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PROGRESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COP 21 DECISIONS

COP 21 DECISION	OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH	Status		20	20			20	21	
DECISION			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Decision IG.24/1 Compliance Committee	1. <i>Take note</i> of the Activity Report of the Compliance Committee for the Biennium 2018-2019, set out in Annex I to the present Decision;	GREEN								
	2. <i>Adopt</i> the Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee for the Biennium 2020-2021, set out in Annex II to the present Decision;	GREEN								
	3. <i>Take note of</i> the Recommendations to Promote Compliance with the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and Improve their Implementation, set out in Annex III to the present Decision;	YELLOW								
	4. <i>Urge</i> those Contracting Parties who have not yet submitted their national implementation reports for the biennium 2016-2017 to do so as soon as possible but before December 2019;	YELLOW								
	5. <i>Invite</i> the Contracting Parties to submit their national implementation reports for the biennium 2018-2019 using the new online Barcelona Convention Reporting System by December 2020;	YELLOW								
	6. Elect and/or renew, in accordance with the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance, the membership of the Compliance Committee, set out in Annex IV to the present Decision;	GREEN								

	7. Request the Compliance Committee to report to the Contracting Parties at the 22 nd Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 22) on the work it has carried out to fulfil its functions in accordance with paragraph 31 of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.	ORANGE				
Decision IG.24/2 Governance	1. Adopt the United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) Operational Communication Strategy 2020-2021 as set out in Annex I to the present Decision;	GREEN				
	2. Request the MAP-Barcelona Convention system to fully implement the UNEP/MAP Operational Communication Strategy, under the guidance of the Coordinating Unit and in close cooperation with the MAP Communication Task Force;	YELLOW				
	3. <i>Acknowledge</i> the long-term need for support to the communication activities in the Coordination Unit;	GREEN				
	4. <i>Encourage</i> the Contracting Parties to broaden their efforts to achieve the objectives outlined in the UNEP/MAP Operational Communication Strategy 2020-2021, by enhancing networks and building foundations for partnerships with MAP partners and other relevant stakeholders;	YELLOW				
	5. <i>Endorse</i> the Main Elements and Roadmap for the Preparation of a UNEP/MAP Data Management Policy, as set out in Annex II to the present Decision, and request the Secretariat (INFO/RAC) to develop such Policy, in close cooperation with the other MAP components and with the full involvement of the Contracting Parties, and to submit it to the Contracting Parties at their 22 nd Meeting (COP 22);	YELLOW				
	6. Endorse the list of new and renewed MAP partners, set out in Annex III to the present Decision and request the Secretariat and MAP components to further promote the participation and effective engagement of MAP partners and other relevant stakeholders in the delivery of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system mandate, based on their expertise and	YELLOW				

relevance to that mandate;					
7. <i>Approve</i> the membership of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) for the biennium 2020-2021, as set out in Annex IV to the present Decision;	GREEN				
8. <i>Call upon</i> the members of the MCSD, the Secretariat and the MAP Partners to mobilize expressions of interest in membership of the MCSD for the biennium 2022-2023, and request the MCSD Steering Committee, with support from the Secretariat, to identify and implement possible ways to keep the outgoing members of the Commission involved in its work;	YELLOW				
9. <i>Approve</i> the Roadmap for the Evaluation of the 2016-2021 Medium-Term Strategy and the preparation of the 2022-2027 Medium-Term Strategy, as set out in Annex V to the present Decision;	GREEN				
10. <i>Request</i> 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 balanced geographical representation), and to submit a first draft to an ope ended working group, for final submission to the Contracting Parties at their 22 nd Meeting (COP 22);	YELLOW a				
11. <i>Take note</i> of the results of the assessment of the meeting of the thematic focal points for Specially Protected Areas/Biological Diversity organized on a trial basis in the biennium 2018–2019 and the relevant analysis as set out in Annex VI to the present Decision, and request the Secretariat to organize a SPA/Biodiversity Focal Points meeting based on the lessons learnt and considering organization of the back to back focal points meetings;					
12. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to continue to identify, promote and strengthen the synergies with other Secretariats in spatial-based protection and	YELLOW				

