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Seventeenth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and Fourteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region

Cayenne, French Guiana, 15-17 March 2017

## DECISIONS OF THE MEETING



**DECISIONS OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> IGM****The Meeting:**

**Having convened** the Seventeenth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and the Fourteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region;

**Taking into account** the Report of the Executive Director of the Cartagena Convention on the Implementation of the Caribbean Environment Programme (2015-2016) as presented in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.39/INF.4;

**Having reviewed** the Decisions of the Ninth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region, Cayenne, French Guiana, 13 March 2017 (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.37/5);

**Noting** the Decisions of the Third Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities in the Wider Caribbean Region, Cayenne, French Guiana, 14 March 2017 (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.38/4);

**Further Noting** the Report of the Third Meeting of the Scientific, Technical and Advisory Committee of the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities, in Miami, Florida, USA, 31 October to 2 November 2016 as contained in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.37/4;

**Further Noting** the Recommendations of the Seventh Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region, Miami, Florida, USA, 2-4 November 2016 (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/7); and

**Having Reviewed** the Report of the Eight Ordinary Meeting of the Steering Committee of Regional Activity Centre/Regional Marine Pollution Emergency, Training, and Information Centre- Caribbean (RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe) Steering Committee, Curacao, 19-20 May 2016 as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.39/INF.12.

**Decides:**

## DECISION I

**Having reviewed** the draft Workplan and Budget for the Caribbean Environment Programme for the biennium 2017-2018 contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.39/3;

**Taking note of** the voluntary contributions to the Caribbean Trust Fund (CTF) by the States and Territories of the Wider Caribbean Region for 2015-2016;

**Having examined** the budgetary needs of the Caribbean Environment Programme to complete its Workplan for 2017-2018; and

**Recognizing** the continued challenges by the States and Territories of the Wider Caribbean Region to increase the level of contributions to the Caribbean Trust Fund (CTF).

### Decides to:

1. **Approve** the Work plan and Budget for the Caribbean Environment Programme for the biennium 2017-2018 with the modifications approved by the SPAW COP9 and the LBS COP3 and subsequently by the Meeting;
2. **Request** the Secretariat continue to seek additional funds to meet the full requirements of the approved Work plan and **urge** governments to support the Secretariat in this regard;
3. **Endorse** the request by the Secretariat to upgrade the post of Team Assistant for the Communications Programme from G4 to G5, subject to availability of funds.
4. **Adopt** the table of voluntary contributions to the CTF in 2017-2018 as reflected in Annex VI of this report, noting the contributions will be maintained at the same level as in the previous biennium and this will be reflected accordingly in the approved Work plan and Budget for the 2017-2018;
5. **Request** the Secretariat to invoice the States and Territories of the Caribbean Environment Programme in the amounts expressed in Annex VI of this Report;
6. **Strongly urge** all the governments to pay all contributions to the CTF in a timely manner to ensure the Programme's financial sustainability and continuity;
7. **Further urge** those governments that have not paid into the CTF in the past, to start doing so and for those with outstanding contributions, to settle the same promptly including through the development of payment plans;
8. **Request** the Secretariat to continue its efforts to collect and to explore innovative financial mechanisms with Member States to facilitate payment of their outstanding contributions for example through support to meetings, workshops, etc.;
9. **Recognise** the support provided by the Government of France in hosting the present meetings (SPAW COP9, LBS COP3, IGM17/COP14), at a cost of €120,000 which would have otherwise been a cost to the Caribbean Trust Fund;
10. **Request the Secretariat** to enhance efforts to engage the private sector in the further development and implementation of programmes, projects and activities.
11. **Request** that the Executive Director of UNEP, make the necessary provisions to extend the Caribbean Trust Fund until 2019.

## DECISION II

**Recalling** the adoption of the General Assembly of “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” through resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015 and the inclusion of Goal 14 on the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and seas;

**Taking note** of the audit recommendations provided by the UN Office of Internal Oversight Service as contained in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.39/INF.8 on the need for an updated performance strategy, indicators and a resource mobilization strategy;

**Noting** the critical situation of the Caribbean Trust Fund (CTF) and *being aware* that without enhanced resource mobilization efforts, the Secretariat and the Regional Activity Centres (RACs) will be unable to effectively implement the workplan;

**Further noting** that the Caribbean Action Plan developed in 1983 and the associated strategy adopted in 1990 do not reflect many of the current regional and global issues and priorities;

**Recognizing** that an updated strategy for the Caribbean Environment Programme including appropriate targets, indicators and a resource mobilization component will assist the Secretariat and the Regional Action Centres in their efforts to be more financially and institutionally sustainable;

