Bleu who was also invited provided SPA/RAC with its inputs.

17. Cooperation is being explored with University of Athens through Professor Raftopoulos regarding complementarities of Barcelona Convention (particularly ICZM Protocol) and EU Landscape Convention.

18. REMPEC will consider participation, as a project partner or as a member of the project steering committee, in a project proposal related to response to oil spills and marine pollution being submitted by the Technical University of Crete, CEDRE and other partners under the EC’s Horizon 2020 Blue Growth: Unlocking the potential of Seas and Oceans call for project proposals 2014-2015.
**Agenda item 5. Outreach, information and communications**

19. Discussions were held on the request for proposals on a Virtual Knowledge Center (VKC) received from EU. It was agreed to consider the possibility of hosting the VKC at the CU with the help of MAP Components. The concerns and the points that need clarification will be included in the response that will be sent to EU by 15 September. Support of UNEP HQ Virtual Knowledge center will be sought.

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<td>7</td>
<td>Contact Info/RAC and ask for their comments</td>
<td>Gyorgyi Gurban</td>
<td>5 September 2014</td>
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20. Annual meeting of Regional Seas Programme will take place in Athens on 29 Sep – 1 October 2014, where 40th Anniversary of the Programme will also be celebrated. The RAC Directors are invited.

21. Regarding the 40th Anniversary of MAP in 2015, it was agreed to have series of events and use regional meetings as opportunities for outreach activities. SCP Congress tentatively planned for October 2015, 2015 Coast Day and other events will be used for PR and visibility. The anniversary could be an opportunity for updating the UNEP/MAP website.

22. Support for 40th Anniversary of MAP needs to be sought. RACs will also help for further possible fundraising, including with civil society and most importantly the private sector.

23. Info/RAC should be actively involved in 40th Anniversary of MAP process, as well as other communications activities of UNEP/MAP.

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<td>8</td>
<td>Assign a communications focal person to the previously agreed Communications Task Force, whose first task will be to draw up plans and ideas for the 40th Anniversary of MAP</td>
<td>RAC Directors</td>
<td>30 September 2014</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Inform the ECP on the policy to use UNEP logo</td>
<td>CU (Atila Uras, Didier Guiffault and Hoda Elturk)</td>
<td>17 October 2014</td>
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24. UNEP/MAP will be pioneering the “UNEP Life” Portal.

**Agenda item 6. Calendar of ECP meetings in the biennium 2014-2015**

25. It was agreed to have a teleconference on 9 September 2014 at 15:00 Athens time to update ECP on 78th Bureau Meeting outcomes.

26. ECP meetings should be organized in different RAC offices.
27. The tentative dates for other ECP meetings in the biennium are agreed as follows:
   o 7-8 October 2014, prior to EcAp CG Meeting, Athens (to be confirmed).
   o 16-17 February 2015, REMPEC premises, prior to MSSD Review Conference, Malta.
   o 1-2 July 2015, Split.

**Agenda item 7. Any Other Matters (78th Bureau Meeting update, status of HCAs and any other matter)**

28. CU provided a briefing on the upcoming 78th Bureau Meeting.
29. Regarding the Host Country Agreements, the status of signatures was reviewed and discussed. The aim is to finalize and sign pending HCAs at COP 19.

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<td>10</td>
<td>Provide support and facilitate the process with their Host Countries.</td>
<td>Relevant RAC Directors</td>
<td>First half of 2015</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>To confirm existing bilateral nature of the REMPEC Host Country Agreement (i.e: Malta and IMO)</td>
<td>CU (Habib Elhabr)</td>
<td>October 2014</td>
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**Agenda item 8. Closure of the Meeting**

30. Meeting was closed at 18:00 on 28 August 2014.
Report of the 20th Meeting of the Executive Coordination Panel (ECP), Athens, Greece, 8 October 2014
EXECUTIVE COORDINATION PANEL (ECP)
Twentieth Meeting
8 October 2014, Athens, Greece
Notes and Action Points

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. Gaetano Leone, UNEP/MAP Coordinator, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. He also briefed the ECP members on his recent missions to the EC in Brussels, Tunisia, and Italy, and of developments relevant to their work.

