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and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols

Antalya, Turkey, 7-10 December 2021

## **Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters**

### **Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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## **Provisional Annotated Agenda**

### **Introduction**

1. At the kind invitation of the Government of Turkish Republic and in line with the decision of the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols (Naples, Italy, 2-5 December 2019), the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 22) will be hosted in Antalya, Turkey, on 7-10 December 2021.
2. In accordance with Article 18 of the Barcelona Convention, the objective of the Meeting is to review the progress achieved during the 2020-2021 biennium by the Mediterranean Action Plan-Barcelona Convention system and take decisions on a number of important matters, including on the UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027 and the Programme of Work and Budget for 2022–2023. A Ministerial Session is also envisaged to take place on 9 December 2021.
3. The following annotations to the proposed agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.
4. The opening session will be preceded, as per practice, by an informal meeting of the Heads of Delegations at 9 a.m.

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

5. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 7 December 2021, by Mr. Carlo Zaghi, President of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.
6. Opening statements will be made by:
  - a) Mr. Carlo Zaghi, President of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, Ministry of Ecological Transition of Italy;
  - b) H.E. Mr. Murat Kurum, Minister of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change of Turkey, or his representative;
  - c) Ms. Kerstin Stendhal, Head of Ecosystems Integration Branch, Ecosystems Division of UNEP;
  - d) Ms. Tatjana Hema, Coordinator, UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention.

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*Working Documents: UNEP/MED IG.25/1, 25/2/Rev.1*

*Information Documents: UNEP/MED IG.25/Inf.1/Rev.1*

#### **2.1 Rules of Procedure**

7. 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 to this meeting.

#### **2.2 Election of Officers**

8. Subject to the Rules of Procedure, the meeting shall elect the members of the Bureau from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, consisting of a President, four Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. It is recalled that “*the principle of equitable geographical distribution shall be observed*” (Article 19 of the Barcelona Convention).

#### **2.3 Adoption of the Agenda**

9. The Provisional Agenda of COP 22, as agreed during the Meeting of MAP Focal Points (Teleconference, 10-17 September 2021), is contained in document UNEP/MED IG.25/1 and annotated in the present document.

10. Subject to the Rules of Procedure referred to in paragraph 2.1, the Meeting may wish to adopt the agenda and timetable appearing in the Annex to the present document, amended as appropriate.

#### **2.4 Organization of Work**

- a) It is proposed that the Meeting be held in daily sessions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., subject to adjustments as necessary.
- b) It is expected that the Meeting address all items of the Agenda within the allotted sessions.
- c) No session is envisaged to be held in the morning of the last day (10 December 2021) to allow for the preparation of the Meeting Report. The afternoon session is proposed to start at 4 p.m. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 7 p.m. after adopting its Report, including the Decisions.
- d) In accordance with Rule of Procedure 24, the Meeting may consider establishing such committees and other working groups as required for the transaction of its business. As per Decision IG.21/13 (Annex II), “*A Budget Contact Group should be set up during COPs in order to facilitate informed discussion among the Parties about its budget that can take account of draft decisions and the state of contributions and commitments in the ongoing biennium*”. If established, the Budget Contact Group will report to the Plenary and is expected to work during the afternoon session of 7 December 2021 and if needed the two sessions of 8 December 2021. On the basis of the well-established practice and following the discussions at the MAP Focal Points Meeting, it is also expected to create an informal working group to prepare the draft Antalya Ministerial Declaration, under the leadership of Turkey as the Host Country of COP 22, for the consideration of the Plenary and for adoption during the Ministerial Session of COP 22.
- e) The Meeting will feature a Ministerial Session on Thursday, 9 December 2021. The Ministerial session will focus on the theme “*Towards a Blue Mediterranean: Leaving a Pollution-Free Legacy, Protecting Biodiversity and Sustaining Climate Stability*”.
- f) Simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, English, French and Spanish will be available in all plenary sessions throughout the meeting.
- g) Side events and exhibition(s) will be organized and held on the occasion of the Meeting, based on a programme to be distributed in due course.

#### **2.5 Verification of Credentials**

11. Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure stipulates that each Contracting Party shall be represented by an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternates and advisers as may be required.

