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Introduction

1. The 19th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee was held on 20 June 2018 via teleconference.

Participation

2. The list of participants is provided in Annex I.
3. Apologies from the representatives of Albania and Tunisia were received by the Secretariat.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The meeting was opened by the President of the MCSD Steering Committee, Ms. Maria Papaioannou, at 10:30 in current local time in Athens, Greece (GMT+3).
5. In her opening remarks, the President of the MCSD Steering Committee introduced the purpose of the meeting: to review the progress and perspectives in MCSD/MSSD related developments after the 17th Meeting of the MCSD (Athens, Greece, 5-7 July 2017), as well as the work plan of the MCSD Steering Committee for the biennium 2018-2019, with a specific focus on issues related to the implementation of Decision IG.23/4 “Implementation and Monitoring of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 and of the Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean”, adopted at COP 20 in December 2017.
6. In his welcome address, the MAP Coordinator, Mr. Gaetano Leone, expressed on behalf of the Secretariat the great pleasure to set-up the first meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee during the biennium 2018-2019. He confirmed the Secretariat’s commitment to bringing back the MCSD to a significant role within the MAP – Barcelona Convention system, a role becoming more and more crucial as the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is moving forward. Mr. Leone emphasized that the regional dimension is increasingly recognized in all global, regional, and national fora as an essential scale to implement the SDGs. He also mentioned that decades of work of the Commission, as well the commitment of the MCSD Members expressed at the last Meeting of the MCSD and then at COP 20, represented a very strong basis, benefiting of support from various UN bodies and agencies, including the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work

7. The President of the MCSD Steering Committee introduced the Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat, as contained in document UNEP/MED WG.447/1 and annotated in document UNEP/MED WG.447/2. The Agenda was adopted by the participants and is provided in Annex II.

Agenda item 3: Work of the MCSD and MSSD Implementation: Review of Progress for the Period July 2017 – May 2018

8. The President of the MCSD Steering Committee asked the Secretariat to present the progress in MCSD and MSSD related developments.
9. The MAP Coordinator provided an overview of the progress done for the period July 2017 – May 2018. The second half of 2017 was devoted to the COP 20 preparation, which culminated with a wide successful event where fourteen decisions were adopted, including the MAP Programme of Work and Budget for 2018-2019; the Resource Mobilization Strategy; the first-ever Mediterranean Quality Status Report; and other equally relevant decisions on governance, indicators, biodiversity and marine protected areas, integrated coastal zone management and marine spatial planning, pollution and emergencies. The decisions, the Tirana Ministerial Declaration and the high-level discussions on the theme *Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with focus on Sustainable Development Goal 14: pollution and biodiversity*, with the contributions from UN DESA and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), confirmed the increasingly crucial role of the regional dimension for the implementation of global policies and strategies, especially the 2030 Agenda and SDGs. The MAP Coordinator recalled the key note speech delivered by a UN DESA

senior expert, who eloquently articulated two important dimensions for the Barcelona Convention and the sustainable development of the Mediterranean region, namely: (i) the implementation of the SDG on Oceans (SDG 14), focusing on the voluntary commitments registered at the UN Ocean Conference held in New York in June 2017 and at the Conference “Our Ocean, an ocean for life” held in Malta in October 2017; and, (ii) the interlinkages between the 2030 Agenda and MSSD, highlighting the interest of peer learning exercises such as the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) annually presented at the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) and the Simplified Peer Review Mechanism (SIMPEER) implemented under the guidance of the MCSD.

10. The MAP Coordinator reminded that the 17th Meeting of the MCSD made constructive comments on the draft MAP Programme of Work for 2018-2019, providing inputs that were reflected in the document submitted to COP 20. He also mentioned that the Istanbul Environment Friendly City Award, as one of the MSSD Flagship Initiative and a COP 19 Decision (Decision IG.22/19), was given to the Mayor of Izmir Metropolitan Municipality, Turkey, during the COP 20 Ministerial Session, in a moment of celebration and visibility. The Award has now entered in its second edition.

