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Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. The 21st Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, COP21, (Napoli, Italy, 2-5 December 2019), mandated the MED POL Programme to develop new National Baseline Budget (NBB) Technical Guidelines to address estimation techniques of pollutants' releases from agriculture, catchment runoff and aquaculture. In the same COP21, in line with Decision IG.24/10, the MEDPOL Programme was requested to prepare three assessment focusing on (i) state of play of agricultural practices and discharged pollutants reaching the Mediterranean marine environment; (ii) state of play of aquaculture practices in the Mediterranean and their impact on marine environment; and (iii) assessment of state of urban stormwater management in the Mediterranean.

2. Moreover, in accordance with Decision IG.22/8, COP19 (Athens, Greece, 9-12 February 2016), the MED POL Programme was requested to undertake an indicator-based midterm evaluation of the National Action Plans/Programme of Measures (NAP/PoM) after 5 years of their implementation.

3. In concordance with the Programme of Work and budget endorsed by COP21, the objectives of this meeting are to: (a) review and approve the proposed estimation techniques for loads from agriculture, catchment runoff, and aquaculture aiming to complement the NBB/PRTR Methodology for 5th Cycle of NBB; (b) review and approve the three assessment products prepared in support of the development of the new Regional Plans on Agriculture, Aquaculture and Urban Stormwater; and (c) review and approve the Midterm Evaluation of the National Action Plans implementation based on the NAP Indicators and data collected.

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

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

5. The Meeting will be opened at 10:00 AM (CET+1; GMT+2) on Thursday 22 April 2021 via videoconference by the Coordinator of the United Nations Environment Programme/ Mediterranean Action Plan - Barcelona Convention Secretariat.

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

<i>Working Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.505/1</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.505/2</i>
<i>Information Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.1</i>

a) Rules of Procedure for the Meeting

6. 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 (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) will apply mutatis mutandis to the present Meeting.

b) Election of Officers

7. Subject to Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meeting will elect a President, two 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.505/1 and annotated in the present document (UNEP/MED WG.505/2) will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the Meeting including the timetable included at the end of the present document.

d) Organization of Work

9. The discussions are planned to be held over two days with three two-hour plenary sessions opening daily at 10:00 AM and closing at 17:30 (Athens time) as per the Meeting Timetable included at the end of the annotated agenda.

10. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for all sessions. All documentation will be in English and French. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session. The meeting will be recorded for future reference.

11. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 17:30 on Friday, 23 April 2021 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda item 3: Methodologies on estimation techniques for releases from non-point sources (catchment runoffs and agriculture) and aquaculture

<i>Working Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.505/3</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.505/4</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.505/5</i>
<i>Information Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.3</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.4</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.5</i>

12. Under agenda item (3), the meeting will address estimation techniques and applied methodologies for: (i) non-point source releases from agriculture; (ii) point source releases from aquaculture; and (iii) non-point source releases from catchment runoffs. The Secretariat will present the documents UNEP/MED WG.505/3; UNEP/MED WG.505/4 and UNEP/MED WG.505/5 accordingly. The Meeting is expected to review the draft documents taking into consideration the NBB/PRTR methodologies, and comment on the possible additional elements to be included in these guidelines with the aim of submission to the MED POL Focal Points Meeting in May 2021 for their final consideration and approval.

Agenda item 4: Assessment Reports

- (a) Agricultural practices and discharged pollutants reaching the Mediterranean marine environment;
- (b) Aquaculture practices in the Mediterranean and their impact on marine environment;
- (c) State of urban stormwater management in the Mediterranean.

<i>Working Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.505/6</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.505/7</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.505/8</i>
<i>Information Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.6</i>

13. Under agenda item 4(a), the Secretariat will present the UNEP/MED WG.505/6 “Draft assessment of state of play of agricultural practices and discharged pollutants reaching the Mediterranean marine environment,” which examines the current state of play pertinent to discharged pollutants’ loads, as well as applicable measures and practices for agricultural sector at regional level.

