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Agenda items 2 and 3: Organizational Matters and Adoption of the Agenda

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan Programme of Work 2018-2019 adopted by COP 20, Tirana, Albania, 17-20 December 2017, the Secretariat is organizing the meeting of the MED POL Focal Points (FP) from 29-31 May 2019 in Istanbul, Turkey.
2. The main objectives of the meeting are to discuss and agree on a number of important documents related to the following key aspects of the MED POL mandate:
 - a) Progress undertaken for implementation of the Pollution-related activities during biennium 2018-2019 including mid-term evaluation of implementation of existing Regional Plans;
 - b) Main elements and process/ timetable for development/ preparation of the six new Regional Plans;
 - c) Updated annexes of the pollution-related Protocols under the Barcelona Convention;
 - d) New developments with regards to IMAP implementation related to Pollution and Marine Litter Cluster;
 - e) Technical guidelines addressing pollution control measures and pollution assessment;
 - f) Discussion and agreement upon the activities of the MED POL Programme of Work 2020-2021, including indicators and targets, to be implemented during the next biennium for inclusion in the MAP Programme of Work 2020-2021.
3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The Meeting will be opened at 09:30 on 29 May 2019 by the Deputy Coordinator of UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan - Barcelona Convention Secretariat and the representative of the host country.

Agenda items 2 and 3: Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

<i>Working Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/1/Rev.1;</i>
<i>Information Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/2/Rev.1</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.1/Rev.2</i>

a) Rules of Procedure

5. The rules of procedure for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply mutatis mutandis to the present meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

b) Election of Officers

6. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points will elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

7. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.473/1/Rev.1 and annotated in the present document (UNEP/MED WG.473/2/Rev.1) will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the meeting including the timetable presented at the end of the present document.

d) Organization of Work

8. Sessions are scheduled every day from 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30. It is expected that the MED POL Focal Points will address all items of the Agenda during its three days meeting. The meeting is planned to be held in Plenary Session.

9. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for all sessions. All documentation will be 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.

10. The participants will be invited to review and adopt the meeting conclusions and recommendations, amended as appropriate, and drafted by the Rapporteur. The report of the meeting will be prepared and circulated for adoption after the meeting.

11. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 17:30 on 31 May, 2019.

Agenda item 4: Progress Achieved regarding the Implementation of the Programme of Work 2018-2019 related to Land Based Pollution and Governance Themes

<i>Working Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/3/Corr.1</i>
<i>Information Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.3</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.4</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.5</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.6</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.7</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.9</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.10</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.11</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.12</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.17</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.18</i>

12. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.473/3/Corr.1 which summarizes the status of implementation of the main activities carried out by the Secretariat (MED POL) during the current biennium.

13. The Meeting will be asked to review the progress and approve as appropriate the work carried out for the implementation of the Programme of Work 2018-2019.

Agenda item 5: Implementation status and Development of the Regional Plans under Article 15 of the LBS Protocol

<i>Working Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/4</i>
<i>Information Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/14</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.3</i>

- a) Main elements of the new Pollution Reduction Regional Plans.
- b) Mid-term evaluation of implementation of existing Regional Plans

14. With regards to point (a) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will present document UNEP/MED WG.473/4 on the main elements of the six new Regional Plans on Municipal Wastewater Treatment; Sewage Sludge Management; Agriculture Nutrients Management; Aquaculture Nutrients Management; Urban Storm Water Management; and Marine Litter (upgrade), including proposed timetable for their preparation.

15. The Meeting is expected to review the document and provide feedback as appropriate with the view to have it finalized and submitted to the MAP Focal Points meeting and possibly to COP 21 for requesting an official mandate to start their preparation as indicated in the proposed timeframe, where appropriate.

16. With regards to point (b) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.473/14 on the mid-term implementation status of the legal, institutional and technical measures contained in the Regional Plans for reduction of BOD5 from Urban Wastewater and in the Food Sector; reduction of inputs of Mercury; elimination/phase out of POPs; and management of Marine Litter.

17. The Meeting is expected to validate the findings of the evaluation reports; provide comments and feedback, as appropriate, with regards to information presented on the status of implementation of the Regional Plans in their respective countries in order to enable the MED POL team to conclude these reports after complementing them with new data deriving from national reports on measures taken by the CPs for the updating of the Regional Plans in biennium 2016-2017; as well as on updated NBB and PRTR submissions. The meeting is expected to provide guidance on next steps.

Agenda item 6: Proposals for updating the annexes of the LBS, Hazardous Waste and Dumping Protocols

<i>Working Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/5</i>
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18. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.473/5, comprising an analysis of the annexes of the LBS, Dumping and Hazardous Waste Protocol in light of recent developments at regional and global level, and proposing possible updates to the annexes of the three Protocols to better take into account GES and to enhance synergies with the relevant regional and global developments.