11. Pointing out items that are contributing to the MCSD/MSSD’s visibility, such as participation in international events and the flyers available online and related to the MSSD Flagship Initiatives, the MAP Coordinator expressed the need for additional efforts, not only from the Secretariat but also from all the MCSD Members.

12. The MCSD Steering Committee encouraged the Secretariat to pursue its efforts for building relevant partnerships, for supporting the MSSD recognition, ownership, and implementation, and for showcasing the work of the MCSD in international and regional fora.

13. One MCSD Member asked the Secretariat to report on its initiatives and activities in the context of the preparations for the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework and, more particularly, for the forthcoming CBD COP 14 to be held in a Mediterranean country, namely Egypt, on 10-22 November 2018. The MAP Coordinator replied that the Secretariat is strongly involved in the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Global Dialogue led by the CBD Secretariat. In addition, the partnership between the MAP – Barcelona Convention and the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) is considered as a success story at the global level: the Mediterranean region is in advance worldwide in terms of cooperation between a Regional Sea Convention and a Fisheries Management Body.

14. Members of the MCSD Steering Committee reported on some of their own activities. The President of the MCSD informed that six Contracting Parties (Albania, Egypt, Greece, Lebanon, Malta, and Spain) will present their respective VNR at the HLPF in July 2018 in UN Headquarters in New York. She said that, as an inclusive process involving many national stakeholders, this experience helped the Hellenic Government for setting-up a robust institutional mechanism to guide national efforts, in a coordinated manner, towards the SDGs implementation, helping to identify national priorities following a participatory gap analysis. One Vice-President of the MCSD Steering Committee, Ms. Rotem Shamay, mentioned that Cyprus, Greece, and Israel have signed, on 8 May 2018, the Implementation Agreement on the Sub-Regional Marine Oil Pollution Contingency Plan, which aims at defining effective reaction to spills and at facilitating the co-operation among the three countries in the field of oil pollution preparedness and response. She also said that Israel will present its VNR at the 2019-HLPF and will be grateful to Greece for sharing lessons learned about the VNR process.

Conclusion:

The MCSD Steering Committee expressed appreciation for the work done and progress presented by the Secretariat, as well as for the efforts and results achieved so far.

Agenda item 4: Specific Issues in Relation to Decision IG.23/4 Adopted at COP 20

15. The President of the MCSD Steering Committee invited the Secretariat to present Working Document UNEP/MED WG.447/3 *Report on Specific Issues in Relation to the Implementation of Decision IG.23/4*. On behalf of the Secretariat, Plan Bleu introduced a presentation especially prepared for mobilizing comments from Members of the MCSD Steering Committee on this agenda item.

16. The President of the MCSD Steering Committee invited participants to provide comments and advice on the following specific issues:

(a) Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard and Indicators for monitoring the implementation of the Regional Action Plan for Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean

17. The President of the MCSD Steering Committee reminded that, as per Decision IG.23/4, the Committee is mandated to coordinate the work on ensuring full consistency and synergy between the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard and the ongoing work on SDG indicators at the global level. Therefore, the MCSD Steering Committee is expected to provide guidance to the Secretariat and Plan Bleu to better align the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard with the SDG indicators.

18. Two participants stated that the MSSD indicators should be selected among SDG indicators relevant to the Mediterranean region, particularly SDG 14 indicators. Another participant argued that the Dashboard should go further than SDG 14 because the MSSD has a broader approach; she considered that the Dashboard should have a good balance between the six MSSD Objectives.

19. The MAP Deputy Coordinator, Ms. Tatjana Hema, reminded the process that conducted to the selection of a core set of 26 indicators. She explained that, while it is requested to streamline MSSD indicators with SDG indicators, the most important task is to test and populate the exiting list prior to update it, based on lessons learned from this initial test. She also insisted on the fact that environmental and socio-economic issues are quite specific in the Mediterranean; SDG indicators have a broader scope and global issues are not all valid in the Mediterranean and for the MAP – Barcelona Convention system in particular. Finally, she emphasized the complementarity between the various MAP core set of indicators: for instance, the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and related assessment criteria (IMAP) covers relevant indicators for the marine and coastal environment, and therefore for the MSSD Objective 1 on sea and coast.

