

Decision IG.21/16

Assessment of the Mediterranean Action Plan

The 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties,

Welcoming the results of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held at Rio de Janeiro (2012), in particular its chapter on oceans, and Resolution 66/288 of the UNGA endorsing its results,

Recalling decision IG.5/16 (Annex IX) of the ninth meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea adopting "MAP Phase II" and the Barcelona Resolution on the Environment and Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean Basin IG.5/16 (Annex XI) where the Ministers "commit themselves to the full implementation of the MAP Phase II, the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols",

Taking into account decision IG.20/13 providing for stronger cooperation with other relevant regional organizations,

Stressing the need to assess the progress achieved since the adoption of MAP Phase II in the Mediterranean Region, as well as identifying new threats and emerging challenges relevant for its sustainable development to elaborate a long term common vision,

Decides to:

Launch a process to assess MAP phase II with the intention of addressing effectively the challenge of sustainable development and the irreversible nature of impacts on the environment and resources, with a view to proposing a Decision on the appropriate way forward including the possible adoption at the 19th meeting of the Contracting Parties of MAP phase III;

Give greater emphasis in MAP to concrete and operational activities;

Actively associate all relevant regional organizations, building on their respective strength, capacity and mandate.