2. The meeting was attended by:
   - Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, UNEP/MAP
   - Khalil Attia, Director of SPA/RAC
   - Hugues Ravenel, Director of PB/RAC
   - Zeljka Scaricic, Director of PAP/RAC
   - Enrique Villamore de Martin, Director of SCP/RAC
   - Gabino Gonzales, Programme Officer, REMPEC
   - Habib El Habr, Deputy Coordinator of UNEP/MAP, Officer-in-charge MED POL
   - Atila Uras, Programme Officer, UNEP/MAP

3. The ECP reviewed and adopted the Provisional Agenda as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED ECP.20/1.

Agenda item 2. Midterm Strategy (MTS) Development Process (update on External Evaluation, roadmap, key milestones, role-sharing, alignment of parallel processes)

4. The process for the development of the Midterm Strategy, together with the revised timeline as agreed at the 78th Bureau Meeting was shared with ECP members. Following the discussions, it was agreed to strive for coherence of all existing regional products, keeping in mind the specificity of MAP Components’ and Secretariat’s mandates and the on-going work of reviewing the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD).

5. It was noted that the MTS will be mainly for providing guidance and should be considered more an “internal” document, whereas the other regional processes aim to set stage for involvement of external actors in their implementations.

6. The ECP discussed an initial set of themes that will be developed further by the CU in an issues paper for further consultation. An exercise was carried out on a preliminary draft list of Issues and Challenges, Responses/Actions/Techniques/Approaches, Strategies/Action Plans/Legal framework, Means/Tools and Guiding principles to support the Midterm Strategy Development process. Some issues to consider are as follows:
   - PoW does not need to follow the structure of Midterm Strategy (MTS). It can be result-oriented and integrated.
   - The frame of MTS can be built on sectors or challenges.
   - The mission should consider natural stocks’ quality and quantity and integration of environment into sector policies.
• Integration, consistency and complementarity should be guiding principles on alignments of regional strategic processes of MSSD review and SCP Action Plan.

The outcome of the discussion is in Annex 1.

7. Update on the progress of parallel and complementary processes of Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Regional Action Plan by SCP/RAC Director, MSSD review by PB/RAC Director and ICZM Action Plans by PAP/RAC Director were provided.

8. The 2016-2017 Programme of Work will be developed at a later stage, reflecting the MTS. MAP system Components will be fully involved in the process and use their respective Focal Points Meetings to obtain inputs and mobilize support. The ECP underlined the importance of involvement of RACs either through ECP or the task forces in all the above-mentioned processes.

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<td>A joint calendar of all on-going regional processes of MSSD, SCP Action Plan, MTS and others will be prepared and shared with ECP</td>
<td>AU</td>
<td>24 October 2014</td>
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<td>MSSD Task Force will be informed about the MSSD review process in a timely manner and their effective involvement should be ensured</td>
<td>HR and AU</td>
<td>22 October 2014</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>First draft issues paper on MTS process will be shared with ECP.</td>
<td>AU</td>
<td>24 October 2014</td>
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**Agenda item 3. Discussion on implementation of Decision IG 21/16**

9. With reference to the Bureau recommendation to the Secretariat to start the implementation of Decision 21/16 as soon as possible with the view of completing it by COP 19, with the full involvement of all relevant MAP components, building on their strength, capacity and mandate, a discussion was held on the way forward.

10. Considering the ambiguity of the decision and the lack of budgeted resources and very tight time constraints, the ECP members considered it realistic to launch the process with the Bureau’s endorsement on the assessment of MAP II. The CU will identify relevant work already done in on-going processes to feed such an assessment. It was also felt that in general MAP II provides an adequate framework for sustainable development in the Mediterranean.

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<td>Include in the agenda of 79th Meeting of the Bureau an item on abovementioned decision of ECP.</td>
<td>The Secretariat</td>
<td>As per Bureau preparations calendar</td>
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Agenda item 4. Any other matters

11. COP 19 date will be agreed on after the Coordinator consults with the Greek Government and President of the Bureau. ECP will be informed on the progress.

