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Third Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS) in the Wider Caribbean Region

Cayenne, French Guiana, 14 March 2017

## PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

### Introduction and Objectives

1. The Secretariat of the Cartagena Convention is responsible for convening meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities in accordance with Article XV of the LBS Protocol.
2. In accordance with the Workplan and Budget for 2015-2016, endorsed by the Sixteenth Intergovernmental Meeting, the Third COP to the LBS Protocol will be held on March 14, 2017 in Cayenne, French Guiana.
3. The proposed objectives of the Third COP are to:
  - review the implementation of the LBS Protocol and the effectiveness of actions taken pursuant to it, including a review of the Decisions of the Second LBS COP and the relevant Decisions of the Sixteenth Intergovernmental Meeting and Thirteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties;
  - review the implementation of projects and activities by the Secretariat and the LBS Regional Activity Centres (RACs) within the Assessment and Management of Environmental Pollution (AMEP) sub-programme during the period 2015-2016;
  - take appropriate action with regard to the recommendations of the Scientific, Technical and Advisory Committee resulting from the 3<sup>rd</sup> LBS STAC held from October 31 to November 2, 2016 in Miami, Florida, USA;

- assess the status of ratification and/or implementation of the LBS Protocol in member countries and take appropriate action to facilitate increased ratification and/or implementation;
- approve the AMEP Workplan and Budget for the 2017-2018 biennium for subsequent submission to, and endorsement by the 17<sup>th</sup> Intergovernmental Meeting and 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Contracting Parties of the Cartagena Convention to be held from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in Cayenne, French Guiana;
- approve recommendations concerning the implementation of the LBS Protocol during the first quarter of 2017; and
- Conduct other business as appropriate.

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

4. The Meeting will be opened by the Secretariat, on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Agenda item 2: Election of Officers**

5. The Meeting will be invited to elect from among the Parties a Chairperson, three Vice Chairpersons, and a Rapporteur for the Meeting.

#### **Agenda item 3: Organization of the Meeting**

(a) Rules of procedure

6. The rules of procedure for meetings of the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (Cartagena Convention) as contained in UNEP, 2010) and adopted pursuant to Article 20 of the Cartagena Convention will apply for the conduct of the Meeting.

(b) Organization of the work

7. English, French and Spanish will be the working languages of the Meeting. Simultaneous interpretation in these languages will be provided for the Meeting. The working documents of the Meeting will be available in all the working languages.
8. The Secretariat proposes to convene the Meeting in plenary sessions, with the assistance of working groups. The Chairperson may also establish other working groups. Simultaneous interpretation will not be available for the working groups.

#### **Agenda item 4: Adoption of the Agenda**

9. The Meeting will be invited to adopt the Agenda of the Meeting. The Provisional Agenda proposed by the Secretariat is contained in document **UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.38/1** and the Provisional Annotated Agenda in **UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.38/2**.

**Agenda item 5: Review of AMEP Programme Activities for the period 2015-2016**

(a) Review of Status of Ratification and Accession to the LBS Protocol

10. The Secretariat will present the current status of the LBS Protocol regarding ratifications and/or accessions as provided by the Government of Colombia, as Depository for the Cartagena Convention.

(b) Review of Activities

11. The Secretariat will be invited to make a general presentation and evaluation of the major projects and activities implemented under the AMEP Sub-programme, within the scope of the LBS Protocol, and their achievements. During its presentation the Secretariat will refer to documents UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.37/INF.3 Rev.1 (Draft Workplan and Budget 2017-2018), UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.37/INF.4 Rev.1 (RAC Report) and UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.37/INF.6 Rev.1 (Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Report), as well as other relevant information and reference documents as appropriate. During this presentation, the Secretariat will also summarize the progress made in the implementation of the Decisions of the Second LBS COP and the relevant Decisions of the Sixteenth Intergovernmental Meeting and Thirteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention.
12. The Meeting will be invited to comment and/or seek additional clarification on any of the projects and activities implemented during the biennium and make decisions, as appropriate.

**Agenda item 6: Recommendations of the Third Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (3<sup>rd</sup> LBS STAC) in the Wider Caribbean**

13. The Chair will invite the Secretariat to present the recommendations of the Second Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (2<sup>nd</sup> LBS STAC) in the Wider Caribbean as contained in document (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.37/5
14. The Meeting will be invited to review and endorse the recommendations, as appropriate, and make any other decisions pursuant to these recommendations.

**Agenda item 7: State of Convention Area Report (SOCAR)**

15. The Chair will invite the Government of USA in their capacity as Interim Chair of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment to introduce the Information Document on outputs of the Working Group on the State of Convention Area Report (SOCAR) Outline (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.37/INF.6 Rev.1).
16. The Meeting will be invited to discuss the proposed outline and make decisions and/or recommendations to the 17<sup>th</sup> IGM and 14<sup>th</sup> COP to the Cartagena Convention, as appropriate.

**Agenda item 8: Draft Workplan and Budget for AMEP Sub-Programme for the 2017-2018 Biennium**

17. The Secretariat will present the Draft Workplan and Budget for AMEP/LBS Protocol for the 2017-2018 biennium as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.37/3 Rev.1. The workplan was prepared based on inputs received from Governments and organizations for this purpose, the two LBS RACs, and following review and endorsement by the 3<sup>rd</sup> LBS STAC. Specific technical recommendations from the 3<sup>rd</sup> LBS STAC have also been incorporated into the draft workplan and budget being presented.
18. The Meeting will be invited to review and comment on the draft documents from the AMEP sub-programme and subject to any proposed modifications, approve the Work Plan and Budget for 2017-2018. This Work Plan and Budget will be forwarded to the Seventeenth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and the Fourteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties for endorsement.
19. The Meeting will be invited to provide additional comments, recommendations and/or decisions for national and regional actions to promote the ratification and implementation of the LBS Protocol.

**Agenda item 9: Other Business**

20. The participants of the Meeting will be invited to raise other issues not covered by the preceding agenda items, but relevant to the scope of the Meeting.
21. Requests from member governments or observer organizations to make brief presentations to the Meeting will be accommodated at this time.
22. The Secretariat will invite member governments to indicate any interest in hosting upcoming meetings of the Secretariat.

**Agenda item 10: Adoption of the Decisions of the Meeting**

23. The Rapporteur of the Meeting will present the draft Decisions of the Meeting (Document, UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.38/4). The Meeting will be invited to adopt the decisions, with amendments and corrections to be introduced in the draft, as appropriate.

**Agenda item 12: Closure of the Meeting**

24. The Meeting is expected to be closed on Tuesday, 14 March 2017 at 6:00 p.m. by the Chairperson of the Meeting and the Secretariat.