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**Agenda Item 3: Progress Report for January-February 2016**

**Progress report by the Secretariat on the implementation of COP 19 Decisions**

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COP 19 DECISION	OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH	Status	2016				2017			
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<b>Decision IG.22/4 Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2016- 2021)</b>	<i>Adopts</i> the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2016-2021), hereinafter referred to as “the Regional Strategy (2016-2021)”, contained in the Annex to this Decision;	<b>GREEN</b>								
	<i>Urges</i> the Contracting Parties to continue strengthening and accelerating their efforts in implementing the 2002 Prevention and Emergency Protocol, through the Regional Strategy (2016-2021);	<b>GREEN</b>								
	<i>Encourages</i> the Contracting Parties, wherever possible, to conduct national and sub-regional activities in support of the objectives of the Regional Strategy (2016-2021);	<b>GREEN</b>								
	<i>Requests</i> the Secretariat to explore opportunities for further cooperation or synergy with regional and international organisations, bilateral and multilateral cooperation agencies, and other relevant actors, including the oil and gas industry;	<b>YELLOW</b>								
	<i>Requests</i> the Secretariat (REMPEC) to provide assistance to Mediterranean coastal States in the context of implementing the Regional Strategy (2016-2021), aligning its priorities to those approved within the framework of sectorial Regional Strategies and Action Plans, such as the Mediterranean Strategy on Ships’ Ballast Water Management (the BWM Mediterranean Strategy) and the Mediterranean Offshore Protocol Action Plan and other relevant developments at the global level, such as the institutionalisation of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) and to collaborate with relevant organisations, such as the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), on current and future initiatives;	<b>ORANGE</b>								
	<i>Urges</i> Contracting Parties and partners including industry to contribute adequate human and financial resources for a full and effective implementation of the Regional Strategy (2016-2021).	<b>GREEN</b>								























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<b>Working Programme of the Compliance Committee for the Biennium 2016-2017</b>	<i>Also adopts</i> the 2016-2017 Work Programme of the Compliance Committee, contained in Annex III to this Decision;	<b>GREEN</b>								
	<i>Requests</i> again all the MAP components to provide the Compliance Committee with useful information and the necessary technical assistance and support to help the Committee comply with its responsibilities, particularly to undertake a better assessment of the Reports submitted by the Contracting Parties and verify their content, as well as assessing the current or potential cases of non-compliance or general compliance issues by the Contracting Parties;	<b>ORANGE</b>								
	<i>Invites</i> the Compliance Committee to examine in accordance with paragraph 17, sub-paragraphs b) and c), of the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms, the general issues related to compliance, particularly the recurrent problems of non-compliance with these obligations;	<b>ORANGE</b>								
	<i>Elects and/or renews</i> the Compliance Committee members and alternate members as presented in Annex IV of the present Decision, in accordance with the Procedures set by virtue of Decision IG.17/2 related to Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms as amended by Decision IG.20/1.	<b>ORANGE</b>								
<b>Decision IG.22/16 Reporting on the Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols; and Operational Section of the Reporting Format</b>	<i>Urges</i> the Contracting Parties to officially submit their biennial report to the Secretariat in October 2016 at the latest, regarding the measures taken to implement the Convention and its Protocols for the biennium 2014-2015 by using the online reporting format;	<b>GREEN</b>								
	<i>Adopts</i> the operational section of the reporting format of the Protocol of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean, as contained in the Annex to this Decision;	<b>GREEN</b>								



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<b>for the Protocol on the Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean</b>	<i>Requests</i> the Contracting Parties having ratified the Protocol and invites the signatory Parties to submit, on a voluntary basis, a report of the implementation of the Protocol within the framework of the reporting system of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;	<b>GREEN</b>								
	<i>Requests</i> the Secretariat to provide, subject to the availability of funds, advice to the Contracting Parties to submit, within the set deadlines, full reports about the implementation of all MAP legal instruments;	<b>ORANGE</b>								
	<i>Requests</i> the Secretariat to consult the Contracting Parties about the need to build capacities regarding the preparation of reports and inform the twentieth meeting of the Contracting Parties of the conclusions of this consultation;	<b>ORANGE</b>								
	<i>Reiterates</i> its request for a simplified reporting format to be presented in the first year of the biennium to the Bureau for review and suggestions;	<b>YELLOW</b>								
	<i>Invites</i> Contracting Parties to consider their participation in the format testing exercise at the beginning of 2017 to facilitate the finalization of simplified reporting format;	<b>GREEN</b>								
	<i>Requests</i> the Secretariat, after consulting with the Bureau, to launch a written consultation with the Contracting Parties in view of submitting the simplified reporting format to COP 20;	<b>ORANGE</b>								
	<i>Requests</i> the Secretariat to undertake an analysis of the information mentioned in the national reports in order to draft a report addressing the general status of the progress in the region, on the legal, institutional and technical points of view, in the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, if any, and submit this report to the twentieth meeting of the Contracting Parties.	<b>ORANGE</b>								
<b><u>Decision IG.22/17</u></b> <b>Reform of the Mediterranean</b>	<i>Adopts</i> the Composition of the MCSD and its terms of reference as an advisory body to the Contracting Parties, as contained in Annex I to this Decision;	<b>GREEN</b>								