**Further recognizing** opportunities for support from the UNDP GEF CLME+ project on sustainable financing of regional institutions involved in the protection of the coastal and marine environment;

**Acknowledging** with thanks the significant efforts taken by Contracting and Non-Contracting Parties to contribute in a timely manner to the Caribbean Trust Fund including making arrangements with the Secretariat to honor their pledges;

**Also acknowledging** with thanks the significant financial commitments being made by Governments to host Regional Activity Centres;

**Thanking** the Secretariat and the RACs for their commitment to implementing the workplan despite existing human and financial constraints;

### Decides to:

1. **Request** the Secretariat to update the Strategy for CEP incorporating the following elements, subject to availability of resources:
  - Review, diagnostic and evaluation of the implementation of the current strategy;
  - Strategic planning exercise for the Secretariat;
  - Evaluation of any possible changes to the current levels of contributions to the Caribbean Trust Fund on overall financial sustainability, considering the most updated UN assessment scales of contributions;
  - Assessment of the technical and human resource capacity of the Secretariat and its RACs to ensure it continues to respond to the needs of Contracting Parties in the most effective and efficient way possible;

- Consideration of resource efficiency as part of the resource mobilization strategy;
  - Assessment on and proposal of how the Secretariat could respond to the current regional and international goals such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Aichi Biodiversity Targets, Regional Seas Strategic Directions and SAMOA Pathway;
2. **Request** the Secretariat to use the information paper (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.39/INF8 ) as a guide to update the existing strategy with proposed indicators and targets including a resource mobilization strategy and to present this updated strategy to the Eighteenth Intergovernmental Meeting of the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and Fifteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region, for consideration and possible approval.

### DECISION III

**Having reviewed** the Reports, Recommendations and Decisions of the Meetings convened under the Caribbean Environment Programme since the Sixteenth Intergovernmental Meeting;

**Further noting** the need for collaboration between the AMEP and SPAW sub-programmes and the Regional Activity Centres in responding to recommendations and decisions of the Meetings:

**Decides to:**

1. **Endorse** the Decisions of the Ninth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the SPAW Protocol held in, Cayenne, French Guiana, 13 March 2017 as contained in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG 37/5;
2. **Endorse** the Decisions of the Third Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS Protocol) in the Wider Caribbean Region, held in Cayenne, French Guiana, 14 March 2017 as contained in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.38/7;
3. **Request** governments of the Region to actively participate in the global and regional Partnerships relating to nutrients, wastewater, solid waste and marine litter, including attending the Intergovernmental Review (IGR) organized by the UN Environment's Global Programme of Action (GPA) scheduled to take place in November 2017 in Bali, Indonesia and other regional and international meetings relevant to the work of the CEP.

#### DECISION IV

**Having reviewed** the Report of the Eight Ordinary Meeting of the Steering Committee for the RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe, held in Willemstad, Curacao, 19-20 May 2016 (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG 39/INF.12);

**Having examined** the Long-Term Strategic Plan for 2015-2025 of the Regional Activity Centre, REMPEITC-Caribe (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG 39/INF.11.);

**Welcoming the finalization of the Host Agreement between** UN Environment and the Government of Curacao for the hosting of RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe;

**Recognizing with gratitude** the continuous contribution of the Governments of Curacao (Kingdom of the Netherlands) and the United States to the operational support of RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe; as well as the continuous funding support from many nations through the International Maritime Organization that enables RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe to conduct activities throughout the Region;

**Welcoming with great appreciation** the expressed commitment from the Government of Curacao to continue supporting RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe on the island of Curacao, autonomous within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, by: increasing the level of oversight to a fulltime director; adding a support staff to support the director and manage operations on a fulltime basis; and by engaging the Policy Department of the Ministry of Traffic, Transport and Spatial Planning on a strategic and tactical level.

**Noting that** since the loss of the Consultant seconded by France though the support of TOTAL in June 2016, RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe is currently only supported by a single Consultant, seconded by through support of United States Coast Guard.

**Noting Further**, that the United States Coast Guard has advised the United Nations Environment, through the International Maritime Organization, that it believes only one Consultant is not a sustainable option for carrying out the vast missions of RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe, and as such, would be withdrawing its support at the conclusion of the current consultant's assignment in May 2017, noting the decision could be revisited based on additional full time consultants are secured by May 2017.

