12th Meeting of the Compliance Committee of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

Athens, Greece, 24-25 January 2017

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Introduction

1. At the invitation of the Secretariat, the 12th Compliance Committee meeting will take place on 24-25 January 2017 in Athens, Greece at the premises of the UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit.

2. It is proposed to start the meeting at 09:30 on Tuesday 24 January 2017 and it is envisaged that the meeting will finish approximately at 17:00 on Wednesday 25 January 2017.

3. Documentation will be provided in English and French. As per practice, pre-session documentation will not be distributed on paper. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.

4. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda have been prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

5. The current Vice-Chairperson of the Compliance Committee will open the 12th Meeting of the Compliance Committee at 09:30 on Tuesday, 24 January 2017.

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Working Documents

- UNEP (DEPI)/MED CC.12/1_Provisional Agenda
- UNEP (DEPI)/MED CC.12/2/Rev.1_Provisional Annotated Agenda
- UNEP (DEPI)/MED CC.12/3_Proposed Timetable

6. To review and adopt the Provisional Agenda (UNEP (DEPI)/MED CC.12/1) and the Provisional Annotated Agenda (UNEP (DEPI)/MED CC.12/2) prepared by the Secretariat for this session, and agree upon the proposed timetable to conduct its work (UNEP (DEPI)/MED CC.12/3).

Agenda item 3: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair and Signature of the Solemn Declaration by new Members and Alternate Members

7. To elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from among its officers for the next two-year term pursuant to paragraph 10 of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee.

8. To request those Members and Alternate Members which were elected by COP 19 and are present at the meeting to take the written oath pursuant to Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee.

Agenda item 4: Follow-up of the implementation of Decisions IG.22/15 and IG.22/16 of the 19th Meeting of Contracting Parties

Working Document

- UNEP (DEPI)/MED CC.12/4 Follow-up of the implementation of Decisions IG. 22/15 and IG. 22/16 of the Nineteenth Meeting of Contracting Parties

9. To comment on the information provided by the Secretariat on the current status as regards reporting under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, including action taken following the 83rd Meeting of the Bureau (25-26 October 2016, Albania, Tirana) to encourage submission of outstanding national implementation reports (UNEP (DEPI)/MED CC.12/4)
Agenda item 5: Updated evaluation of National Implementation Reports following Section IV of the Procedures and Mechanisms of Compliance

Working Document UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.12/5_Synthesis analysis of the information provided in the national implementation reports submitted following the 11th Compliance Committee Meeting for the period 2012-2013

10. To examine the draft evaluation prepared by the Secretariat of the reports submitted by Contracting Parties on the measures adopted to implement the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols for the biennium 2012-2013 following the 11th Meeting of the Compliance Committee (UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.12/5) and comment, as deemed appropriate.

Agenda item 6: Draft Revised Reporting Format for the Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

Working Document UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC. 12/6_Draft Revised Reporting Format for the Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

11. To examine and conclude on the draft revised Reporting Format for the Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols prepared by the Secretariat (UNEP (DEPI)/MED CC.12/6).

Agenda item 7: Draft Guidelines for the Assessment of Reports submitted under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention

Working Document UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC. 12/7_Draft Guidelines for the evaluation of reports to identify actual or potential cases of non-compliance

12. To consider the draft Guidelines for the evaluation of reports to identify actual or potential cases of non-compliance (UNEP (DEPI)/MED CC.12/7) and agree on further steps to progress work to finalise them for submission to the 13th Compliance Committee Meeting.

Agenda item 8: Power of initiative of the Compliance Committee: Setting Admissibility Criteria of Relevant Sources of Information (Paragraph 23bis of Section V, Decision IG.17/2 as amended)

Working Document UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.12/8_Determination of the criteria for admissibility of Relevant Sources of Information (Paragraph 23bis of Section V, Decision IG.17/2)

13. To examine and conclude on the admissibility criteria of relevant sources of information by the Compliance Committee within the exercise of its power of initiative (UNEP (DEPI)/MED CC.12/8).

Agenda item 9: Other Matters

14. To raise any other items of interest to the Compliance Committee under this point of the Agenda.
Agenda Item 10: Adoption of Draft Conclusions and Recommendations
15. On the basis of a working document to be prepared by the Secretariat in light of the progress of the meeting, to agree on the draft conclusions and recommendations of the 12th Meeting of the Compliance Committee. After the meeting, the Secretariat will prepare a succinct draft report of the 12th Meeting of the Compliance Committee for adoption intersessionally in a written procedure.

Agenda Item 11: Place, dates and duration of the 13th Meeting of the Compliance Committee
16. To decide, in consultation with the Secretariat, the dates, venue and duration of the 13th Compliance Committee meeting in preparation for COP 20.

Agenda Item 12: Closing of the Meeting
17. The Meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee at 17:00 on 25 January 2017.