	management measures for marine biodiversity in the Mediterranean Area, by building on existing work at the relevant levels and foster cooperation with the objectives to ensure the conservation and the sustainable use of the marine biodiversity in the Mediterranean through the application of the Ecosystem Approach;					
	13. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to report to the Contracting Parties at their 22 nd Meeting (COP 22) on the action undertaken in building synergies and fostering cooperation with other Secretariats in spatial-based protection and management measures for marine biodiversity in the Mediterranean Area;	ORANGE				
	14. <i>Take note</i> of the "Refined Appendix to the Updated Resource Mobilization Strategy", as set out in Annex VII to the present Decision;	GREEN				
	15. <i>Take note</i> of the areas of cooperation with the UNESCO/MAB Programme, as set out in Annex VIII to the present Decision and urge the respective Secretariats to formalize it and ensure the most effective and beneficial partnership in the relevant fields, with a view also to widening the scope of the cooperation with UNESCO in the future;	YELLOW				
	16. Welcome the agreed set of common provisions for Host Country Agreements as presented in Annex IX of this Decision and urge the Secretariat in collaboration with the Contracting Parties hosting the MAP Regional Activity Centres to finalize the set for presentation of the minimum common provisions to COP 22 for consideration, building on the inputs provided by the Contracting Parties hosting MAP Regional Activity Centres.	YELLOW				
Decision IG.24/3 Implementation, Monitoring and Mid-Term Evaluation of the Mediterranean	1. Welcome the work done, taking note of the updated List of Indicators of the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard for monitoring the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016–2025, set out in Annex I to the present Decision, and request the Secretariat to populate the indicators, using existing sources of information and data, giving priority to those addressing coast-related and sea-related issues;	YELLOW				

Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016–2025 and of the Regional Action Plan on Sustainable	2. Recognize the living nature of the List of Indicators of the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard and the need to keep it under review under the guidance of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development Steering Committee, and with the technical support of the Plan Bleu Regional Activity Centre, as international work on Sustainable Development Goals indicators progresses;	YELLOW				
Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean	3. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to integrate the List of Sustainable Consumption and Production Indicators, welcomed and taken note of by the Contracting Parties through their Decision IG.23/4 adopted at their 20 th Meeting (COP 20) (Tirana, Albania, 17-20 December 2017), in the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard;	YELLOW				I
	4. Approve the "Roadmap of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 Mid-Term Evaluation (2020-2021)" and the "Roadmap of the Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean Mid-Term Evaluation (2020-2021)", as set out in Annexes II and III to the present Decision;	GREEN				
	5. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to undertake the mid-term evaluation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025;	YELLOW				
	6. Also request the Secretariat to undertake the mid-term evaluation of the Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean;	YELLOW				
	7. <i>Urge</i> Contracting Parties to support both mid-term evaluation processes by providing data and access to information for the effective and accurate monitoring of the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016–2025 and of the Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean;	YELLOW				
	8. <i>Encourage</i> the Contracting Parties, in particular those which are Members of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development Steering Committee and those that have gone through the Voluntary	ORANGE				

	National Review Process at the United Nations High-level Political Forum, to participate in the third edition of Simplified Peer Review Mechanism (SIMPEER);					
	9. <i>Urge</i> further intensified efforts towards the full implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016–2025 and its flagship initiatives, in accordance with Decision IG.22/2;	YELLOW				
	10. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to launch the first edition of the Mediterranean Green Business Award, as a flagship initiative of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016–2025, in line with the concept note set out in Annex IV to the present Decision.	YELLOW				
Decision IG.24/4 Assessment Studies	1. <i>Approve</i> the summary for decision makers and key messages of the 2019 Report on the State of the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean (Annexes I and II) as important input for the definition of the 2022-2027 United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) Medium-Term Strategy and other relevant policy and strategy developments of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system;	GREEN				
	2. <i>Invite</i> the Contracting Parties to take concrete steps to incorporate the concerns raised in Annexes I and II to the present Decision in their environmental policies with the support of the Secretariat;	YELLOW				
	3. <i>Encourage</i> the Contracting Parties and the Secretariat to make all possible efforts to overcome the knowledge gaps that are identified in the 2019 Report on the State of the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean;	YELLOW				
	4. <i>Endorse</i> the 2023 MED QSR roadmap and needs assessment as contained in Annex V of this Decision and <i>request</i> the Secretariat to further define in 2020, together with the Contracting Parties and CORMONs concrete requirements and deadlines of output delivery at the level of common indicators per each Contracting Party in order to ensure effective data collection and to address knowledge gaps to enable the entire MAP	YELLOW				