**Acknowledging** the hard work put in by Consultants and staff of RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe, including those seconded by other governments over the last two decades; in developing and implementing multilateral action for preparing for and responding to oil spills and all other sources of pollution from ships, including ballast water discharge and air emissions, that may threaten the marine environmental of the Wider Caribbean Region.

**Acknowledging also** that a proposal titled "Human Capital Strengthening of the Regional Activity and Training Centre – Wider Caribbean Region (RAC/REMPEITC-CARIBE)" has been submitted to the CARICOM to be considered by the Sixty-Sixth Special Meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED) – Transportation, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, 3–5 April 2017, and for possible ultimate briefing to the CARICOM Heads of Governments Meeting in July 2017.

**Duly Urge** the parties of the convention to support RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe with additional human resources, so that the Center can attain the optimal level of three seconded consultants and continue to serve the Region in a robust, sustainable and productive manner into the future.

**Additionally requests** the support of the Contracting Parties for RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe to conduct the following technical activities:



**Decides to:**

1. Implement the Regional Strategic Action Plan to Minimize the Transfer of Harmful Aquatic Organisms and Pathogens in Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments in the Wider Caribbean Region; **and to pursue options for** establishing a centralized clearinghouse for receiving, processing and providing to the Parties: Ballast Water Management data from ships operating in the Region;
2. **Conduct** a feasibility study on the development of a Regional Port Reception Facilities Plan (RPRFP) for the Wider Caribbean Region;
3. Encourage, for reception, management and disposal of ship-generated waste, the development and implementation of national waste management plans, guidelines, and legislation;
4. **Move forward** improvements to the Regional Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response plans, including the integrations of offshore oil and gas facilities and linkages between all national, regional and bilateral plans in the region.
5. **Revitalize** RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe's role in oil pollution preparedness and response by fully established the Center as **regional spill reporting and notification centre**; partnering with the Maritime Coordination Centers of the Region; and utilizing risks assessment tools to identify national gaps and further build capacity, with particular focus on emerging offshore oil and gas interests in the region.

## DECISION V

**Having convened** the Ninth Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA) in the Wider Caribbean Region;

**Taking note of** the “Status of Activities of the SPA Subprogramme for 2015-2016” (UNEP (DEPI)/CAR WG.38/INF.3)” and **commending** the work of the Secretariat and the SPA-RAC;

**Taking note of** the “Report of the SPA Regional Activity Centre (SPA-RAC) in Guadeloupe: Operations and Budget for the period 2015-2016” (UNEP (DEPI)/CAR WG.38/INF.3);

**Having reviewed** the “Assessment of the Protected Areas Proposed for Listing” UNEP (DEPI)/CAR WG.38/5 and the “Proposal for Protected Areas to be listed under the SPA Protocol” (UNEP (DEPI)/CAR WG.38/5 and (UNEP (DEPI)/CAR WG 38.5 Addendum 1. Rev.1) and (UNEP (DEPI)/CAR IG 37/4);

**Having reviewed** the “Report of the Working Group on the Application of Criteria for Listing Species Under the Annexes to the SPA Protocol” (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/4) and the “ Species proposals submitted by the Parties for listing under Annexes of the SPA Protocol” (UNEP/(DEPI)/CAR WG38.INF.7);

**Having reviewed** the “ Draft Reporting Format for Exemptions under Article 11(2) of the Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife Protocol (SPA)” (UNEP (DEPI)/CAR WG.38/3 Rev.1);

**Having reviewed** the “Update on the Caribbean Marine Protected Areas Management Network and Forum (CaMPAM) and its major activities, including the ongoing Climate Resilient Eastern Caribbean Marine Managed Areas Network (ECMMAN) Project (UNEP(DEPI) /CAR WG.38/INF.5);

**Having reviewed** the “Evaluation of CaMPAM activities (2010-2015) and recommendations for improvement (UNEP(DEPI) /CAR WG.38/INF.6);

**Having reviewed** the marine mammal materials in support of the Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine Mammals (MAMP) (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/INF.10, UNEP (DEPI) CAR/38.11, UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/INF.13, UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG 38./INF 16; and UNEP (DEPI)/CAR WG. 28/INF.17);

**Taking note of** the “Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN)- Caribbean Network and guidelines ” (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/INF.17 and UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.37/ INF.4;

**Taking note of** “The *Sargassum* influx platform and factsheets (UNEP (DEPI)/CAR WG.38.INF.9, UNEP (DEPI)/CAR WG.38.INF.12, UNEP (DEPI)/CAR WG.38.INF.14, UNEP (DEPI)/CAR WG.38.INF.15);

**Taking note of** the “ GEF Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem (CLME+) Proejct and its joint implementation through the AMEP and the SPA Subprogrammes (UNEP (DEPI)/CAR WG.37/INF.7)

**Having reviewed** the “Draft Workplan and Budget for the Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA) Subprogramme for the 2017-2018 Biennium” (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/6 Rev.1);

**Having reviewed** the “Recommendations of the Seventh Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee to the SPA Protocol” (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/8).