12. Rule 19 stipulates that the credentials of the representatives and the names of the alternate representatives shall be submitted by the Contracting Parties before the opening session of the meeting which the representatives are to attend. It provides also that the Bureau shall examine the credentials of representatives and submit its report to the meeting.

13. Details for the submission of credentials in accordance with the above-mentioned Rules of Procedures have been provided to Contracting Parties with the invitation to COP 22 by the Executive Director of UNEP.

#### **Agenda Item 3: Thematic Decisions**

*Working Documents: UNEP/MED IG.25/4-21, IG.25/26*

*Information Documents: UNEP/MED IG.25/Inf. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11*

14. Under this agenda item the Meeting will consider for possible adoption a number of draft decisions reviewed at the MAP Focal Points Meeting (Teleconference, 10-17 September 2021),

addressing specific issues related to the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and including strategic and programming documents.

15. The UNEP/MAP Coordinator will briefly introduce each draft decision highlighting in particular the main points raised at the MAP Focal Points Meeting (Teleconference, 10-17 September 2021).

16. The Chairperson of the Compliance Committee will introduce Draft Decision IG.25/2 as well as the report of the Compliance Committee.

17. The President of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD), will present, in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the MCSD (Decision IG.22/17, Section C. “Functioning”, paragraph 5), recommendations of the MCSD “*for consideration to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties, following discussion at the meeting of the MAP Focal Points with the aim of advising on making practical and effective use of the MSSD and on the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols*”.

18. The Meeting may wish to consider and adopt the following draft decisions under this agenda item:

<i>Draft Decision Number</i>	Title of the Draft Decision	Working Document Number
<i>Draft Decision IG.25/1</i>	UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027	UNEP/MED IG.25/4
<i>Draft Decision IG.25/2</i>	Compliance Committee	UNEP/MED IG.25/5
<i>Draft Decision IG.25/3</i>	Governance	UNEP/MED IG.25/6
<i>Draft Decision IG.25/4</i>	Assessment Studies	UNEP/MED IG.25/7
<i>Draft Decision IG.25/5</i>	Amendments to Annexes I, II and IV to the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS Protocol)	UNEP/MED IG.25/8
<i>Draft Decision IG.25/6</i>	Amendments to the Annex to the Protocol for the Prevention and Elimination of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft or Incineration at Sea (Dumping Protocol)	UNEP/MED IG.25/9
<i>Draft Decision IG.25/7</i>	Amendments to the Annexes to the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil (Offshore Protocol)	UNEP/MED IG.25/10
<i>Draft Decision IG.25/8</i>	Regional Plans in the framework of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol on Urban Wastewater Treatment and Sewage Sludge Management	UNEP/MED IG.25/11
<i>Draft Decision IG.25/9</i>	Amendments to the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean in the Framework of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol	UNEP/MED IG.25/12
<i>Draft Decision IG.25/10</i>	MAP Data Policy	UNEP/MED IG.25/13
<i>Draft Decision IG.25/11</i>	Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	UNEP/MED IG.25/14

<i>Draft Decision Number</i>	Title of the Draft Decision	Working Document Number
<i>Draft Decision IG.25/12</i>	Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance	UNEP/MED IG.25/15
<i>Draft Decision IG.25/13</i>	Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean	UNEP/MED IG.25/16
<i>Draft Decision IG.25/14</i>	Designation of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides (MED SOx ECA) pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI	UNEP/MED IG.25/17
<i>Draft Decision IG.25/15</i>	Guidelines for the Conduct of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil	UNEP/MED IG.25/18
<i>Draft Decision IG.25/16</i>	Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention, Preparedness and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)	UNEP/MED IG.25/19
<i>Draft Decision IG.25/17</i>	Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027)	UNEP/MED IG.25/20
<i>Draft Decision IG.25/18</i>	Set of Regional Measures to Support the Development of Green and Circular Businesses and to Strengthen the Demand for more Sustainable Products	UNEP/MED IG.25/21

#### **Agenda Item 4: Programme of Work and Budget 2022-2023**

*Working Document: UNEP/MED IG.25/22/Rev.2*

*Information Documents: UNEP/MED IG.25/Inf. 13, 14*

19. The UNEP/MAP Coordinator will present the proposed Programme of Work and Budget for 2022-2023, the mandate, the process of its elaboration under the guidance of the Bureau, its main directions and principles including budgets, as well as the changes introduced following the discussions held at the MAP Focal Points Meeting (Teleconference, 10-17 September 2021).