	system to successfully deliver the 2023 MED QSR;					
	5. <i>Endorse</i> the proposed revised roadmap for the MED 2050 foresight study, as contained in Annex III of the present Decision, and <i>request</i> the Secretariat to implement the proposed roadmap;	YELLOW				
	6. Encourage the Contracting Parties to participate in the phase II of MED 2050 foresight study, organise on a voluntary basis national or sub-regional workshops, and nominate relevant experts or interested national stakeholders including youth representatives to contribute to the study;	YELLOW				
	7. Approve the elements of the Roadmap for the Consultation of Decision-Makers and Stakeholders on the First Assessment Report on the Current State and Risks of Climate and Environmental Changes in the Mediterranean (MAR 1) as set out in Annex IV of the present Decision, involving the Mediterranean Action Plan Focal Points, the Mediterranean Action Plan Components' Focal Points, and the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development;	GREEN				
	8. Also request the Secretariat to undertake an extensive dissemination and communication campaign for the 2019 State of the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean Report and communication on the development of the MED 2050 Foresight Study and the Mediterranean Expert Network on Climate and Environmental Changes in the Mediterranean (MedECC) in the context of relevant consultation.	YELLOW				
Decision IG.24/5 Common Regional Framework for	1. Adopt the Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management, set out in Annex to the present decision, as a guiding document to facilitate the implementation of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Protocol;	GREEN				
Integrated Coastal Zone Management	2. <i>Recognize</i> the living nature of the Appendix to the Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management and the need to keep it under review;	GREEN				
	3. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to continue refining the Appendix to the	YELLOW				

	Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management;					
	4. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties that have not yet done so, to ratify the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Protocol as early as possible with the view to ensuring its entry into force for the entire Mediterranean region;	YELLOW				
	5. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to continue their work in developing or updating their National Integrated Coastal Zone Management/Coastal Strategies in accordance with the provisions of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Protocol and by using the Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management as a guiding tool;	ORANGE				
	6. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to support and proceed with the introduction and implementation of Marine Spatial Planning tools in line with the ICZM Common Regional Framework and undertake to exchange best practices in the region.	YELLOW				
Decision IG.24/6 Identification and Conservation of Sites of Particular	1. Strongly encourage the Contracting Parties to take significant action towards achieving in the Mediterranean Aichi Target 11, including through setting up an effective and equitable management, enhancing ecological representativeness, connectivity and integration of their marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures into the wider landscape and seascape;	YELLOW				
Ecological Interest in the Mediterranean, including Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean	2. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to elaborate an ambitious and transformational post-2020 roadmap on marine protected areas and other effective areabased conservation measures in the Mediterranean, in line with the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity and other regional and global processes, and in consultation with relevant global and regional organizations, for consideration by the Contracting Parties at their 22 nd Meeting (COP 22);	YELLOW				
Importance	3. <i>Decide</i> to set up a multidisciplinary ad hoc group of experts for marine protected areas in the Mediterranean to support the Secretariat and the Contracting Parties to progress with the 2020 and post-2020 marine protected areas agenda in the Mediterranean and to work on related issues	YELLOW				

such as preparing guidelines, setting up definitions and measurable indicators, and tailoring global concepts and approaches to the Mediterranean context;	
4. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to establish a directory of Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas according to Articles 16 (guidelines and criteria), 19 (publicity, information, public awareness and education 23 (reports of the Parties) of the Protocol concerning Specially Protocol and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, and the Special Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre to elaborate criteria for it of specially protected areas in the directory, for consideration by the Contracting Parties at their 22 nd Meeting (COP 22);	common n) and tected ially nclusion
5. <i>Encourage</i> the Contracting Parties to promote the role of marine protected areas as reference sites under the Integrated Monitoring a Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and F Assessment Criteria;	and VELLOW
6. <i>Decide</i> to include the Cerbère-Banyuls Marine Nature Reserve (the Egadi Islands Marine Protected Area (Italy), the Landscape Par Strunjan (Slovenia) and the Cetaceans Migration Corridor in the Mediterranean (Spain) in the list of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance;	
7. Encourage further cooperation and collaboration in the manager conservation of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importation among Contracting Parties as well as among individual Specially I Areas of Mediterranean Importance, mainly through (i) technical, institutional and financial support; (ii) transfer of technology; (iii) building; (iv) best practices and experience sharing; and (v) twinning other appropriate means;	tance Protected YELLOW capacity-
8. Request the Secretariat to draft the concepts in order to set up th Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance Day and S Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance Certificate (Mediter Diploma for Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importan	pecially ranean YELLOW