### Decide to:

1. **Urge** the governments of the region, which have not yet done so, to become Contracting Parties to the SPA Protocol;

2. **Approve** the protected area Cayos de San Felipe presented by STAC7 for listing under the SPAW Protocol and **welcome** the Secretariat's initiative to continue to support the Protected Areas listed through the cooperation programme,
3. **Urge** Contracting Parties to respond to the requests of the Secretariat to participate more actively in the Working Groups established by the Parties,
4. **Approve** the revised version of the voluntary Reporting Format for submissions of exemptions under Article 11(2) of the Protocol, as adopted by COP 9, and **further encourage** Contracting Parties to use such Format when reporting such an exemption.
5. **Amend** the species Annexes by adding the following species to Annex II and Annex III respectively:

**Annex II**

*Passerina ciris*, Painted bunting  
*Pristis pectinata*, Smalltooth sawfish

**Annex III**

*Liguus fasciatus*, Florida treesnail  
*Manta birostris*  
*Manta alfredi*  
*Manta sp. cf. birostris*  
*Sphyrna lewini*  
*Sphyrna mokarran*  
*Sphyrna zygaena*  
*Carcharhinus longimanus*, Oceanic whitetip shark  
*Rhincodon typus*, Whale shark  
*Epinephelus striatus*, Nassau grouper

6. **Adopt** the Recommendations of the Seventh Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee to the SPAW Protocol as contained in UNEP/(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/7, with the amendments provided by the Ninth SPAW COP as reflected below:

**Recommendation I.4 (vi)**

"the collaborative work with relevant partners, including the ACS and CRFM, other Governments and regions on areas of common interest, such as the management and response to the Sargassum influx, restoration of coral reefs, and invasive species;"

**Recommendation IV.2**

"The interested members of the Ad hoc Working Group on exemptions also consider the Reporting Format as applied on the Curacao's exemption case and provide its findings on the format only, prior to the end of the year". *As discussed during the STAC 7, Curacao was encouraged to provide further information on their exemption submission to the Ad Hoc Working Group*

**Recommendation IV.3**

"Having approved the voluntary Reporting Format for Exemptions encourages Parties to use it when reporting such an exemption,"

7. **Approves** the proposed SPAW Workplan for 2017-2018 as revised by STAC7, and its budget subject to the approval of CEP's budget by 17<sup>th</sup> IGM and 14<sup>th</sup> Cartagena Convention COP, and **further requests** the Secretariat to develop a strategy for mobilization of resources.

8. **Welcome** the offer from the Kingdom of the Netherlands to explore with the Secretariat the possible hosting of the Eight SPAW STAC and COP10 meetings in Curacao in 2019.

## DECISION VI

**Recalling** the decision of the Thirteenth Intergovernmental Meeting to approve the Guidelines for the Operations of the Regional Activity Centres (RACs) and the Regional Activity Networks (RANs) for the Cartagena Convention (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.28/INF.5 Rev.1);

**Recognizing** the progress made by the Secretariat to finalize and/or update Host Agreements for the Regional Activity Centres in Curacao and Trinidad and Tobago; and

**Welcoming** the support by UNEP HQ in the finalization of these Agreements.

### Decides to:

1. **Request** the Secretariat, in coordination with the Regional Activity Centres, to continue work to finalize outstanding Host Agreements with the Government of Cuba for LBS RAC CIMAB as soon as possible.

## DECISION VII

**Having reviewed** the progress of the Caribbean Environment Programme during 2015-2016;

**Recognizing** the need for the continuing development and implementation of the Caribbean Environment Programme for the 2017-2018 biennium and beyond;

**Welcoming** the progress made by other Parties towards ratification of the LBS and SPAW Protocols;

**Noting** the importance of obtaining reports from countries on the status of implementation of the Convention and its Protocols; and

**Recognizing** that the reporting template should be kept under periodic review by the Secretariat including requesting governments to provide additional information as part of their reporting obligations under the Convention.

