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Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment
and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols

Teleconference, 12-13 November 2020

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Provisional Annotated Agenda

Introduction

1. In accordance with Article IV.2 of the Terms of Reference of the Bureau and in consultation with the President and members of the Bureau, the 90th Meeting of the Bureau 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 be held remotely, on 12-13 November 2020.
2. Documentation will be provided 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.
3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda have been prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The meeting will be opened at 09:30 (UTC+3) on Thursday, 12 November 2020, by Mr. Giuseppe Italiano, President of the Bureau.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work

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5. 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 this meeting.
6. The meeting will review and adopt the Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Presidency of the Bureau, as contained in document UNEP/MED BUR.90/1 and annotated in the present document.
7. It is expected that the Bureau will address all items of the Agenda during its two-day meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 18:00 (UTC+3) on 13 November 2020, after adopting its conclusions and recommendations.
8. As per practice and in line with Article VII of the Bureau Terms of Reference, the final edited report of the meeting will be succinct and will be prepared by the Secretariat and distributed by electronic means to the Focal Points of the Contracting Parties no later than one month after the meeting.

Agenda Item 3: Progress Report for April – September 2020

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Information Documents	UNEP/MED BUR.90/Inf.4 UNEP/MED BUR.90/Inf.5

9. Mr. Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, will present the document “*Progress Report by the Secretariat on the Activities Carried Out for the Period April – September 2020*” (UNEP/MED BUR.90/3) and the “*Progress Report by the Secretariat on the Implementation of COP 21 Decisions*” (UNEP/MED BUR.90/4).
10. The “*Reports of the 41st and 42nd Meetings of the Executive Coordination Panel*” and the “*Compilation of Project Fiches*” are presented in documents UNEP/MED BUR.90/Inf.4 and Inf.5 respectively, for the information of the Bureau.

11. Bureau members are expected to comment on and take note of the progress achieved on the implementation of the activities carried out and advise the Secretariat in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Bureau.

Agenda Item 4: Report by the Secretariat on Financial and Administrative Issues

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12. The Secretariat will present to the Bureau members for their comments and recommendations a financial update, as contained in the “*Report by the Secretariat on Financial and Administrative Issues*” (UNEP/MED BUR.90/5) addressing the status of contributions, personnel, administrative matters and consultancy reporting.

Agenda Item 5: Specific Issues

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Information Documents	UNEP/MED BUR.90/Inf.6 UNEP/MED BUR.90/Inf.7

13. The Coordinator will present the “*Report by the Secretariat on Specific Issues*” (UNEP/MED BUR.90/6).

14. The Bureau will be invited to consider the following issues:

(a) Status of Ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

15. The Coordinator will present an update on issues regarding the status of ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols. The Bureau is expected to discuss ways to further promote ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

(b) Compliance and Reporting

16. The Secretariat will provide an update on the status of implementation of Decision IG.23/1 on *Revised Reporting Format for the Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols*, and of Decision IG.24/1 on *Compliance Committee*. The Bureau is expected to discuss the progress made and provide its guidance.

(c) Possible Impacts of COVID-19 and Proposed Responses by the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention System

17. The Secretariat will provide an update on the possible impacts of COVID-19 and the proposed responses by the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention System, referring also to the relevant information document UNEP/MED BUR.90/Inf.6. The Bureau members will be invited to discuss the possible impacts of COVID-19 and the proposed responses, and provide guidance on the way forward.

(d) Evaluation of the 2016-2021 Medium-Term Strategy and Preparation of the 2022-2027 Medium-Term Strategy, including Follow-up to the 1st Meeting of the Steering Committee on the MTS

18. The Coordinator will update the Bureau on the process of the evaluation of the 2016-2021 Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) and the preparation of the 2022-2027 MTS, including on the relevant discussions in the Executive Coordination Panel. He will then present the timeline of the future steps, including consultations with Contracting Parties and stakeholders. The outcome of the 1st Meeting of the Steering Committee on the MTS, as contained in document UNEP/MED BUR.90/7 to be disseminated at the end of that meeting on 11 November 2020, will also be reviewed.

19. The Bureau members will be invited to discuss the progress achieved and the documents presented by the Secretariat and will provide guidance on the way forward and future steps.