submit them for consideration by the Contracting Parties at their 22 nd Meeting (COP 22);					
9. <i>Decide</i> to include the five Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance listed below in a period of provisional nature of a maximum of six years:					
 Palm Islands Nature Reserve (Lebanon), Tyre Coast Nature Reserve (Lebanon), Kneiss Islands (Tunisia), La Galite Archipelago (Tunisia), and Zembra and Zembretta National Park (Tunisia); 	GREEN				
10. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to support as a matter of priority Lebanon and Tunisia in identifying and launching a set of adequate corrective measures and informing the 15 th Meeting of the SPA/BD Focal Points of the progress made, and encourage other Parties, other SPAMIs and appropriate funding mechanisms to contribute to their implementation;	YELLOW				
11. <i>Request</i> Lebanon and Tunisia to inform the 15 th Meeting of the SPA/BD Focal Points about the identification and launching of the adequate corrective measures for these areas;	YELLOW				
12. <i>Welcome</i> the willingness of the Environmental Fund for Mediterranean marine protected areas (The MedFund) to support the Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance in general, and in particular those included in a period of provisional nature, and encourage support and sponsorship from any other relevant donors;	GREEN				
13. Adopt the updated format for the periodic review of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance, as set out in the Annex to this Decision, and request the Secretariat to reflect it accordingly in the online evaluation system of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance;	YELLOW				
14. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to work with the relevant designated national	YELLOW				

	authorities in Cyprus, France, Italy, Morocco and Spain to carry out the ordinary periodic review for the 11 Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance listed below, in accordance with the procedure established in Decision IG.17/12, adopted by the Contracting Parties at their 15 th Meeting (COP 15) (Almeria, Spain, 15-18 January 2008), and bring the outcome of that review process to the attention of the Contracting Parties at their 22 nd Meeting (COP 22);					
	15. The following five Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance are to be reviewed in 2020: - Lara-Toxeftra Turtle Reserve (Cyprus), - Marine Protected Area of Tavolara-Punta Coda Cavallo (Italy), - Marine Protected Area and Natural Reserve of Torre Guaceto (Italy), - Miramare Marine Protected Area (Italy), and - Plemmirio Marine Protected Area (Italy);	YELLOW				
	16. The following six Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance are to be reviewed in 2021: - Bouches de Bonifacio Nature Reserve (France), - Marine Protected Area of Capo Caccia-Isola Piana (Italy), - Punta Campanella Marine Protected Area (Italy), - Al-Hoceima National Park (Morocco), - Archipelago of Cabrera National Park (Spain), and - Maro-Cerro Gordo Cliffs (Spain).	ORANGE				
Decision IG.24/7 Strategies and Action Plans under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological	1. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to prepare in 2020-2021 the "Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region" (Post-2020 SAP BIO), aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, harmonised with the CBD Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework through the optic of the Mediterranean context, and following the recommendations and roadmap proposed in the evaluation document, as set out in the Annex I to the present Decision, and submit it for consideration by the Contracting Parties at their 22 nd Meeting (COP 22);	YELLOW				

Diversity in the Mediterranean, including the SAP BIO, the	2. <i>Invite</i> the relevant organisations, in particular the members of the SAP BIO Advisory Committee, to contribute in developing the new Post-2020 SAP BIO;	YELLOW				
Strategy on Monk Seal, and the Action Plans concerning Marine Turtles, Cartilaginous Fishes and Marine	3. Adopt the Updated Strategy for the Conservation of Monk Seal in the Mediterranean, the Updated Action Plan for the Conservation of Mediterranean Marine Turtles, the Updated Action Plan for the Conservation of Cartilaginous Fishes (Chondrichthyans) in the Mediterranean Sea and the Updated Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine Vegetation in the Mediterranean Sea, as set out in Annexes II, III, IV and V to the present Decision;	GREEN				
Vegetation; Classification of Benthic Marine Habitat Types for the	4. <i>Request</i> the Contracting Parties to take the necessary measures for the implementation of the updated Strategy and Action Plans and to report on their implementation in a timely manner, using the online Barcelona Convention reporting system;	YELLOW				
Mediterranean Region, and Reference List of Marine and	5. Also request the Secretariat, to continue to provide technical support and capacity building for the full and effective implementation of the updated Strategy and Action Plans;	YELLOW				
Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean	6. Further request the Secretariat to update the Action Plan for the conservation of cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea and the Action Plan for the conservation of habitats and species associated with seamounts, underwater caves and canyons, aphotic hard beds and chemo-synthetic phenomena in the Mediterranean Sea and submit them for adoption by the Contracting Parties at their 22 nd Meeting (COP 22);	YELLOW				
	7. Adopt the Updated Classification of benthic marine habitat types for the Mediterranean region and the Updated Reference List of Marine Habitat Types for the Selection of Sites to be included in National Inventories of Natural Sites of Conservation Interest in the Mediterranean, as set out in annexes VI and VII to the present Decision;	GREEN				
	8. Encourage the Contracting Parties to use the Reference List of Marine	GREEN				