### Decides to:

1. **Encourage** other governments in the Wider Caribbean Region to ratify the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols;
2. **Encourage** governments to inform the Secretariat of the status and impacts of the implementation of the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region and of its Protocols through the approved reporting template for the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols;
3. **Encourage** greater involvement and participation of Focal Points in the development and implementation of the work programme of the Caribbean Environment Programme including participation at meetings of the Secretariat including through the provision of any changes in their focal points;
4. **Further request** the Secretariat to continue its efforts to strengthen collaboration with regional agencies and relevant Convention Secretariats to enable more effective implementation of the Caribbean Environment Programme workplan;
5. **Commend**, in particular, the Coordinator and staff of the Secretariat for the considerable progress made in implementing the Caribbean Environment Programme during the period since the Sixteenth Intergovernmental Meeting;
6. **Encourage** all Contracting Parties who have not yet submitted national reports to do so no later than 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and request the Secretariat to make all such reports available through the UNEP CEP website; and
7. **Encourage** governments to express their appreciation of, and support to, the Caribbean Environment Programme within their national institutions, as well as at relevant national, regional and global fora.

## DECISION VIII

**Acknowledging** the achievements of the working group on environmental monitoring and assessment (WG) established by Decision XII of the Fourteenth IGM; and

**Further Noting** that further work is required to complete the proposed State of the Convention Area Report;

**Decides to:**

1. **Endorse** the specific recommendation of the LBS COP3 to enable the continued work of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment for the 2017/2018 biennium until the completion of the SOCAR;
2. **Request** that the Working Group continue as an open-ended working group of experts from Contracting Parties and Regional Activity Centres to the Cartagena Convention and **Request** governments of the Region and others interested in the development of the SOCAR including participating in the Working Group and the Data sub-group to inform the Secretariat by March 31st, 2017;
3. **Request** all Contracting and non-Contracting Parties to provide data and information to the Secretariat for the further development of SOCAR by April 15th, 2017;
4. **Further request** that the Chair of the Working Group reports to the 4<sup>th</sup> LBS STAC and as appropriate, to the LBS COP4; and
5. **Request** the Secretariat to continue its efforts to mobilize resources that will assist countries to conduct national coastal and marine monitoring and assessments and in the further development of the State of Convention Area Report.

## DECISION IX

**Recalling** Decision VII of the 16<sup>th</sup> IGM on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the wider Caribbean Region regarding the implementation of the CLME+ Strategic Action Programme through the UNDP/GEF CLME+ Project;

**Acknowledging** that the objectives of the 10-year Strategic Action Programme for the Sustainable Management of shared Living Marine Resources in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf (CLME+ SAP) are consistent with the vision, objectives and mandate of the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols

**Noting** that to date 24 countries of the Cartagena Convention Area have already endorsed the CLME+ SAP at the political level;

**Recognizing** that the broad political endorsement of the CLME+ SAP has been instrumental in the leveraging of substantial, new financial resources supporting the implementation of the work programmes of the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols;

**Acknowledging** the role of the CLME+ SAP in fostering collaboration and coordination, particularly among fisheries and environmental agencies at the regional and national levels;

**Noting** that the CLME+ SAP provides a roadmap supportive of an agenda of sustainable blue growth, and of region-wide delivery on global and regional targets relating to the marine environment, including Aichi targets and targets under the UN Sustainable Development Goal SDG14:

**Recognizing** that the Secretariat of the Cartagena Convention is a Co-executing Agency for the 5-year UNDP/GEF CLME+ Project (2015-2020), which aims at catalyzing the implementation of the CLME+ SAP;

Noting relevant decisions related to the CLME+ Project of the Third Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities within the Wider Caribbean and the Ninth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Protocol on Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife of the Wider Caribbean

### Decide to:

1. **Encourage** Governments that have not yet done so, to consider endorsing the CLME+ SAP at the political level;
2. **Request** the Secretariat to continue to explore the opportunities for entering into a formal agreement with the Government of Brazil regarding mutual collaboration on activities relevant to the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols;
3. **Request** the Secretariat to continue its efforts to integrate its work under the AMEP and SPAW sub-programmes including the completion of the AMEP/SPAW Roadmap and through activities such as the development of the Regional Action and Investment Plans for Nutrients and Habitats, the completion of the LBS SOCAR and State of Habitats reports and their integration into the CLME+ SOME, and implementation of Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM) subprojects under the UNDP/GEF CLME+ Project;
4. **Request** that the Secretariat participate in the process to identify options for a Permanent Policy Coordination Mechanism for Ocean Governance and for a Sustainable Financing Mechanism for strengthening the roles and capacities of regional organisations responsible for ocean governance as articulated under the CLME+ SAP;