Conclusions:

(i) The MCSD Steering Committee welcomed the work done by the Secretariat and requested a clear roadmap on the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard until COP 21, taking into account as key milestones the 20th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee, the next Meeting of Plan Bleu Focal Points, the 18th Meeting of the MCSD, and the next Meeting of MAP Focal Points.

(ii) Acknowledging challenges related to this activity, the MCSD Steering Committee expressed full support to the Secretariat with a view to presenting to the next meetings of the MCSD and its Steering Committee the Dashboard populated on the extent possible, as well as a report reflecting challenges and lessons learned, including a proposal for updating the Dashboard, as appropriate and based on recommendations to overcome difficulties. It was therefore agreed that the priority should be given to populating the approved list of 26 indicators, prior to carry out in a second step the update of the Dashboard, if necessary.

(iii) Regarding the populating of the 26 indicators approved at COP 20 and the production of the related methodological and analytical factsheets, Plan Bleu was invited to prepare a first draft to be submitted to the MCSD Steering Committee for discussion at its 20th Meeting.

(iv) Regarding the update of the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard for enhancing synergies with the SDGs indicators, the MCSD Steering Committee suggested tentatively the following general criteria:

- a. Take into account lessons learned from the process to populate the 26 indicators, especially the challenges encountered during this process including data availability;**
- b. Select SMART (Specific – Measurable – Achievable/Assignable – Relevant/Realistic – Time related) and reliable indicators;**

- c. **Replace MSSD indicators by SDG ones to the maximum possible extent, where relevant and feasible, taking also into account Mediterranean specificities;**
- d. **Keep a balance between the various MSSD Objectives and relevant SDGs;**
- e. **Keep the process as simple as possible by using existing indicators, with a reasonable number (30) of indicators.**

(iv) **The Members of the MCSD Steering Committee were invited to provide by mid-September written technical comments on Annexes II and III of the Report on Specific Issues (UNEP/MED WG.447/3), putting the emphasis on (a) indicators suggested to substitute with similar SDG indicators (Annex II), where relevant, and (b) a limited number of indicators from Annex III, if appropriate.**

(v) **Based on the above and on the results of the test of the 26 indicators, it was agreed that Plan Bleu will be invited to prepare in due time a proposal for the update of the Dashboard for consideration by the MCSD Steering Committee.**

(vi) **The populated indicators and related factsheets, as well as the proposal to update the Dashboard, should be submitted to Plan Bleu Focal Points and MCSD Members for their consideration at their respective meeting to be held in 2019. The outcome of this activity will be submitted to the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points and then to COP 21.**

(b) Assessment Studies: 2019 State of the Environment and Development Report (SoED 2019) and Foresight Study on the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean (MED2050), including Case Studies on the Blue Economy

20. The President of the MCSD Steering Committee reminded that the MCSD Members will be informed and consulted during the preparation process of the assessment studies undertaken by the Secretariat (Plan Bleu). She insisted on the fact that these very demanding exercises are challenging because they are running on very tight schedules and with limited financial resources.

21. The MAP Coordinator stated that the assessment studies were important products of the MAP – Barcelona Convention system, asking involvement from many Contracting Parties and MAP Partners, and that inputs from MCSD members are essential and at the core of the advisory role of the MCSD.

22. One participant considered that the key word “Resources” was missing in the title of the SoED 2019 Introduction, that should be reviewed as follows: “*The Mediterranean: a unique region for its geography, history, culture, and resources*”.

