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**Agenda item 10: Awareness Raising and Outreach Activities to Promote the Role of the Compliance Committee**

**Action Taken to Promote the Role of the Compliance Committee**

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### **Note by the Secretariat**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee (Athens, Greece, 27-29 June 2018) discussed how to enhance Compliance Mechanisms' and Procedures' effectiveness, with a focus on awareness raising activities, and agreed on the Secretariat to prepare an electronic (paperless) leaflet promoting the role and work of the Compliance Committee (UNEP/MED CC.15/4, § 41). The result of this work is presented in this document for the Compliance Committee to comment, as appropriate. The Compliance Committee is also expected to advise on further steps to continue to promote the role the Compliance Committee for the next biennium.

# The Compliance Committee Of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

Adopted in 1976, the Barcelona Convention aims to protect and improve the marine and coastal environment in the Mediterranean, whilst promoting regional and national plans contributing to sustainable development. Today, 21 Mediterranean countries, as well as the European Union, are Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.

The Compliance Committee was established in 2008 to advise and assist the Contracting Parties in meeting their obligations under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and, to facilitate, promote, monitor and ensure such compliance. The Barcelona Convention Compliance Committee reflects the firm commitment of the 22 Contracting Parties to achieve compliance with the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

## COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE QUICK FACTS:

**Creation date:** 2008

**Number of members and alternate members of the Committee:** 7 members with 7 alternates

**Contact:** [insert email]

## BARCELONA CONVENTION COMPLIANCE MECHANISM

To facilitate and promote compliance with the obligations under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, the Barcelona Convention Compliance Mechanism:

- ⇒ Establishes a Compliance Committee dedicated to help Parties to implement the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;
- ⇒ Establishes a procedure that is non-adversarial, transparent, preventive and non-binding in nature;
- ⇒ Takes into account the specific situation of each Party;
- ⇒ Considers specific situations of actual or potential non-compliance by individual Parties with a view to determining the facts and causes of the situation;
- ⇒ Promotes compliance and addresses cases of non-compliance by providing Parties advice and non-binding recommendations.

Accountability is the obligation to work in accordance with commitments made and report accurately on actions and results. With accountability, commitments are transformed into actions.

Through the creation of the Compliance Committee, the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention have shown their determination to hold themselves and everyone else involved accountable for the commitments made under the Barcelona Convention.

## THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE: HOW DOES IT WORK?

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### THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE IS TRIGGERED

#### Self-trigger procedure:

A Party triggers the committee regarding its own situation

#### Party-to-Party trigger procedure:

A Party triggers the committee as to another Party's situation

#### Secretariat trigger procedure:

The Secretariat triggers the committee as to the difficulties faced by a Party

#### Committee trigger procedure:

The committee makes a referral, sometimes following information received by the public

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### THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE TAKES MEASURES



Give advice and, as appropriate, facilitate assistance



Invite and/or assist the Party concerned to draw up a plan of action



Invite the Party concerned to submit progress reports



Make recommendations on cases of non-compliance

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Members and Alternate Members are both nominated by the Parties and elected by the Meeting of the Contracting Parties taking into consideration equitable geographical representation and ensuring rotation. They serve in their individual capacity, objectively and in the best interest of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

### MEMBERS

**Ms. Odeta CATO**, National Project Manager, United Nations Development Programme, Albania. (Chair)  
**Mr. Bernard BRILLET**, Honorary Inspector General, Admin. of Sustainable Development, France. (Vice- Chair)  
**Mr. Ezzeddine JOUINI-BERZINE**, Director of Legal Dpt., Ministry of Local Affairs & Environment, Tunisia. (Vice-Chair)  
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**Ms. Ayşin TURPanci**, Legal Expert, Ministry of Environmental and Urban Planning, Turkey.  
**Mr. Joseph Edward ZAKI**, Advisor, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Egypt.

### ALTERNATE MEMBERS

**Ms. Daniela ADDIS**, Attorney, Daniela Addis Law Firm, Italy.  
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