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Agenda item 8: Draft 2020-2021 Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee

Draft Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee for the biennium 2020-2021

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Note by the Secretariat

1. This document contains the Draft Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee for the biennium 2020-2021. The draft Programme of Work is structured around four sections addressing:
 - (a) *Specific submissions under Section V of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocol*: This covers submissions and referrals under Paragraphs 18 to 23.bis of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (Decision IG.17/2 as amended by Decisions IG. 20/1 and 21/1);
 - (b) *General issues of compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols*: This deals with Paragraph 17 of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance; and
 - (c) *Enhancement activities*: This covers activities aimed at strengthening the Compliance Mechanisms' and Procedures' effectiveness and establishing synergies with other Compliance Committee's Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), and
 - (d) *Functioning of the Compliance Committee*: This refers to the possible amendment of Procedures and Mechanism on Compliance and the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee.
2. The Compliance Committee is invited to examine its Draft Programme of Work for the biennium 2020-2021 and finalize it for transmission to COP 21 (Naples, Italy, 2-5 December 2019).

Draft Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee for the biennium 2020-2021		
Activity	Lead/Who	Timetable/When
Specific submissions under Section V of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocol		
1. To consider any submissions and/or referrals in accordance with Section V of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance	Compliance Committee	16 th and 17 th Compliance Committee Meetings
General issues of compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols		
2. To consider specific situations of actual or potential non-compliance by individual Parties in accordance with Section IV of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance	Compliance Committee	16 th and 17 th Compliance Committee Meetings
3. At the request of the Meeting of the Contracting Parties, to consider general compliance issues in accordance with Section IV of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance	Compliance Committee	16 th and 17 th Compliance Committee Meetings
4. To consider any other issues as requested by the Meeting of the Contracting Parties in accordance with Section IV of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance	Compliance Committee	16 th and 17 th Compliance Committee Meetings
Enhancement activities		
5. To continue work in order to enhance Compliance Mechanisms' and Procedures' effectiveness	Compliance Committee	16 th and 17 th Compliance Committee Meetings
6. To continue to identify, promote and strengthen synergies, where appropriate, with other Compliance Committee's Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)	Compliance Committee	16 th and 17 th Compliance Committee Meetings
Functioning of the Compliance Committee		
7. To revise the Procedures and Mechanism on Compliance and the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee, as deemed appropriate	Compliance Committee	16 th and 17 th Compliance Committee Meetings