	Habitat Types for the Selection of Sites to be included in National Inventories of Natural Sites of Conservation Interest in the Mediterranean, where necessary, as a basis for identifying reference habitats to be monitored at the national level under the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria.				
Decision IG.24/8 Road Map for a Proposal for the Possible Designation of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole,	1. <i>Adopt</i> the road map for a proposal for the possible designation of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an emission control area for sulphur oxides pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI, within the framework of the Barcelona Convention, set out in the Annex to the present Decision and with the view of formally submitting the proposal to the 78 th Session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC78) scheduled for 2022;	GREEN			
as an Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides Pursuant to	2. Agree to finalize, based on the outcome of the further studies and the preparatory work, the development of a mutually agreed joint and coordinated proposal for the possible designation by the IMO of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an Emission Control Area for sulphur oxides pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI;	YELLOW			
MARPOL Annex VI, within the Framework of the Barcelona	3. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to provide the necessary technical and financial support to Contracting Parties and to address any needs identified with the studies before the designation of the proposed Mediterranean Emission Control Area (Med SOx ECA);	YELLOW			
Convention	4. Agree to extend the mandate of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) sulfur oxides (SOx) Emission Control Area (ECA)(s) Technical Committee of Experts, until 30 April 2021, to oversee the completion of the knowledge gathering and the preparations of further studies, notably socio-economic impacts on individual Contracting Parties inter alia as indicated in the Annex to the present Decision, including the development of their respective terms of reference, through correspondence coordinated by the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC), when examining the possibility of designating the proposed Mediterranean Emission Control Area (Med SOx	YELLOW			

ECA);					
5. Request the Secretariat to update the initial draft submission to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for a proposal for the possible designation of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an Emission Control Area for sulfur oxides pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI, under the guidance of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) sulfur oxides (SOx) Emission Control Area (ECA)(s) Technical Committee of Experts referred to in paragraph 4 above in line with the agreed road map;	YELLOW				
6. Call upon the Contracting Parties to provide full support, both technically, in terms of expertise, and financially, in terms of voluntary contributions, where appropriate, to the further work of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) sulfur oxides (SOx) Emission Control Area (ECA)(s) Technical Committee of Experts in order to ensure that the abovementioned knowledge gathering is completed and the above-mentioned further studies are carried out in a coordinated, timely and effective manner;	YELLOW				
7. <i>Encourage</i> the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention to ratify and effectively implement MARPOL Annex VI, if they have not yet done so, as soon as possible;	YELLOW				
8. <i>Underline</i> the need to ensure the necessary synergy in supporting these efforts, through the technical cooperation and capacity-building activities carried out by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC), the European Commission and the European Maritime Safety Agency, in the Mediterranean region;	YELLOW				
9. Request also the Secretariat to prepare an information document related to the adoption of the present Decision and submit it to the next session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)'s Marine Environment Protection Committee for its consideration;	GREEN				
10. Underline also the need to encourage and support preparation efforts	YELLOW				