12. Regarding the 40th Anniversary of MAP (MAP 40), ECP discussed possible options to raise visibility of MAP:

- It is a fact that limitations exist on resources and budget.
- Private sector involvement will be sought for MAP 40 celebrations.
- A new website could be a good product.
- Universal ratification of Barcelona Convention will be an excellent communication material during MAP 40 celebrations.
- There is interest in Bureau and parties to carry out activities on MAP 40.
- Communications Task Force should start working and a communications plan (with a timeline) should be brought to next ECP Meeting.
- RAC FP Meetings, Expo Milano in June 2015, Coast Day in September 2015, Switch-Med Conference in October 2015 should be considered as opportunities for communications events for MAP 40.
- 79th Bureau may launch the MAP 40 process.

13. It was agreed to arrange, on 15 December 2014, a one day introduction where each RAC will provide information on its work programme to identify potential linkages between RACs. Additionally, at each ECP an introductory session will be included in the agenda, where the hosting /selected RAC will provide information on its work to the others.

14. The 21st Meeting of the ECP will be held in Rome, with kind hosting of Info/RAC, on 15 and 16 December 2014.

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<td>Communications Task Force should meet in November and provide ECP20 with a Communications Plan on MAP 40.</td>
<td>HE</td>
<td>30 November 2014</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>The Coordinator will inform ECP on possible dates of COP 19.</td>
<td>GL</td>
<td>Before end of 2014</td>
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Agenda item 5. Closure of the Meeting

15. The meeting was closed at 17:00 on 8 October 2014.
Annex 1

Reference notes for MTS initiation process

Initial draft list of issues and challenges *(strategic axes / business areas)*
Degradation of Biodiversity and Ecosystems
Climate change
Pollution (Marine litter and chemicals)
Over-use of resources (Coastal zones and marine areas (Offshore included), living resources, non-living resources)
Other threats/impacts listed in SoER-MED
*[EMERGING ISSUES TO BE HIGHLIGHTED]*

Responses/Actions/Techniques/Approaches
EcAp
Coastal and marine management
SCP
CC Adaptation

Strategies/Action Plans/Legal framework
CC Adaptation Strategy
Convention and Protocols (legally binding)
Regional Action Plans (ML, ICZM, others)
NAPs/SAPs
MSSD
Roadmaps

Means/tools
Information and communications
Knowledge Management
Capacity Development
Technical Assistance
Science policy interface
M&E (indicators)

Guiding principles (to be improved)
Integration
Partnership
Consistency
Coherency
Transparency
Inclusiveness
Participation
Information sharing
Cooperation
Report of the 21st Meeting of the Executive Coordination Panel (ECP), Rome, Italy, 15-16 December 2014
EXECUTIVE COORDINATION PANEL (ECP)

Twenty-first Meeting

15-16 December 2014,

INFO/RAC premises - Istituto Superiore per la Protezione e la Ricerca Ambientale (ISPRA) Headquarters,
Rome, Italy

Notes and Action Points

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting and Adoption of the Agenda

1. Gaetano Leone, UNEP/MAP Coordinator, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. He briefed the ECP members on recent developments of relevance for the MAP work, on planned activities, on his recent and upcoming missions, and on the preparatory work for the 79th Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, including its agenda. He thanked INFO/RAC for hosting the meeting.

2. The meeting was attended by:
   - Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, UNEP/MAP
   - Habib El Habr, Deputy Coordinator of UNEP/MAP, Officer-in-Charge MED POL
   - Khalil Attia, Director, SPA/RAC
   - Gabino Gonzales, Programme Officer, REMPEC
   - Claudio Maricchiolo, Director, INFO/RAC
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   - Zeljka Scaricic, Director, PAP/RAC
   - Enrique Villamore de Martin, Director, SCP/RAC
   - Atila Uras, Programme Officer, UNEP/MAP

3. The ECP reviewed and adopted the Provisional Agenda as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED ECP.21/2.

Agenda item 2. Presentations by Components/RACs – Mandate, History, Achievements, On-going Projects and Future

4. Each ECP member provided a presentation on the mandate, history, achievements, on-going projects and future activities of their Regional Activity Centre as well as of MED POL. Individual presentations were followed by discussion.