20. The Meeting may wish to consider and adopt the relevant draft decision under this agenda item, following the report of the Budget Contact Group mentioned under agenda item 2.4 (d) above.

<i>Draft Decision Number</i>	Title of the Draft Decision	Working Document Number
<i>Draft Decision IG.25/19</i>	Programme of Work and Budget for 2022-2023	UNEP/MED IG.25/22/Rev.2

#### **Agenda Item 5: Ministerial Session**

##### **5.1 Opening of the session**

21. Statements will be made as follows:

- a) Welcoming address and introductory remarks by H.E. Mr. Murat Kurum, Minister of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change of Turkey, or his representative;
- b) Welcoming address by Ms. Joyce Msuya, Deputy Executive Director of UNEP;
- c) Statement by Mediterranean Youth representatives on the outcome of the pre-COP 22 Youth event organized by the Host Country.

## **5.2 Report on Activities carried out in the framework of UNEP/MAP since the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 21)**

*Working Documents: UNEP/MED IG.25/3, IG.25/25, IG.25/26*

*Information Documents: UNEP/MED IG.25/Inf.3-11*

22. The Meeting has before it documents UNEP/MED IG.25/3 “Progress Report on Activities Carried Out during the 2020-2021 Biennium”, UNEP/MED IG.25/25 “Statement of Account for the Financial Period, as per Procedure 5.2 of the Financial Rules and Procedures for the Funds of the Barcelona Convention” and UNEP/MED IG.25/26 “Overall Findings from the General Status of the Progress in the Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols: Analysis of the Information Mentioned in the National Reports for the 2018-2019 Biennium”.

23. The UNEP/MAP Coordinator will introduce the three documents, highlighting the main achievements and challenges faced during the last biennium with regards to the implementation of the programme of work.

24. The Meeting may wish to comment as necessary on the progress achieved on the implementation of the Programme of Work and Budget adopted by COP 21.

## **5.3 Ministerial Session: Towards a Blue Mediterranean: Leaving a Pollution-Free Legacy, Protecting Biodiversity and Sustaining Climate Stability**

*Working Document: UNEP/MED IG.25/23/Rev.1*

*Information Document: UNEP/MED IG.25/Inf.12*

25. To facilitate the discussion at the Ministerial session, the Meeting has before it document UNEP/MED IG.25/23/Rev.1 “Background Note for Ministerial Discussions at COP 22”.

26. Keynote statements will be delivered, followed by a panel discussion of relevance to the themes of the session. Following this, the Ministers and Heads of Delegations will be invited to make their interventions on the same themes, as presented in the background document UNEP/MED IG.25/23/Rev.1.

27. Additional information on the Ministerial Session will be provided at a later stage.

## **5.4 Istanbul Environment Friendly City Award 2020–2021**

28. The third edition of the “Istanbul Environment Friendly City Award”, established through Decision IG.22/19 adopted at COP 19 (Athens, Greece, 9-12 February 2016), will be conferred to the winning Mediterranean coastal city/town by the President of the Bureau and the Coordinator of UNEP/MAP.

## **5.5 Antalya Ministerial Declaration**

*Working Document: UNEP/MED IG.25/24/Rev.1*

*Information Document: UNEP/MED IG.25/Inf.12*

29. The Meeting has before it document UNEP/MED IG.25/24/Rev.1 “Draft Antalya Ministerial Declaration”, which will be introduced by the representative of Turkey as Host Country, who has led the process of its preparation.

30. The Ministers and Heads of Delegations will be invited to discuss and adopt the Antalya Ministerial Declaration.

**Agenda Item 6: Date and Place of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties**

31. The Meeting will be invited to consider the dates and place of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties to be convened in 2023.

**Agenda Item 7: Any Other Business**

32. Participants will be invited to discuss other matters that may require attention of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties that were raised and agreed upon during the adoption of the provisional agenda.

**Agenda Item 8: Adoption of the Report**

*Working Document: UNEP/MED IG.25/27*

33. At its final session, the Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt its Report including the Decisions, as prepared by the Rapporteur.