	and mitigate potential impacts as relevant, in line, with outcomes of further knowledge gathering through relevant frontrunner activities and financial, and capacity building mechanisms.					
Decision IG.24/9 Mediterranean Offshore	1. <i>Adopt</i> the Common Standards and Guidance on the Disposal of Oil and Oily Mixtures and the Use and Disposal of Drilling Fluids and Cuttings, set out in Annex I to the present Decision;	GREEN				
Guidelines and Standards: (a) Common Standards and Guidance on the	2. <i>Adopt</i> the Common Standards and Guidelines for Special Restrictions or Conditions for Specially Protected Areas (SPAs) within the Framework of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan, set out in Annex II to the present Decision;	GREEN				
Disposal of Oil and Oily Mixtures and the Use and Disposal of Drilling Fluids and Cuttings; (b) Common	3. <i>Request</i> the Contracting Parties to make every effort for the effective implementation of the Common Standards and Guidance on the Disposal of Oil and Oily Mixtures and the Use and Disposal of Drilling Fluids and Cuttings, taking into account the best available, environmentally effective and economically appropriate techniques and the internationally accepted standards, regarding the use, storage and discharge of harmful or noxious substances and materials;	YELLOW				
Standards and Guidelines for Special Restrictions or Conditions for Specially Protected Areas (SPA) within the Framework	4. <i>Request</i> the Contracting Parties to make every effort for the effective implementation of the Common Standards and Guidelines for Special Restrictions or Conditions for Specially Protected Areas (SPAs) within the Framework of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan, bearing in mind that all appropriate measures shall be taken to prevent, abate, combat and control pollution resulting from offshore activities and if necessary, to prohibit offshore activities in SPAs;	YELLOW				
of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan	5. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to control and timely report on the disposal of oil and oily mixtures and the use and disposal of drilling fluids and cuttings, using the online Barcelona Convention Reporting System (BCRS), in line with the reporting obligations under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention and Article 30 of the Offshore Protocol;	YELLOW				
	6. <i>Request</i> the Contracting Parties to make every effort to ensure effective	YELLOW	_		 _	

	implementation of the Guidelines, keeping in mind that they shall be without prejudice to stricter provisions and/or rules with respect to other existing or future national or international instruments or programmes;					
	7. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to report on the adoption of special measures to prevent, abate, combat and control pollution arising from offshore activities in Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), using the online Barcelona Convention Reporting System (BCRS) in line with the reporting obligations under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention, Article 30 of the Offshore Protocol andArticle 23 of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean;	YELLOW				
	8. <i>Invite</i> the Contracting Parties, the Secretariat, relevant international organizations and the industry to explore a collaborative approach to strengthen the financial and human resources of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) System, with a view to establishing a sustainable and commensurate support to facilitate the implementation of the Offshore Protocol and the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan;	YELLOW				
	9. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to support the Contracting Parties in the implementation of the Offshore Protocols and the Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards, including through technical meetings, sharing of best practices and strengthening of capacities, within available resources, to also ensure a regular review of the guidelines at a frequency not less than two years and their update, as appropriate; and	ORANGE				
	10. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to continue the work and finalize the Guidelines for the Conduct of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), mandated by the Offshore Action Plan (Specific Objective 8), taking into consideration additional proposals and suggestions to be provided by the Contracting Parties, for the consideration of the next OFOG meeting during the first year of the 2020-2021 biennium, for submission to the 22 nd Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 22).	ORANGE				
Decision	1. <i>Endorse</i> the main elements and the timeline for the development of six	GREEN				

IG.24/10 Main Elements	Regional Plans to reduce/prevent marine pollution from land-based sources as set out in Annex I to the present Decision;					
of the Six Regional Plans to Reduce/Prevent Marine Pollution from Land-Based	2. Establish Working Groups composed of experts designated by the Contracting Parties to develop the following, on the basis of the main elements described above, and report to the 22 nd Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 22), on the basis of Terms of Reference and timeline prepared by the Secretariat and endorsed by the Bureau at its first meeting of the biennium 2020-2021:					
Sources; Updating the Annexes to the LBS and Dumping Protocols of the Barcelona Convention	a) To upgrade the Regional plan on the reduction of BOD5 from urban wastewater in the framework of the implementation of article 15 of the Land-based Sources Protocol (Decision IG.19/7); b) To develop a new Regional Plan for Sewage Sludge Management and its technical annexes; and, c) To upgrade the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean (Decision IG.21/7);	YELLOW				
	3. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to launch the formal process for updating the annexes of the LBS and Dumping Protocols, for consideration at the 22 nd Meeting of the Contracting Parties;	GREEN				
	4. <i>Establish</i> Working Groups composed of experts designated by the Contracting Parties to review the annexes and make proposals for consideration of the 22 nd Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 22), on the basis of Terms of Reference and timeline prepared by the Secretariat and endorsed by the Bureau at its first meeting of the biennium 2020-2021;	YELLOW				
	5. <i>Request</i> the Contracting Parties and Partners to contribute to this process through the timely nomination of experts with adequate competencies for the working groups by this Decision.	GREEN				
Decision IG.24/11 Guidelines: Adopt-a-Beach;	1. Adopt the "Guidelines for the Implementation of the Adopt-a-Beach Measures in the Mediterranean" in accordance with Article 10(d) of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean, set out in Annex I to the present Decision;	GREEN				