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<td>All the presentations will be uploaded to Groupware ECP Folder.</td>
<td>Info/RAC</td>
<td>23 January 2015</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>A Knowledge Management Task Force will be established and Claudio Maricchiolo will prepare the draft Terms of Reference</td>
<td>Claudio Maricchiolo</td>
<td>6 February 2015</td>
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Agenda item 3. Midterm Strategy Development
5. As per Decision IG.21/13 “Governance”, Annex II, UNEP/MAP Secretariat prepared an issues paper, which includes an overview of the current status of the Mediterranean Sea and coasts, lists the main relevant global and regional strategic references and proposes a framework for the Midterm Strategy for the period 2016-2021.

6. The ECP agreed on the guiding principles and the business areas that will be taken into consideration during the process to further develop the Midterm Strategy.

7. According to ECP, the Midterm Strategy should be:
   - Integrated and coherent across the system
   - Consistent
   - Inclusive
   - Adaptive and flexible
   - Attentive to regional and national needs
   - Collaborative
   - Based on participation and partnerships
   - Knowledge generating and sharing
   - Result-based and resource-based

8. The ECP proposed the following issues that are “business areas” of UNEP/MAP to form the basis of the new Midterm Strategy:
   - Land and Sea Based Pollution
   - Biodiversity and Ecosystems;
   - Climate Change;
   - Natural Resources;
   - Environmental Governance;
   - Mediterranean Environment under Review.

9. The ECP also agreed on a draft list of objectives for each “business area” and on a draft format to be used in structuring the Midterm Strategy.

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<td>(2) To prevent marine litter generation and reduce its impact on coastal and marine environment</td>
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<td><strong>Biodiversity and Ecosystems</strong></td>
<td>(1) To maintain and enhance biological diversity – (the quality and occurrence of coastal and marine habitats and the distribution and abundance of coastal and marine species are in line with prevailing physiographic, hydrographic, geographic, and climatic conditions.)</td>
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<td>(2) To keep non-indigenous species introduced by human activities at levels that does not adversely alter the ecosystem.</td>
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<td>(3) Sea-floor integrity is maintained, especially in priority benthic</td>
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To enhance the resilience of the Mediterranean Region to impacts of climate change and variability on coastal and marine environment

(1) To achieve sustainable management of coastal and marine resources
(2) To promote resource efficiency in key economic sectors

To strengthen the regional and national governance mechanisms for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention, its Protocols and the adopted Strategies and Action Plans

To deliver knowledge-based assessments of the Mediterranean environment and scenario development

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10. The ECP also agreed on a draft format to be used in structuring the Midterm Strategy as follows:

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11. The issues paper was amended during the ECP meeting. The ECP members will complete the above format by 23 January 2015.

12. The comments and guidance that the Bureau may provide at its 79th Meeting in February 2015 will be reflected in this work and in the final draft to be submitted to the first meeting of 2015 of the MAP Focal Points.

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<td>Submit amended issues paper as a working document to 79th Meeting of the Bureau.</td>
<td>The Secretariat</td>
<td>As per Bureau preparations calendar</td>
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<td>Each ECP member will fill the structure as agreed (see paragraph 7 above) and send it to the Coordinating Unit.</td>
<td>ECP members</td>
<td>23 January 2015</td>
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Agenda item 4. **Overview of the preparation process of the 2016-2017 Programme of Work and Budget**

13. The Secretariat also presented the overview of the preparation process of the 2016-2017 Programme of Work and Budget, with the aim of submitting the draft framework to the MAP Focal Points in late March 2015. Work will commence as soon as the main lines of the Midterm Strategy are developed, to ensure the necessary consistency.

Agenda item 5. **Reports on the Work of the Information Task Force and Administration and Finance Task Force**

14. The MAP Coordinator briefed the ECP members on the work of the Information Task Force and Administration and Finance Task Force.

Agenda item 6. **Any Other Matters**

15. It was agreed to have an ECP teleconference meeting immediately after the 79th Meeting of the Bureau (3-4 February 2015) and to seek opportunities to have a meeting in person during the MSSD Review Conference (Malta, 17-18 February 2015), where the ECP members will be present.

Agenda item 7. **Closure of the Meeting**

16. The meeting was closed at 17:30 on 16 December 2014.