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91st 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 and its Protocols

Teleconference, 7-8 July 2021

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 91st 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 7-8 July 2021.
2. 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

3. The meeting will be opened at 09:30 (UTC+3) on Wednesday, 7 July 2021, by Mr. Carlo Zaghi, President of the Bureau.

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

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Information Document	UNEP/MED BUR.91/Inf.1

4. 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.
5. 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.91/1 and annotated in the present document.
6. 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 8 July 2021, after adopting its conclusions and recommendations.
7. 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 October 2020 – May 2021

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Information Documents	UNEP/MED BUR.91/Inf.4 UNEP/MED BUR.91/Inf.5

8. Ms. Tatjana Hema, Deputy Coordinator and Officer-in-Charge, will present the document “*Progress Report by the Secretariat on the Activities Carried Out for the Period October 2020-May 2021*” (UNEP/MED BUR.91/3) and the “*Progress Report by the Secretariat on the Implementation of COP 21 Decisions*” (UNEP/MED BUR.91/4).
9. The “*Reports of the 43rd, 44th and 45th Meetings of the Executive Coordination Panel*” and the “*Compilation of Project Fiches*” are presented in documents UNEP/MED BUR.91/Inf.4 and Inf.5 respectively, for the information of the Bureau.
10. 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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11. The Deputy Coordinator 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.91/5) addressing the status of contributions, personnel, administrative matters and consultancy reporting.

Agenda Item 5: Specific Issues

Working Documents	UNEP/MED BUR.91/6 UNEP/MED BUR.91/7
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12. The Deputy Coordinator will present the “*Report by the Secretariat on Specific Issues*” (UNEP/MED BUR.91/6).

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

(a) Ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols; Compliance and Reporting; Partnerships; Visibility and Communication

14. The Secretariat will present an update on 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.

15. The Secretariat will also 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.

16. 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. With reference to Decision IG.19/6 on *MAP/Civil society cooperation and partnership*, the Secretariat will present to the Bureau members the outcome of the evaluation of the applications and requests for renewal received by civil society organizations for accreditation as MAP Partners, for the Bureau’s review and possible endorsement.

17. Lastly, the Secretariat will report on the information and communication activities and on the plans for the current biennium in this area. 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.

(b) Evaluation of the 2016-2021 Medium-Term Strategy and Preparation of the 2022-2027 Medium-Term Strategy, including the follow-up to the 2nd Meeting of the Steering Committee on the MTS

18. The Deputy Coordinator will inform the Bureau of the process of the evaluation of the 2016-2021 Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) and the preparation of the 2022-2027 MTS, and on the revised documents prepared following the MAP Focal Points Meeting on the MTS (Teleconference, 13-15 April 2021) and annexed to the Report by the Secretariat on Specific Issues. The outcome of the 2nd Meeting of the Steering Committee on the MTS, as contained in document UNEP/MED BUR.91/7 to be disseminated at the end of that meeting on 6 July 2021, will also be reviewed.

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

(c) Follow-up to the work of the SOx ECA Technical Committee of Experts and the processes of Updating the Regional Plans on Pollution

20. The Secretariat will introduce the specific major processes and relevant tasks mandated through COP 21 Decisions IG.24/8 and IG.24/10, with reference to the progress and actions taken as well as to the next steps before submission to COP 22.

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

(d) Main Directions of the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work and Budget 2022-2023

22. The Deputy Coordinator will update the Bureau on the preparations of the 2022-2023 UNEP/MAP Programme of Work and Budget and will present its main directions for the consideration of the Bureau.

23. The Bureau will be invited to discuss the proposed main directions of the 2022-2023 UNEP/MAP Programme of Work and Budget, make recommendations in accordance with its Terms of Reference and provide guidance on the way forward in view of COP 22.

(e) Preparations for COP 22: Format, Ministerial Session and Declaration, Host Country Preparations

24. The Secretariat will introduce this agenda item, with reference to the theme and format of the Ministerial Session and the preparation of the Ministerial Declaration, as well as to organizational matters.

25. The Bureau member from Turkey, host country of COP 22, will be invited to provide information on the organization of the event and the preparations by the host country.

26. The Bureau members will be invited to discuss the theme and structure of the Ministerial Session, and to provide guidance on the way forward for the preparation of COP 22.

Agenda Item 6: Calendar of Meetings and Events, including Date and Venue of the 92nd Meeting of the Bureau

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27. The Bureau will be invited to decide on the date and the venue of its 92nd Meeting.

28. The “*Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and Major International Events*” has been updated and is presented in document UNEP/MED BUR.91/Inf.3.

Agenda Item 7: Outreach activity: update on the ratification of Annex VI of MARPOL Convention and participation to relevant Global Initiatives (Global Ocean Alliance and High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People)

29. As requested by Italy, following a brief presentation by the Secretariat and Italy on these issues, the Bureau will be invited to discuss the ratification of Annex VI of MARPOL Convention and the participation to relevant Global Initiatives.

Agenda Item 8: Any Other Matters

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

Agenda Item 9: 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 10: Closure of the Meeting

32. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President of the Bureau at 18:00 (UTC+3) on Thursday, 8 July 2021.

TIMETABLE¹

Wednesday, 7 July 2021			
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.91/1 UNEP/MED BUR.91/2 UNEP/MED BUR.91/Inf.1
09:45 – 10:30	3. Progress Report for October 2020 – May 2021	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.91/3 UNEP/MED BUR.91/4 UNEP/MED BUR.91/Inf.4 UNEP/MED BUR.91/Inf.5
10:30 – 11:30	4. Report by the Secretariat on Financial and Administrative Issues	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.91/5
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
12:00 – 14:00	5. Specific Issues	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.91/6 UNEP/MED BUR.91/7 UNEP/MED BUR.91/Inf.6 UNEP/MED BUR.91/Inf.7 UNEP/MED BUR.91/Inf.8
14:00 – 15:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
15:30 – 17:30	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.91/6 UNEP/MED BUR.91/7 UNEP/MED BUR.91/Inf.6 UNEP/MED BUR.91/Inf.7 UNEP/MED BUR.91/Inf.8
Thursday, 8 July 2021			
09:30 – 11:30	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.91/6 UNEP/MED BUR.91/7 UNEP/MED BUR.91/Inf.6 UNEP/MED BUR.91/Inf.7 UNEP/MED BUR.91/Inf.8
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12:00 – 14:00	6. Calendar of Meetings and Events, including Date and Venue of the 92 nd Meeting of the Bureau 7. Outreach activity: update on the ratification of Annex VI of MARPOL Convention and participation to relevant Global Initiatives (Global Ocean Alliance and High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People) 8. Any other Matters	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.91/Inf.3
14:00 – 16:00	<i>Extended Lunch break</i>		

¹ UTC+3 (i.e. Athens time)

	<i>(elaboration of the draft list of conclusions and recommendations for adoption)</i>		
16:00 – 17:50	9. Conclusions and Recommendations	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.91/8
17:50 – 18:00	10. Closure of the Meeting	President of the Bureau	