Phase-out of Single Use Plastic Bags; Provision of Reception Facilities in	2. Adopt the "Guidelines to Phase out Single Use Plastic Bags in the Mediterranean" in accordance with Article 9(2) of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean, set out in Annex II to the present Decision;	GREEN				
Ports and the Delivery of Ship-Generated Wastes; Application of	3. Adopt the "Operational Guidelines on the Provision of Reception Facilities in Ports and the Delivery of Ship-Generated Wastes in the Mediterranean" in accordance with Articles 9(5) and 10(f) of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean, set out in Annex III to the present Decision;	GREEN				
Charges at Reasonable Costs for the Use of Port Reception Facilities	4. Adopt the "Guidance Document to Determine the Application of Charges at Reasonable Costs for the Use of Port Reception Facilities or, when Applicable, Application of the No-Special-Fee System, in the Mediterranean" in accordance with Articles 9(5) and 10(f) of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean, set out in Annex IV to the present Decision;	GREEN				
	5. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to take the necessary actions to implement the relevant measures provided for in the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean in line with the timetables, using the above-mentioned guidelines, and sharing best practices and lessons learned in this process;	YELLOW				
	6. <i>Invite</i> all Contacting Parties to the Barcelona Convention to join and contribute to the Global Partnerships on Marine Litter led by the United Nations Environment Programme, the Basel Convention Partnership on Plastic Wastes and the relevant global initiatives to address marine litter;	YELLOW				
	7. Request the Secretariat to facilitate the work of the Contracting Parties for the implementation of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean and its associated Guidelines and ensure, for this purpose, synergies and regular coordination with other regional organisations working on plastic waste and marine litter in the Mediterranean, with special emphasis on regional processes of adjacent	YELLOW				

	marine regions such as the Black Sea Commission and OSPAR;					
	8. Request the Secretariat to explore with the International Maritime Organization steps that could be taken within their respective mandates to establish synergies with a view to enhancing cooperation and coordination in implementing their respective plans or strategies on marine plastic litter from ships as well as other relevant plans or initiatives.	YELLOW				
Decision IG.24/12 Updated	1. <i>Adopt</i> the Updated Guidelines Regulating the Placement of Artificial Reefs at Sea, set out in the Annex to the present Decision, which replace the 2005 Guidelines;	GREEN				
Guidelines Regulating the Placement of Artificial Reefs at Sea	2. Request the Contracting Parties to make every effort to ensure their effective implementation, keeping in mind that the updated guidelines shall be without prejudice to stricter provisions with respect to the placement of artificial reefs in the Mediterranean Sea Area contained in other existing national or international instruments and/or programmes;	YELLOW				
	3. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to timely report on placement activities in the Mediterranean Sea Area using the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) online Barcelona Convention Reporting System;	YELLOW				
	4. Request the Secretariat to facilitate the work of the Contracting Parties for the implementation of the Updated Guidelines, by further strengthening cooperation and synergies in this area with the London Convention and its Protocol and other relevant International Maritime Organization instruments; and by sharing information with global and regional agreements and programmes on the achievements and progress of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system in this area.	YELLOW				
Decision IG.24/13 Development of a Set of Regional	1. Request the Secretariat to prepare a set of regional measures to support the development of green and circular businesses and strengthen the demand for more sustainable products, according to the timeline set out in Annex I to the present Decision, as a way to support the shift to green and circular economy from traditional linear business models to innovative	YELLOW				

Measures to	green and circular business models;					
Support the Development of Green and Circular Businesses and	2. Also request the Secretariat to ensure that regional measures target those economic sectors which are identified by the relevant Protocols to the Barcelona Convention and have a particular impact on the marine and coastal environment, and address related cross-cutting issues;	YELLOW				
to Strengthen the Demand for more Sustainable Products	3. Further request the Secretariat to develop specific criteria for the definition of green and circular businesses in the Mediterranean, based on existing initiatives at global, regional and national levels for consideration by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols at the 22 nd Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 22);	YELLOW				
	4. <i>Require</i> the Secretariat to make every effort to ensure that the preparation of the set of regional measures and the development of criteria is in synergy with existing regional and national policy frameworks supporting the development of green and circular businesses.	YELLOW				
Decision IG.24/14 Programme of Work and Budget 2020- 2021	1. Request the Executive Director of UNEP and the Coordinator of MAP to execute the Budget taking into consideration Decision IG.21/15 on the Financial Regulations and Rules and Procedures for the Contracting Parties, in particular the provisions under Annex II, Procedure 2, paragraph 4, which entrusts the responsibility to certify and authorize expenditures to UNEP in conformity with the Programme of Work and Budget Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties;	GREEN				
	2. <i>Approve</i> the 2020-2021 Programme of Work and Budget set out in the Annex to this Decision;	GREEN				
	3. <i>Approve</i> the budget appropriations, as set out in Table 1. "Overview of income and commitments" of the Annex to this Decision; the income in the amount of EUR 13,296,144, composed of the Mediterranean trust Fund in the amount of EUR 11,413,577, the European Union discretionary contribution in the amount of EUR 1,192,968 and the host country contribution of EUR 689,600 (USD 800,000); the use of the MTF positive	GREEN				