Conclusions:

(i) **The MCSD Steering Committee welcomes with appreciation the work already carried out by the Secretariat (Plan Bleu) in preparing the assessment studies on the environment and development in the Mediterranean (SoED 2019, MED2050).**

(ii) **The MCSD and its Steering Committee should continue to be regularly informed and consulted on the progress related to these assessment studies.**

(c) Second Edition of the Simplified Peer Review Mechanism (SIMPEER)

23. The President of the MCSD Steering Committee introduced this agenda sub-item by explaining that, based on lessons learned from the pilot edition 2016-2017, the Secretariat (Plan Bleu) is updating the SIMPEER methodology to reflect the recommendations from the 17th Meeting of the MCSD, notably regarding the importance to strengthen synergies with the VNRs presented at the HLPF and to further involve relevant stakeholders beside Contracting Parties. The MCSD also recommended to continue involving the three volunteer Contracting Parties of the pilot phase (France, Montenegro, and Morocco) for benefiting from their experiences, while COP 20 encouraged the Contracting Parties to participate in SIMPEER future editions.

24. The President of the MCSD Steering Committee stated that SIMPEER is a relevant mechanism for carrying out periodic review of national implementation of the MSSD and SDGs, encouraging the

exchange of good practices on sustainable development structures and processes at the national level, and enhancing the MAP visibility in regional and international fora.

25. The President of the MCSD Steering Committee invited participants to explore ways and means for mobilizing more interest from the Contracting Parties, MAP Partners and MCSD Members. She also invited the Members of the MCSD Steering Committee to provide guidance to the Secretariat for updating the SIMPEER methodology and carrying out the second edition during biennium 2018-2019.

26. The MCSD Steering Committee agreed on the fact that SIMPEER could help Contracting Parties to set up or review institutional mechanisms at the national level, and to ensure policy coherence for sustainable development through a cross-sectoral approach and targeted interventions from a systemic perspective. In addition, as a peer learning exercise, SIMPEER should help Contracting Parties to prepare their respective VNR presented at the HLPF. It could also help Contracting Parties after the VNR process, with tips and ways on how to maintain the momentum for enhancing sustainable development structures and processes at the national level.

Conclusions:

(i) The MCSD Steering Committee reiterated the importance of SIMPEER to assist Contracting Parties in their efforts to adapt and implement SDGs at the national level.

(ii) The MCSD Steering Committee noted with appreciation the fact that Albania and Tunisia confirmed expression of interest to participate in the SIMPEER second edition (2018-2019) and looks forward for the participation of a third Contracting Party (possibly Egypt following expression of interest during the 17th Meeting of the MCSD).

(iii) The MCSD Steering Committee invited the Secretariat (Plan Bleu) to reflect the recommendations from the 17th Meeting of the MCSD into the updated methodology to be implemented during the SIMPEER second edition in 2018-2019, taking also into account ideas expressed during the 19th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee, as appropriate.

Agenda item 5: Work Plan of the MCSD Steering Committee for the Biennium 2018-2019

27. The President of the MCSD Steering Committee invited the Secretariat to present the Work Plan of the MCSD Steering Committee for the biennium 2018-2019, as contained in Working Document UNEP/MED WG.447/4.

28. The Secretariat introduced the work plan as a proposal that includes a series of activities of primary interest for the work of the MCSD and its Steering Committee. It aims at supporting the MCSD Steering Committee in overseeing the work of the MCSD and for preparing the 18th Meeting of the MCSD and its contribution to COP 21. Following a narrative description of activities in line with the MCSD's mandate, the work plan proposal is also submitted in a tabular format, with clear indicative milestones.

29. The President of the MCSD Steering Committee invited the participants to discuss and review the work plan so that it could be further elaborated and finalized in view of the 20th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee.

30. The MCSD Steering Committee asked the Secretariat: (i) to update the work plan in order to reflect conclusions on Specific Issues as discussed under Agenda item 4, particularly on the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard; (b) to harmonize dates/deadlines between the narrative part and the tabular format of the work plan; (c) to mention that the 20th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee will be mainly devoted to the preparation of the 18th Meeting of the MCSD.

