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Teleconference, 13-15 April 2021

Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. The 2020-2021 biennium's first Meeting of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) Focal Points of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (Barcelona Convention) and its Protocols will focus on the Medium-Term Strategy and will be held remotely, on 13-15 April 2021.
2. At their 19th Meeting (Athens, Greece, 9-12 February 2016), through Decision IG.22/1 entitled "UNEP/MAP Mid-Term Strategy 2016-2021", the Contracting Parties "*Request[ed]* the Secretariat to launch an independent evaluation of the MTS implementation in 2020 for the consideration of COP 22 in 2021, with special emphasis on the interlinkages with the objectives of the MSSD 2016-2025 and the UNEP/MAP EcAp-based Ecological Objectives". At their 20th Meeting (Naples, Italy, 2-5 December 2019), through Decision IG.24/2 entitled "Governance", the Contracting Parties "*Request[ed]* the Secretariat to prepare the UNEP/MAP 2022-2027 Medium-Term Strategy in close cooperation with MAP components and with the full involvement of the Contracting Parties, under the guidance of the Bureau and through a dedicated steering committee that will be composed by the Bureau complemented by a limited group of interested Contracting Parties (3 additional persons, one nominated by each sub-group, to ensure a balanced geographical representation), and to submit a first draft to an open ended working group, for final submission to the Contracting Parties at their 22nd Meeting (COP 22)".
3. The main objectives of the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points on the Medium-Term Strategy are to review the first draft of the report on the independent evaluation of the implementation of the MTS 2016-2021 as well as to review the first draft of the MTS 2022-2027, prepared by the UNEP/MAP Secretariat and MAP components based on a wide consultation process. The Meeting will provide guidance and recommendations for consideration before transmission of the draft MTS to the second Meeting of the MAP Focal Points of the 2020-2021 biennium in September 2021.
4. The following proposed Provisional Annotated Agenda has been prepared by the Secretariat to assist the Meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

5. The meeting will be opened at 10:00 (Athens Time, UTC+3) on 13 April 2021, by the President of the Bureau and the Coordinator of the United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP)-Barcelona Convention Secretariat, Mr. Gaetano Leone.

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(a) Rules of Procedure

6. The Rules of Procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and 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

7. Subject to Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points will elect a President, four Vice Presidents and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties.

(c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

8. Subject to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.504/1 and annotated in the present document will be proposed for adoption by the Meeting. The Meeting will review and adopt the agenda and the proposed timetable contained in the Annex to the present document, including as appropriate any other issues suggested to be addressed under the item “*Any Other Matters*” of the provisional agenda.

(d) Organization of Work

9. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available. 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.

10. Three 2-hour sessions are scheduled every day to allow remote simultaneous interpretation via the online platform. The morning of the last day of the Meeting will be allocated for the preparation of the Report of the Meeting and the afternoon session will take place between 15:30 and 17:30.

11. It is expected that the MAP Focal Points will address all items of the Agenda during their three-day Meeting. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 17:30 on 15 April 2021 after adopting its Draft Report.

Agenda Item 3: UNEP/MAP Mid-Term Strategy 2016-2021: Draft Evaluation Report

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12. Following an introduction by the Coordinator, the consultant undertaking this task will introduce the first draft of the evaluation of the implementation of the UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2016-2021 (UNEP/MED WG.504/3).

13. The MAP Focal Points are expected to comment on the draft evaluation report of the UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2016-2021 and provide guidance and recommendations for consideration before its transmission to the second Meeting of the MAP Focal Points of the 2020-2021 biennium in September 2021.

Agenda Item 4: UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027

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14. The Secretariat will present the UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027, prepared in close cooperation with MAP components and with the full involvement of the Contracting Parties, under the guidance of the Bureau and through the dedicated Steering Committee (UNEP/MED WG.504/4). The document presented by the Secretariat will reflect the comments provided by the Open-Ended Working Group during the online consultation that took place in March 2021.

15. The MAP Focal Points are expected to comment on the UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027 and provide guidance and recommendations for its further elaboration before transmission to the second Meeting of the MAP Focal Points of the 2020-2021 biennium in September 2021.

Agenda Item 5: Date and Venue of the Second Meeting of the MAP Focal Points of the Biennium 2020-2021

16. The second Meeting of the MAP Focal Points of the biennium 2020-2021 is scheduled to take place in Athens, Greece on 14-17 September 2021.

Agenda Item 6: Any Other Matters

17. The meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other matters that may require attention.

Agenda Item 7: Adoption of the Report

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18. The meeting will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report submitted by the Secretariat.

Agenda Item 8: Closure of the Meeting

19. It is expected that the meeting will be closed by the Chairperson at 17:30 on 15 April 2021.

TIMETABLE¹

Tuesday, 13 April 2021		
Time	Agenda Item	Documents
10:00 – 10:30	1. Opening of the Meeting 2. Organizational Matters a) Rules of Procedure b) Election of Officers c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda d) Organization of Work	UNEP/MED WG.504/1 UNEP/MED WG.504/2 UNEP/MED WG.504/Inf.1
10:30 – 12:00	3. UNEP/MAP Mid-Term Strategy 2016-2021: Draft Evaluation Report	UNEP/MED WG.504/3 UNEP/MED WG.504/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.504/Inf.4
12:00 – 12:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
12:30 – 14:30	3. UNEP/MAP Mid-Term Strategy 2016-2021: Draft Evaluation Report (cont'd)	UNEP/MED WG.504/3 UNEP/MED WG.504/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.504/Inf.4
14:30 – 15:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
15:30 – 16:30	3. UNEP/MAP Mid-Term Strategy 2016-2021: Draft Evaluation Report (cont'd)	UNEP/MED WG.504/3 UNEP/MED WG.504/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.504/Inf.4
16:30 – 17:30	4. UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027	UNEP/MED WG.504/4 UNEP/MED WG.504/Inf.5
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10:00 – 12:00	4. UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027 (cont'd)	UNEP/MED WG.504/4 UNEP/MED WG.504/Inf.5
12:00 – 12:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
12:30 – 14:30	4. UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027 (cont'd)	UNEP/MED WG.504/4 UNEP/MED WG.504/Inf.5
14:30 – 15:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
15:30 – 16:30	4. UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027 (cont'd)	UNEP/MED WG.504/4 UNEP/MED WG.504/Inf.5

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16:30 – 17:30	5. Date and Venue of the Second Meeting of the MAP Focal Points of the Biennium 2020-2021 6. Any other Matters	
Thursday, 15 April 2021		
	<i>The Secretariat will prepare the report of the meeting and there will not be formal sessions in the morning.</i>	
15:30 – 17:30	7. Adoption of the Report 8. Closure of the Meeting	UNEP/MED WG.504/5