19. The Meeting is expected to review the proposed possible updates to the annexes of the three Protocols, and to provide guidance on the next steps required to formally initiate this process during the next biennium.

Agenda item 7: Implementation of IMAP and MED POL Monitoring Programme

<i>Working Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/6</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/7</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/8</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/9</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/11</i>
<i>Information Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.5</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.7</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.15</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.16</i>

- a) Data Standards and Data Dictionaries and for Common Indicators related to Pollution and Marine Litter;
- b) IMAP Guidance Factsheets: Update for Common Indicators 13, 14, 17, 18, 20 and 21; New proposal for Candidate Indicators 26 and 27;
- c) Defining the Most Representative Species for IMAP Candidate Indicator 24 and Related Monitoring Protocol;
- d) Cross-Cutting Issues and Common Challenges: The Methodological Approach for Mapping the Interrelations between Sectors, Activities, Pressures, Impacts and State of Marine Environment for EO5 and EO9;
- e) Data quality assurance.

20. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present a number of documents for the consideration of the meeting:

- a) *Data Standards and Data Dictionaries and for Common Indicators related to Pollution and Marine Litter*

21. With regards to point (a) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will present Data Standards and Data Dictionaries for Common Indicators 13, 14, 17, 21, 22 and 23, as revised and agreed by the Meetings of the CorMon on Pollution and Marine Litter.

22. The meeting is expected to review and approve Data Standards and Data Dictionaries, as appropriate, to enable the finalization of IMAP (Pilot) Info System for these indicators.

23. The Meeting is also expected to review and agree on DSs and DDs for IMAP Candidate Common Indicators 22 and 23 that have been revised by the Secretariat in line with the conclusions of the Meeting of CorMon on Marine Litter by taking also into account comments received after the meeting.

- b) *IMAP Guidance Factsheets: Update for Common Indicators 13, 14, 17, 18, 20 and 21; New proposal for Candidate Indicators 26 and 27*

24. With regards to point (b) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.473/7 which contains an update of the IMAP Guidance Factsheets for Common Indicators 13, 14, 17, 18, 20 and 21 related to Ecological Objective 5 (eutrophication) and Ecological Objective 9 (contaminants), and a proposal for the Guidance Factsheets for Common Indicators 26 and 27 related to Ecological Objective 11 (energy including underwater noise) prepared by ACCOBAMS and reviewed and agreed by the Meeting of the CorMon on Pollution Monitoring.

25. The meeting is expected to review and approve the updated Guidance Factsheets for Common Indicators 13, 14, 17, 18, 20 and 21 (eutrophication and contaminants), and the new Guidance Factsheets for Candidate Indicators 26 and 27 (noise).

- c) *Defining the Most Representative Species for IMAP Candidate Indicator 24 and Related Monitoring Protocol*

26. With regards to point (c) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.473/11 and UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.16 which contains a proposal for the most representative species to be considered for the development of the IMAP EO10 Candidate Indicator 24, along with a protocol for monitoring interactions between marine litter and marine turtles (i.e. ingestion and entanglement).

27. The meeting is expected to review the proposed draft and provide feedback, as appropriate, and guidance on next steps.

d) *Cross-Cutting Issues and Common Challenges: The Methodological Approach for Mapping the Interrelations between Sectors, Activities, Pressures, Impacts and State of Marine Environment for EO5 and EO9*

28. With regards to point (d) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.473/6 related to several IMAP cross-cutting issues along with the methodological approaches for integrated marine assessments recommended by the Meeting of the CorMon on Pollution Monitoring for testing by the Contracting Parties.

29. The meeting is expected to review and agree on proposed methodological approaches for integrated marine assessments, and to provide guidance on further work in this direction, as appropriate.

e) *Data Quality Assurance*

30. With regards to point (e) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.473/9 addressing proposed Schemes for Database Quality and Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) of Data related to Pollution. This document fully takes into account the comments raised during the Meeting of the CorMon on Pollution Monitoring.

31. The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed schemes for their application on IMAP (Pilot) Info System, as well as on national monitoring programmes and related reporting.

Agenda item 8: Technical Guidelines

Working Documents	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/10</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/12</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/13</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.8</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.13</i>
Information Documents	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.14</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.18</i>

- a) Guidelines for the Implementation of the Adopt-a-Beach measures;
- b) Practical Implementation Guidelines on PRTR;
- c) Legal template on PRTR.

32. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present a number of documents for the consideration of the meeting:

a) *Guidelines for the Implementation of the Adopt-a-Beach measures*

33. With regards to point (a) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.473/10 supported under EU-funded Marine Litter Project.