31. Regarding the MSSD Implementation Reporting Tool as included in Annex II of the work plan (Working Document UNEP/MED WG.447/4), one Vice-President of the MCSD Steering Committee expressed concerns because the table is too wide, could be considered as an additional reporting burden, and may be difficult to fill-in by MCSD Members, particularly members representing Contracting Parties; the "Inputs" column of the Reporting Tool was considered as too broad without guiding questions, suggestions, or clarifications on the level of expected detail. The President of the

MCSD Steering Committee replied that such a tool was requested by the 17th Meeting of the MCSD. She stated that the objective is obviously not that all MCSD Members fill-in all the cells of such a table; they should provide inputs only on their areas of expertise. It was finally agreed that the reporting tool should be kept as general and simple as possible towards a possible test prior or during the 18th Meeting of the MCSD.

32. Regarding the six MSSD Flagship Initiatives that have not yet been launched, the President of the MCSD Steering Committee invited members of the Committee to take the lead on facilitating their launch, implementation and follow-up. One Vice-President of the MCSD Steering Committee (COMPSUD) offered to draft proposals (concept note, terms of reference), in cooperation with one Member of the MCSD (MIO-ECSDE) and following guidelines to be provided by the Secretariat, for three Flagship Initiatives¹. Concerning the MSSD Flagship Initiative on Integration of sustainability principles into public procurement at national and local levels, another Vice-President of the MCSD Steering Committee (Israel) proposed to share its knowledge and experience on “green public procurement” and to comment on a document to be prepared by the Secretariat.

33. Such proposals should focus on the ways to follow and means to mobilize to put in motion the Flagship Initiatives not yet launched, including scope, rationale, possible leader, timeline, and possible key note speaker to participate in the 18th Meeting of the MCSD.

34. The Secretariat was invited to mobilize relevant MAP Components to explore opportunity for implementing MSSD Flagship Initiatives. It was also agreed that the 18th Meeting of the MCSD should discuss the MSSD Flagship Initiatives.

Conclusions:

(i) The MCSD Steering Committee welcomed the work plan proposal and invited the Secretariat to review it, based on the discussions of the meeting, for electronic circulation and finalization at the 20th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee.

Reporting Tool to Ensure the Follow-up of the MSSD Implementation:

(ii) The MCSD Steering Committee took note of the reporting tool proposed by the Secretariat to support the follow-up of the MSSD implementation, in particular in identifying gaps and areas where additional efforts are needed. This tool was considered as an indication of the fact that the MSSD implementation is a collective endeavor of all Mediterranean partners and stakeholders that goes far beyond the responsibilities of the Secretariat.

(iii) The MCSD Steering Committee suggested testing the reporting tool prior the 18th Meeting of the MCSD as a “check list” to assist MCSD Members to report on their respective activities contributing to the MSSD implementation.

MSSD Flagship Initiatives:

(iv) The MCSD Steering Committee welcomed with appreciation the flyers prepared by the Secretariat in cooperation with MCSD Members, MAP Partners, MAP Components and other stakeholders, as outreach materials for showcasing the implementation of MSSD Flagship Initiatives and the work of the MCSD.

(v) The MCSD Steering Committee took note of the need to mobilize efforts to put in motion the six Flagship Initiatives that have not been yet launched. It welcomed the willingness expressed by its members during the meeting to provide, with support from the Secretariat, written proposals (concept notes) by mid-September on the rationale, scope, content, indicative

¹ Three Flagship Initiatives under MSSD Objective 6 “Governance”: (i) Encourage the adoption and implementation of the Aarhus Convention on Public Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters; (ii) Develop capacity building programmes on issues related to implementation and compliance with environmental obligations and agreements, including environmental impact assessments and strategic environmental assessments; and, (iii) Establish a publicly-accessible Mediterranean integrated information system through a triumvirate of national governments, international institutions and the private sector to collate and transparently display information on the state of the environment.

timeline and activities, as well as possible partners, for putting in motion these Flagship Initiatives.