**Agenda Item 9: Closure of the Meeting**

34. It is expected that the Meeting will be closed by the President at 7 p.m. on Friday, 10 December 2021.

**TIMETABLE**

<b>Tuesday, 7 December 2021</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>		<b>Working Documents</b>
8:30 – 10:00	<i>Registration</i>		
9:00 – 10:00	<i>Informal Meeting of Heads of Delegations</i>		
10:00 – 10:30	1. Opening of the Meeting 2. Organizational Matters	President of the Bureau Host Country Minister ED UNEP UNEP/MAP Coordinator	UNEP/MED IG.25/1; 25/2/Rev.1
10:30 – 11:00	5.5 Antalya Ministerial Declaration	Host Country UNEP/MAP Coordinator	UNEP/MED IG.25/24
11:00 – 12:00	4. Programme of Work and Budget 2022-2023	UNEP/MAP Coordinator	UNEP/MED IG.25/22/Rev.2
12:00 – 13:00	3. Thematic Decisions: IG.25/1 (Medium-Term Strategy) IG.25/2 (Compliance Committee) IG.25/3 (Governance)	UNEP/MAP Coordinator Compliance Committee Chair	UNEP/MED IG.25/4; 25/5; 25/6; 25/26
13:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch Break and Side Events</i>		
15:00 – 18:00	3. Thematic Decisions: IG.25/4 (Assessment Studies) IG.25/5 (Annexes to LBS Protocol) IG.25/6 (Annexes to Dumping Protocol) IG.25/7 (Annexes to Offshore Protocol) IG.25/8 (UWT/SSM Regional Plans) IG.25/9 (ML Regional Plan) IG.25/10 (MAP Data Policy) IG.25/11 (Post-2020 SAP BIO)	UNEP/MAP Coordinator	UNEP/MED IG.25/7-25/14
<b>Wednesday, 8 December 2021</b>			
10:00 – 12:30	3. Thematic Decisions: IG.25/12 (MPAs/OECMs) IG.25/13 (Species/Habitats) IG.25/14 (MED SECA) IG.25/15 (EIA Offshore) IG.25/16 (Pollution from Ships) IG.25/17 (BWM Strategy) IG.25/18 (Circular Economy)	UNEP/MAP Coordinator	UNEP/MED IG.25/15-25/21
12:30 – 13:00	5.5 Antalya Ministerial Declaration	Host Country UNEP/MAP Coordinator	UNEP/MED IG.25/24/Rev.1
13:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch Break and Side Events</i>		
15:00 – 18:00	4. Programme of Work and Budget 2022-2023	Budget Contact Group Chair UNEP/MAP Coordinator	UNEP/MED IG.25/22/Rev.2



19:00	<i>Reception for Ministers and Heads of Delegations hosted by the Government of Turkish Republic (tbc)</i>		
<b>Thursday, 9 December 2021 Ministerial Session</b>			
10:00 – 11:00	5.1 Opening of the Session	Host Country Minister ED UNEP	
11:00 – 11:30	5.2 Report on Activities carried out in the framework of UNEP/MAP since the 21 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 21)	UNEP/MAP Coordinator	UNEP/MED IG.25/3; 25/25; 25/26
11:30 – 13:00	5.3 Ministerial Session: <i>Towards a Blue Mediterranean: Leaving a Pollution-Free Legacy, Protecting Biodiversity and Sustaining Climate Stability</i>	Key Note Speaker(s)/Panelists Ministers/Heads of Delegation	UNEP/MED IG.25/23/Rev.1
13:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch Break and Side Events</i>		
15:00 – 16:30	5.3 <i>Continued</i>	Ministers/Heads of Delegation	UNEP/MED IG.25/23/Rev.1
16:30 – 17:00	5.4 Istanbul Environment Friendly City Award 2020–2021	President of the Bureau UNEP/MAP Coordinator	
17:00 – 18:00	5.5 Antalya Ministerial Declaration	Ministers/Heads of Delegation	UNEP/MED IG.25/24/Rev.1
<b>Friday, 10 December 2021</b>			
16:00 – 16:15	6. Date and place of COP 23 7. Any Other Business	UNEP/MAP Coordinator	
16:15 – 18:45	8. Adoption of the Report	President of the Bureau Rapporteur	UNEP/MED IG.25/27
18:45 – 19:00	9. Closure of COP 22	President of the Bureau	