

**Decision IG.20/1**

**Compliance Committee: amendment to the Compliance Procedures and mechanisms, programme of work for Biennium 2012-2013 and partial renewal of membership**

*The 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties,*

*Recalling* Articles 18 and 27 of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, as amended at Barcelona in 1995, hereinafter “the Barcelona Convention”,

*Also recalling* decision IG 17/2 of the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2008, by which they approved the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, hereinafter “the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms”, and particularly paragraphs 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 35 of the aforementioned,

*Also recalling* decision IG 19/1 of the 16th meeting of the Contracting Parties, by which they approved the Rules of Procedure for the Compliance Committee,

*Having considered* the report on the activities of the Compliance Committee, submitted to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties by the Committee’s Chair, pursuant to section VI of decision IG 17/2, for the 2010-2011 biennium,

*Emphasizing* that the Compliance Committee’s role is to provide advice and assistance to Contracting Parties to implement its recommendations and those of Meetings of the Contracting Parties in order to assist them in complying with their obligations under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and to generally facilitate, promote, monitor and secure such compliance,

*Noting with satisfaction* the Compliance Committee's implementation, during its two meetings, of its programme of work for the period covered by the report,

*Having considered* the proposed programme of work for the Compliance Committee covering the 2012-2013 biennium,

*Strongly emphasizing* the importance for Contracting Parties to comply with their obligations regarding the timely submission of reports on the measures taken to implement the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols during the period 2010-2011, as well as decisions by the Meeting of the Contracting Parties, and for this purpose to use the new standardized reporting format now available online,

*Noting* the Compliance Committee's decision to propose the amendment of paragraph 6 of the Annex II of Decision IG 17/2 on the Compliance Procedures and Mechanism, in order to allow Committee members to serve a second consecutive term on the Committee,

***Encourages*** Contracting Parties to bring before the Compliance Committee for its consideration any problems of interpretation concerning implementation of the provisions of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;

***Urges*** those Contracting Parties that have not yet done so to submit their reports on

implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols as soon as possible;

**Requests** the MAP components to provide the Committee with all relevant information to assist it in carrying out its activities,

**Requests** the Compliance Committee, pursuant to paragraph 17, (b), of the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms, to consider general compliance issues, such as recurrent non-compliance problems;

**Notes with satisfaction** the two guide leaflets on the subject of Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms approved in Decision IG 17/2, which are included in document UNEP (DEPI) MED WG 363/ Inf 16, drawn up by the Compliance Committee, and aimed respectively at the Contracting Parties and at the public at large;

**Requests** the Compliance Committee, pursuant to paragraph 31 of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance, to submit a report on its activities to the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties, making particular note of any difficulties encountered in the application of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;

**Approves** the Compliance Committee's proposal to amend paragraph 6 of the Annex to the Decision IG 17/2 on the subject of the Compliance Procedures and Mechanism, the wording of which is set out in Annex I to this Decision;

**Elects and/or confirms** to the Compliance Committee the list of candidates nominated by the Contracting Parties the members and alternates listed in Annex II to this Decision, pursuant to Decision IG 17/2 on the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms for the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;

**Approves** the programme of work for the Compliance Committee for biennium 2012-2013, which is set out in Annex III to this Decision.

## **Annex I**

### **Decision IG 17/2 regarding Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms for the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.**

#### **I. Compliance Committee**

Paragraph 6 of the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms is modified as follows:

6. Members and alternate members shall not serve on the Committee for more than two consecutive terms.

## **Annex II**

### **Members and alternate members of the Compliance Committee elected/renewed by the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties**

#### *Group I – Contracting Parties of the South and East of the Mediterranean*

- Mr. Hawash SHAHIN, renewed as member for a term of four years
- Mr. Joseph Edward ZAKI, renewed as alternate member for a term of four years

#### *Group II - Contracting Parties which are European Union members*

- Mr. Michel PRIEUR, elected as member for a term of four years
- Ms Daniela ADDIS, renewed as member for a term of four years
- Mr. Jose JUSTE RUIZ, elected as alternate member for a term of four years
- Ms Katerina SKOURIA, renewed as alternate member for a term of four years

#### *Group III – Other Contracting Parties*

- Ms. Rachel ADAM, elected as member for a term of four years
- Mr. Tarzan LEGOVIC, elected as alternate member for a term of four years

### Annex III

#### **Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee for the 2012-2013 Biennium.**

The Compliance Committee is to carry out the following tasks during the 2012-2013 biennium according to the following procedures:

- a) The calling of two meetings of the Compliance Committee per biennium. A **third** meeting if need be can be organized, subject to availability of funds;
- b) The attendance at Compliance Committee meetings of the members and alternate members of the Compliance Committee, of the representatives of Parties concerned, and, where appropriate, of any observers, pursuant to the Rules of Procedure;
- c) The furnishing of advice, and, where appropriate, assistance to concerned Parties, pursuant to paragraph 32 (a) and (b) of the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms.

The Compliance Committee is to address the following issues:

- a) Evaluation of any referrals submitted to the Committee by Contracting Parties pursuant to paragraphs 18 and 19 of the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms;
- b) Analysis of general non-compliance issues in the implementation of the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms, based on the Contracting Parties' national reports for the biennium 2008-2009 and 2010-2011.
- c) Evaluation of matters referred to the Committee by the Secretariat pursuant to paragraph 23 of the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;
- d) Analysis of broader issues requested by the meeting of the Contracting Parties pursuant to Paragraph 17 (c) of the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms, including in-depth consideration of issues raised by the MAP Components on the implementation of the protocols;
- e) Analysis of any proposal with the view to reinforce the role of the Compliance Committee in the framework of the Barcelona Convention and its protocols;
- f) Examination of possible difficulties of interpretation of the provisions of the protocols for consideration at the meeting of the Contracting Parties;
- g) Preparation and adoption of the Committee's report and recommendations for submission to the 18th meeting of the Contracting Parties.