34. The meeting is expected to review the proposed draft and provide feedback as appropriate with the view to have the Guidelines finalized and submitted to the MAP Focal Points Meeting in September 2019.

b) *Practical Implementation Guidelines on PRTR*

35. With regards to point (b) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.473/12 prepared under EU/EEA funded H2020 SEIS Project.

36. The meeting is expected to review the proposed draft document, provide feedback and approve it for supporting the establishment of PRTR in the region.

c) Legal Template on PRTR

37. With regards to point (b) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.473/13 prepared under EU/EEA funded H2020 SEIS Project.

38. The meeting is expected to review the proposed document, provide feedback and approve it, as appropriate, with the view to encourage the CPs which do not have national PRTR Regulation in place to develop it with the aim to facilitate reporting under Article 13 of the LBS Protocol of the Barcelona Convention.

Agenda item 9: MED POL Programme of Work 2020-2021

Working Documents	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/15</i>
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39. Under this Agenda item, the Secretariat will present document UNEP/MED WG.473/15 that lists and briefly describes the proposed MED POL Programme of Work for the biennium 2020-2021.

40. The Meeting will be asked to review and approve as appropriate the proposed Programme of Work and mandate the Secretariat to integrate it in the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work proposal for submission to the MAP Focal Points meeting.

Agenda item 10: Any other business

41. Under this Agenda item, the participants and the Secretariat will be able to raise any other business related to the subject of the Meeting.

Agenda item 11: Conclusions and recommendations

42. Under this Agenda item, the meeting will review, amend and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the meeting discussions as prepared by the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 12: Closure of the Meeting

43. The Chair will close the Meeting at 17:30 hours on 31 May 2019.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Wednesday 29 May, 2019		Related documents
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
09:45 – 10:00	Agenda items 2 & 3: Election of Officers, Adoption of the Agenda and Organizational of Work	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/1/Rev.1;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/2/Rev.1;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.1/Rev.2</i>
10:00 – 12:30	Agenda item 5: Implementation status and development of the Regional Plans under Article 15 of the LBS Protocol: a) Main elements of the new Pollution Reduction Regional Plans. b) Mid-term evaluation of implementation of existing Regional Plans	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/4;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/14;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.3</i>
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 16:00	Agenda item 5 (continued): Implementation status and development of the Regional Plans under Article 15 of the LBS Protocol	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/4;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/14;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.3</i>
16:00 – 17:30	Agenda item 4: Progress achieved regarding the implementation of the Programme of Work 2018-2019 related to land-based pollution and governance themes	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/3/Corr.1;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.3;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.4;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.5;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.6;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.7;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.9;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.10;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.11;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.12;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.17;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.18</i>
Thursday 30 May, 2019		Related documents
09:30 – 11:30	Agenda item 6: Proposals for updating the annexes of the LBS, Hazardous Waste and Dumping Protocols	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/5</i>
11:30 – 12:30	Agenda item 7: Implementation of IMAP and MED POL Monitoring Programme a) Data Standards and Data Dictionaries and for Common Indicators related to Pollution and Marine Litter; b) IMAP Guidance Factsheets: Update for Common Indicators 13, 14, 17, 18, 20 and 21; New proposal for Candidate Indicators 26 and 27; c) Defining the Most Representative Species for IMAP Candidate Indicator 24 and Related Monitoring Protocol; d) Cross-Cutting Issues and Common Challenges: The Methodological Approach for Mapping the Interrelations between Sectors, Activities, Pressures, Impacts and	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/6;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/7;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/8;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/9;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/11;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.5;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.7;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.15;</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.16</i>

	State of Marine Environment for EO5 and EO9; e) Data quality management.	
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 15:30	Agenda item 7 (continued): Implementation of IMAP and MED POL Monitoring Programme	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/6; UNEP/MED WG.473/7; UNEP/MED WG.473/8; UNEP/MED WG.473/9; UNEP/MED WG.473/11; UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.5; UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.7; UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.15; UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.16</i>
15:30 – 17:30	Agenda item 8: Technical Guidelines: a) Guidelines for the Implementation of the Adopt-a-Beach measures b) Practical Implementation Guidelines on PRTR c) Legal template on PRTR.	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/10; UNEP/MED WG.473/12; UNEP/MED WG.473/13; UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.8; UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.13; UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.14; UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.18</i>
Friday 31 May, 2019		
09:30 – 11:30	Agenda item 8 (continued): Technical Guidelines.	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/10; UNEP/MED WG.473/12; UNEP/MED WG.473/13; UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.8; UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.13; UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.14; UNEP/MED WG.473/Inf.18</i>
11:30 – 12:30	Agenda item 9: MED POL Programme of Work 2020-2021	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/15</i>
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 15:30	Agenda item 9 (continued): MED POL Programme of Work 2020-2021	<i>UNEP/MED WG.473/15</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Agenda item 10: Any Other Business	
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