cash balance up to the amount of EUR 2,945,838;	
4. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat that in future budget preparations, potential budget scenarios should be based exclusively on the level of the assessed contributions;	d ORANGE
5. <i>Approve</i> the assessed 2020-2021 ordinary contributions from Parties shown in Table 2 "Expected Ordinary Income" of the Annex to this Decision, which is based on the 2019-2021 scale of assessment adopted the United Nations General Assembly at its 73 rd Session in Resolution A/RES/73/271;	by <i>GREEN</i>
6. <i>Request</i> the Executive Director of UNEP, in consultation with the University Nations Environment Assembly, to extend the Mediterranean Trust Fund through 31 December 2021;	
7. Approve the staffing of the Coordinating Unit including MED POL for 2020-2021 as indicated in Table 4a. "Details of Salaries and Administrat Costs of the Secretariat" in the Annex to this Decision;	
8. <i>Take note</i> of the staffing of REMPEC for 2020–2021 as indicated in Table 4b, "Details of Salaries and Administrative Costs of REMPEC" in the Annex to this Decision;	GREEN
9. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to strictly adhere to Procedure 4.2 of the Financial Rules and Procedures and pay their contributions to the MTF in the first quarter of each year to allow for the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Work;	
10. Request the Secretariat to keep up to date information on the status of Contracting Parties' contributions to the Mediterranean Trust Fund and to continue to post it in a publicly available place on the UNEP/MAP websit and report to the Bureau of the Contracting Parties in their periodical meetings on the status of unutilized resources;	co
11. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to adhere to nomination deadlines of the	eir YELLOW

representatives in meetings of the MAP system and to avoid modifications and cancellation of their travel in order to minimize losses arising from the increase of airfare and cancellation fees and inefficiencies;					
12. <i>Invite</i> the Contracting Parties to consider increasing their voluntary contributions in cash and/or in kind in support of the implementation of the 2020-2021 Programme of Work;	YELLOW				
13. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties and other partners including industry to contribute adequate human and financial resources to meet the external funding requirements for priorities still unfunded under the 2020-2021 Programme of Work and Budget and to support the resource mobilization activities of the Secretariat;	YELLOW				
14. <i>Urge</i> the Government of the Hellenic Republic to undertake all the required steps in order to ensure that fully adequate premises are made available to the Coordinating Unit within the shortest delay and in line with its commitments under the Host Country Agreement, and request the Secretariat to report to the Contracting Parties and to the Bureau on the progress made;	YELLOW				
15. Agree on the need to retain a net cash balance when conditions allow it, to ensure, as a temporary measure, the timely implementation of the Programme of Work, and to report to the Bureau of the Contracting Parties in their regular meetings on its utilisation;	YELLOW				
16. Request the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, to prepare for consideration and approval by COP 22 a result-based Programme of Work and Budget for 2022-2023, explaining the key principles and assumptions on which it is based and taking into account the progress achieved during the implementation of the 2020-2021 Programme of Work, and in full alignment with the MTS;	ORANGE				
17. <i>Also request</i> the Secretariat to submit a budget for 2022-2023, sufficient to cover the implementation of the mandate deriving from the 2022-2027 Medium-Term Strategy and the required capacity and	ORANGE				

operational costs of the entire Secretariat including MAP Components, considering also the need for adequate MTF allocation required to effectively execute their mandates and operations.					
18. To this aim, they <i>also request</i> the Secretariat to closely link the preparation of the 2022-2023 PoW and Budget with the process of the preparation of the new MTS 2022-2027 taking fully into consideration the three main pillars of its process mainly contents, priorities, outcomes; and to assess the adequacy of the entire MAP Barcelona Convention system to achieve new MTS objective and its financial sustainability. This may include the identification of methodologies for the calculation of the share of contributions among Parties.	ORANGE				