(e) Major Processes:

- 2023 MED QSR

- MED SO_x ECA
- Mid-Term Evaluation of the MSSD and of the SCP Action Plan
- MedECC Assessment Report (MAR1)
- MED 2050 Foresight Study
- SAP BIO, including Links with the Post-2020 CBD Process
- Update of Annexes to Pollution Protocols
- Regional Pollution Plans
- Other Processes

20. The Coordinator will introduce this Agenda Item, with reference to the major processes and strategic documents and the relevant tasks mandated through COP 21 Decisions (especially Decisions 24/3, 24/4, 24/7, 24/8 and 24/10). He will refer to the progress and actions taken until now, as well as to the next steps and relevant roadmap of actions to be taken, with emphasis to the period until the next Bureau meeting.

21. The Bureau members will be invited to discuss the relevant processes, the actions taken and the next steps, and provide guidance on the way forward, considering also the relevant text of the COP 21 Decisions.

(f) Host Country Agreements of RACs

22. The Coordinator will update the Bureau on the progress in finalizing the set of common provisions for Host Country Agreements for RACs, in accordance to Decision IG.24/2, as well as on the next steps. The Bureau members will be invited to discuss the actions taken and the next steps, and to provide guidance on the way forward.

(g) Cooperation and Partners

23. The Secretariat will update the Bureau on the efforts to contribute to regional governance and cooperation, as well as to create new partnerships and strengthen and update existing ones, in order to enhance the impact of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system.

24. With reference to Decision IG.19/6 on *MAP/Civil society cooperation and partnership*, the Coordinator will update the Bureau members on the evaluation of the applications received by civil society organizations for accreditation as MAP Partners, for the Bureau's review and possible endorsement.

(h) Outreach, Information and Communication, including MAP visibility in major global events

25. The Coordinator will present a brief update on the information and communication activities and on the plans for the current biennium in this area.

26. The Bureau will be invited to provide its views and considerations on this matter and to advise on how to further enhance the outreach, visibility and impact of the MAP – Barcelona Convention system.

(i) Promotion of and participation to the “30by30 Initiative” of the Global Ocean Alliance

27. As requested by Italy, its representative will present the “30by30” Initiative of the Global Ocean Alliance and will refer to possible synergies with the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention system. The Bureau will be invited to discuss a possible collaboration with the “30by30” Initiative.

Agenda Item 6: Calendar of Meetings and Events, including Date and Venue of the 91st Meeting of the Bureau

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28. The Bureau will be invited to decide on the date and the venue of its 91st Meeting.

29. The “*Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and Major International Events*” has been updated and is presented in document UNEP/MED BUR.90/Inf.3.

Agenda Item 7: Any Other Matters

30. The Bureau will consider other issues that may be raised by its members.

Agenda Item 8: Conclusions and Recommendations

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31. The Secretariat will submit for adoption a set of conclusions and recommendations prepared in accordance with Article VII of the Terms of Reference of the Bureau.

Agenda Item 9: Closure of the Meeting

32. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President of the Bureau at 18:00 (UTC+3) on Friday, 13 November 2020.

TIMETABLE¹

Thursday, 12 November 2020			
Time	Agenda Item		Documents
09:30 – 09:45	1. Opening of the Meeting 2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work	President of the Bureau	UNEP/MED BUR.90/1 UNEP/MED BUR.90/2 UNEP/MED BUR.90/Inf.1
09:45 – 10:30	3. Progress Report for April – September 2020	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.90/3 UNEP/MED BUR.90/4 UNEP/MED BUR.90/Inf.4 UNEP/MED BUR.90/Inf.5
10:30 – 11:30	4. Report by the Secretariat on Financial and Administrative Issues	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.90/5
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
12:00 – 14:00	5. Specific Issues	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.90/6 UNEP/MED BUR.90/7 UNEP/MED BUR.90/Inf.6 UNEP/MED BUR.90/Inf.7
14:00 – 15:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
15:30 – 17:30	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.90/6 UNEP/MED BUR.90/7 UNEP/MED BUR.90/Inf.6 UNEP/MED BUR.90/Inf.7
Friday, 13 November 2020			
09:30 – 11:30	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.90/6 UNEP/MED BUR.90/7 UNEP/MED BUR.90/Inf.6 UNEP/MED BUR.90/Inf.7
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
12:00 – 13:00	6. Calendar of Meetings and Events, including Date and Venue of the 91 st Meeting of the Bureau 7. Any other Matters	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.90/Inf.3
13:00 – 14:00	8. Conclusions and Recommendations	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.90/8
14:00 – 16:00	<i>Extended Lunch break (elaboration of the draft list of conclusions and recommendations for adoption)</i>		
16:00 – 17:30	8. Conclusions and Recommendations (cont'd)	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.90/8
17:30 – 18:00	9. Closure of the Meeting	President of the Bureau	

¹ UTC+3 (i.e. Athens time)