Mid-Term Evaluation of the MSSD:

(vi) The MCSD Steering Committee looks forward to the mid-term evaluations of the MSSD and the SCP Regional Action Plan, in conjunction with MTS review process. These processes provide an opportunity to make the MSSD implementation, at its second phase, more efficient and focusing on gaps and shortcomings. The MSSD mid-term evaluation can benefit from the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard and the MSSD implementation reporting tool.

Preparation Process of the 18th Meeting of the MCSD:

(vii) The MCSD Steering Committee invited the Secretariat to prepare proposals on the structure and content of the 18th Meeting of the MCSD. Such proposals could aim at increasing interest and interactivity, visibility of MCSD work at the global level and MSSD linkages with the 2030 Agenda/SDGs, opportunities for meaningful peer-learning on practical points, interest of partners to collectively support the MSSD implementation and, possibly, mobilize the six Flagship Initiatives not yet launched.

Agenda item 6: Membership of the MCSD: Implementation of Decisions IG.22/17 and IG.23/3

35. The President of the MCSD Steering Committee invited the Secretariat to introduce its initial proposal of actions regarding the MCSD membership, as contained in Working Document UNEP/MED WG.447/4 *Work Plan of the MCSD Steering Committee for the biennium 2018-2019*, for consideration by the participants.

36. The meeting discussed ways and means to maintain links with the nine members that have completed three consecutive biennia and that have to be replaced (according to MCSD Constitutive Documents – Decision IG.22/17) because they get an active role within the MCSD, in particular for implementing MSSD Flagship Initiatives. The members of the MCSD Steering Committee agreed that those MCSD Members should be invited to explore their own network to identify potential candidates.

Conclusions:

(i) The Members of the MCSD Steering Committee were invited to provide suggestions, by mid-September, on partners that could replace the nine members of the MCSD that have completed a three terms membership.

(ii) The Secretariat was invited to explore and suggest ways, in line with the MCSD Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure, to maintain interactions with and inputs from those replaced partners who wish to maintain contact with the Commission.

Agenda item 7: Any Other Matters

37. The President of the MCSD Steering Committee invited participants to consider other issues that may be raised. There was no other issue raised by the MCSD Members of the Steering Committee.

Agenda item 8: Closure of the Meeting

38. The President of the MCSD Steering Committee thanked the participants for their comments and inputs. She congratulated the Secretariat for the preparation and documentation of the meeting. She explained that the report of meeting will be circulated to the Members of the MCSD Steering Committee for their comments and approval through electronic means by 20 July 2018.

39. The meeting was closed by the President of the MCSD Steering Committee at approximately 16:00 on Wednesday 20 June 2018.

Annex I: List of Participants

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Annex II: Agenda of the 19th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee

Annex II: Agenda of the 19th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee**Timetable (*)**

Wednesday, 20 June 2018			
Time	Agenda item		Documents
10:30 – 11:00	1. Opening of the Meeting 2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work	President of the MCSD Steering Committee	UNEP/MED WG.447/1 UNEP/MED WG.447/2 UNEP/MED WG.447/Inf.1 UNEP/MED WG.447/Inf.2
11:00 – 11:30	3. Work of the MCSD and MSSD Implementation: Review of Progress for the Period July 2017 – May 2018	Secretariat	
11:30 – 13:00	4. Specific Issues in Relation to Decision IG.23/4 Adopted at COP 20	Secretariat (Plan Bleu)	UNEP/MED WG.447/3 UNEP/MED WG.447/4 UNEP/MED WG.447/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.447/Inf.6
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>		
14:00 – 15:00	5. Work Plan of the MCSD Steering Committee for the Biennium 2018-2019	Secretariat	UNEP/MED WG.447/4 UNEP/MED WG.447/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.447/Inf.6
15:00 – 15:30	6. Membership of the MCSD: Implementation of Decisions IG.22/17 and IG.23/3	Secretariat	UNEP/MED WG.447/4
15:30 – 16:00	7. Any Other Matters 8. Closure of the Meeting	Secretariat President of the MCSD Steering Committee	

(*) *The timetable should be read in current local time in Athens, Greece: GMT+3.*