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Second Meeting of the Barcelona Convention Offshore Oil and Gas Group (OFOG) Sub-Group on Environmental Impact

Athens, Greece, 27-28 June 2019

**Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Agenda and Election of Officers**

**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 the 20<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (COP 20) (Tirana, Albania, 17-20 December 2017), and in the framework of the Cooperation Agreement between UN Environment and the Italian Ministry for Environment, Land and Sea Protection (IMELS), the Secretariat, with support from REMPEC, is organizing the Second Meeting of the Barcelona Convention Offshore Oil and Gas Group (OFOG) Sub-Group on Environmental Impact on 27-28 June 2019, at the UN Environment/MAP Barcelona Convention Secretariat premises in Athens, Greece.

2. The main objectives of the meeting are to:

- (1) Review and approve at a technical level a number of documents relating to the development of Offshore Common Standards and Guidelines, the status of implementation of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan and possible amendments to the Offshore Protocol Annexes; and
- (2) Support sharing of best practices and lessons learnt among the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, and other relevant international organizations, MAP partners and the private sector regarding offshore activities.

The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

### **Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting**

3. The Meeting will be opened at 09.30 on 27 June 2019 by the Coordinator of UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan – Barcelona Convention Secretariat.

### **Agenda item 2. Adoption of the Agenda and Election of Officers**

*UNEP/MED WG.476/1, UNEP/MED WG.476/2,  
UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.1/Rev.1*

a) Rules of Procedure

4. 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

5. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the meeting will elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

6. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.476/1 and annotated in the present document (UNEP/MED WG.476/2) will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the meeting including the timetable contained in the Annex to the present document.

d) Organization of Work

7. Sessions are scheduled from 09:30 to 12:30 and 14:30 to 17:30 on 27 June 2019 and from 09:30 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 15:00 on 28 June 2019. It is expected that the participants will address all items of the agenda during their two days meeting. The meeting is planned to be held in Plenary Session. The meeting may consider establishing small working groups to address during breaks specific issues as appropriate for final review by the Plenary Session.

8. 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.

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

10. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 15:00 on 28 June 2019.

**Agenda item 3. Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards**  
*UNEP/MED WG.476/3, UNEP/MED WG.476/4, UNEP/MED WG.476/5*  
*UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.4, UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.5, UNEP/MED*  
*WG.476/Inf.6, UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.8, UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.9,*  
*UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.10*

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

**a) Guidelines for the Conduct of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)**

12. With regards to point (a) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.476/3 Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards: Guidelines for the Conduct of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The Secretariat will inform the meeting about relevant conclusions from the review of the document by the Thirteenth Meeting of the REMPEC Focal Points (Malta, 11-13 June 2019) and the Fourteenth Meeting of SPA/BD Thematic Focal Points (Portorož, Slovenia, 18-21 June 2019).

13. The meeting is expected to review the proposed draft and provide feedback with the view to having it finalized and submitted to MAP Focal Points Meeting and the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group Meeting, as appropriate.

**b) Common Standards and Guidance on the Disposal of Oil and Oily Mixtures and the Use and Disposal of Drilling Fluids and Cuttings**

14. With regards to point (b) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.476/4 Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards: Common Standards and Guidance on the Disposal of Oil and Oily Mixtures and the Use and Disposal of Drilling Fluids and Cuttings. The Secretariat will inform the meeting about relevant conclusions from the review of the document by the Thirteenth Meeting of the REMPEC Focal Points (Malta, 11-13 June 2019).

15. The meeting is expected to review the proposed draft and provide feedback, with the view to having it finalized and submitted to MAP Focal Points Meeting and the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group Meeting, as appropriate.

**c) Common Standards and Guidelines for Special Restrictions or Conditions for Specially Protected Areas (SPA) within the Framework of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan**

16. With regards to point (c) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.476/5 Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards: Common Standards and Guidelines for Special Restrictions or Conditions for Specially Protected Areas (SPA) within the Framework of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan. The Secretariat will inform the meeting about relevant conclusions from the review of the document by the Thirteenth Meeting of the REMPEC Focal Points (Malta, 11-13 June 2019) and the Fourteenth Meeting of SPA/BD Thematic Focal Points (Portorož, Slovenia, 18-21 June 2019).

17. The meeting is expected to review the proposed draft and provide feedback with the view to having it finalized and submitted to MAP Focal Points Meeting and the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group Meeting, as appropriate.

**Agenda item 4. Status of Implementation of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan and Recommendations for Potential Updates**

*UNEP/MED WG.476/6, UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.7*

18. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.476/6 Status of Implementation of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan and Proposed Recommendations for Further Streamlining of the Ecosystem Approach and other Regional and Global Developments.

19. The meeting is expected to review the status of implementation of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan and the proposed recommendations and provide feedback and guidance to the Secretariat on the next steps to be undertaken, including, as appropriate the inclusion of relevant activities into the Programme of Work 2020-2021 to be submitted to COP 21.

**Agenda item 5. Possible Amendments to the Annexes of the Offshore Protocol**

*UNEP/MED WG.476/7, UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.3, UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.8*

20. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.476/7 Review Regarding Possible Amendments to the Annexes of the Offshore Protocol which presents possible revisions of the Annexes to the Offshore Protocol, in view of integrating policy and technical developments at regional and global levels.

21. The meeting is expected to review the proposed revisions to the Annexes of the Offshore Protocol and provide feedback and guidance to the Secretariat on the next steps to be undertaken, including the submission of the document to the MAP Focal Points meeting, and the inclusion of relevant activities into the Programme of Work 2020-2021, to be submitted to COP 21, as appropriate.

**Agenda item 6. Conclusions and Recommendations**

22. 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 7. Any Other Business**

23. 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 8. Closure of the Meeting**

24. The Chair will close the Meeting at 15:00 hours on 28 June 2019.

**Proposed Timetable**

<b>Thursday, 27 June 2019</b>		
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting Agenda item 2. Adoption of the Agenda and Election of Officers	UNEP/MED WG.476/1 UNEP/MED WG.476/2 UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.1/Rev.1
09:45 – 11:40	Agenda item 3. Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards (a) Guidelines for the Conduct of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)	UNEP/MED WG.476/3 UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.10
11:40 – 12:30	Agenda item 3. Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards (b) Common Standards and Guidance on the Disposal of Oil and Oily Mixtures and the Use and Disposal of Drilling Fluids and Cuttings	UNEP/MED WG.476/4 UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.8
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 15:30	Agenda item 3. Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards (b) Common Standards and Guidance on the Disposal of Oil and Oily Mixtures and the Use and Disposal of Drilling Fluids and Cuttings (cont.)	UNEP/MED WG.476/4 UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.8
15:30 – 16:45	Agenda item 3. Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards (c) Common Standards and Guidelines for Special Restrictions or Conditions for Specially Protected Areas (SPA) within the Framework of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan	UNEP/MED WG.476/5 UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.6 UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.9
16:45 – 17:30	Agenda item 4. Status of Implementation of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan and Recommendations for Potential Updates	UNEP/MED WG.476/6 UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.7
<b>Friday, 28 June 2019</b>		
09:30 – 11:00	Agenda item 4. Status of Implementation of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan and Recommendations for Potential Updates (cont.)	UNEP/MED WG.476/6 UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.7
11:00 – 12:30	Agenda item 5. Possible Amendments to the Annexes of the Offshore Protocol	UNEP/MED WG.476/7 UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.476/Inf.8
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
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