14. Under agenda item 4(b), the Secretariat will present the UNEP/MED WG.505/7 “Draft assessment of the state of play of aquaculture practices in the Mediterranean and their impact on marine environment,” which examines the current state of play pertinent to discharged pollutants’ loads, as well as applicable measures and practices pertinent to aquaculture sector in the Mediterranean.

15. Under agenda item 4(c), the Secretariat will present the UNEP/MED WG.505/8 “Draft assessment of state of stormwater management in the Mediterranean,” assessing the practices pertinent to management of urban stormwater in the Mediterranean.

16. The Meeting is expected to review the aforementioned assessment documents taking into consideration the relevant COP21 decision aiming to facilitate the finalization of the three related Regional Plans, and to comment on the possible additional elements to be included in these assessments with the aim of submission to the MED POL Focal Points Meeting in May 2021 for their final consideration and approval.

Agenda item 5: Review of Midterm Evaluation of the NAP/PoM

<i>Working Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.505/9</i>
<i>Information Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.7</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.8</i>

17. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present document UNEP/MED WG.505/9 “Midterm Evaluation of National Action Plans/Programme of Measures (2013-2019).” This document consists of an indicator-based midterm evaluation of NAPs implementation further to the existing reporting system and data calls under four cycles of NBBs and e-PRTR V17, as well as on the NAP Indicators populated under the EU Funded Project.

18. The Meeting is expected to review the report and, where appropriate, provide additional information during the meeting on the implementation of their respective NAPs/PoMs for finalization of the Midterm Evaluation and submission to the MED POL Focal Points Meeting scheduled for May 2021.

Agenda item 6: Any other Business

19. Under this Agenda Item, the Meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other matters that may require attention, as agreed during the adoption of the agenda.

Agenda item 7: Conclusions and Recommendations

20. 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 Secretariat with the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 8: Closure of the Meeting

21. The Chair will close the Meeting at 17:30 hours on Friday 23 April 2021.

TIMETABLE¹

Thursday, 22 April 2021		
10:00 – 10:20	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
10:20 – 10:30	Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters	<i>UNEP/MED WG.505/1 UNEP/MED WG.505/2 UNEP/MEDWG.505/Inf.1</i>
10:30 – 12:00	Agenda item 3: Methodologies on estimation techniques for releases from non-point sources (catchment runoffs and agriculture) and aquaculture	<i>UNEP/MED WG.505/3 UNEP/MED WG.505/4 UNEP/MED WG.505/5 UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.5</i>
12:00 – 12:30	<i>Break</i>	
12:30 – 14:30	Agenda item 3: (<i>continued</i>)	<i>UNEP/MED WG.505/3 UNEP/MED WG.505/4 UNEP/MED WG.505/5 UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.5</i>
14:30 – 15:30	<i>Break</i>	
15:30 - 16:30	Agenda item 3: (<i>continued</i>)	<i>UNEP/MED WG.505/3 UNEP/MED WG.505/4 UNEP/MED WG.505/5 UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.5</i>
16:30 - 17:30	Agenda item 4: Review of Assessments for Regional Plans on Agriculture, Aquaculture and Stormwater Management (a) Agricultural practices and discharged pollutants reaching the Mediterranean marine environment;	<i>UNEP/MED WG.505/7 UNEP/MED WG.505/8 UNEP/MED WG.505/9 UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.6</i>
Friday, 23 April 2021		
10:00 – 12:00	Agenda item 4: (<i>continued</i>) (b) Aquaculture practices in the Mediterranean and their impact on marine environment (c) State of urban stormwater management in the Mediterranean	<i>UNEP/MED WG.505/7 UNEP/MED WG.505/8 UNEP/MED WG.505/9 UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.6</i>
12:00 – 12:30	<i>Break</i>	
12:30 – 14:30	Agenda item 5: Review of Midterm Evaluation of the NAP/PoM	<i>UNEP/MED WG.505/9 UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.7 UNEP/MED WG.505/Inf.8</i>
14:30 – 15:30	<i>Break</i>	
15:30 - 16:00	Agenda item 6: Any Other Business	
16:00 – 17:30	Agenda item 7: Conclusions and Recommendations	
17:30	Agenda item 8: Closure of the Meeting	

¹ UTC+3 (i.e. Athens time)