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92<sup>nd</sup> 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

Istanbul, Turkey, 24-25 March 2022

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

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### Introduction

1. At the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Turkey and in consultation with the President and members of the Bureau, the 92<sup>nd</sup> 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 in Istanbul, Turkey on 24-25 March 2022.
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 Thursday, 24 March 2022, by Prof. Mehmet Emin Birpınar, President of the Bureau.

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

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.92/1 UNEP/MED BUR.92/2
<b>Information Document</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.92/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.92/1 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 25 March 2022, 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 December 2021 – February 2022**

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.92/3
<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.92/Inf.4 UNEP/MED BUR.92/Inf.5

8. Ms. Tatjana Hema, MAP Coordinator, will present the document “*Progress Report by the Secretariat on the Activities Carried Out for the Period December 2021 – February 2022*” (UNEP/MED BUR.92/3).
9. The “*Report of the 46<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the Executive Coordination Panel*” and the “*Compilation of Project Fiches*” are presented in documents UNEP/MED BUR.92/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**

<b>Working Document</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.92/4
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11. The 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.92/4) addressing the status of contributions, personnel, administrative matters and consultancy reporting.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Specific Issues**

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.92/5
<b>Information Document</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.92/Inf.4

12. The Coordinator will present the “*Report by the Secretariat on Specific Issues*” (UNEP/MED BUR.92/5). The Bureau will be invited to consider the following issues:

#### **(a) Ratification, Reporting and Compliance**

13. 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.

14. 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*.

15. The Bureau is expected to discuss these issues and provide its guidance.

#### **(b) COP 22 Key mandates**

- **Antalya Ministerial Declaration**
- **2023 MED QSR**
- **Ecosystem Approach Roadmap Evaluation**
- **Designation of the Mediterranean Sea as SO<sub>x</sub> Emission Control Area**
- **Regional Plans under Article 15 of the LBS Protocol**
- **COP 22 Thematic Regional Strategies’ way forward**
- **MAP Knowledge Management Strategy**
- **Implementation of National Activities under PoW and Externally Funded Projects**
- **Potential Impacts of Covid-19**

16. The Secretariat will inform on the progress mainly on the processes and on the actions taken as well as to the next steps for their efficient delivery.

17. The Bureau members will be invited to discuss, and provide guidance on the way forward, considering also the text of the relevant COP 22 Decisions and of the Antalya Ministerial Declaration.

#### **(c) Collaboration and Partners**

18. 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 application received by a civil society organization for accreditation as MAP Partner, for the Bureau’s review and possible endorsement.

#### **(d) Outreach, Communication and Advocacy**

19. The Secretariat will report on the information and communication activities and on the plans for the current biennium in this area, in the context of the UN Ocean Conference, UN CBD, UNFCCC, etc. 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 including on the outcome of COP 22.

**Agenda Item 6: Calendar of Meetings and Events**

<b>Information Document</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.92/Inf.3
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20. The Bureau will be informed on the “*Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and Major International Events*” which is presented in document UNEP/MED BUR.92/Inf.3.

**Agenda Item 7: Date and Venue of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Bureau**

21. The Bureau will be invited to decide on the date and the venue of its 93<sup>rd</sup> Meeting, tentatively planned for 15-16 November 2022.

**Agenda Item 8: Any Other Matters**

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

**Agenda Item 9: Conclusions and Recommendations**

<b>Working Document</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.92/6
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23. 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**

24. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President of the Bureau at 18:00 (UTC+3) on Friday, 25 March 2022.

**TIMETABLE<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Thursday, 24 March 2022</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>		<b>Documents</b>
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.92/1 UNEP/MED BUR.92/2 UNEP/MED BUR.92/Inf.1
09:45 – 10:45	3. Progress Report for December 2021 – February 2022	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.92/3 UNEP/MED BUR.92/Inf.4 UNEP/MED BUR.92/Inf.5
10:45 – 11:45	4. Report by the Secretariat on Financial and Administrative Issues	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.92/4
11:45 – 12:30	5. Specific Issues	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.92/5 UNEP/MED BUR.92/Inf.4
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
14:00 – 17:00	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.92/5 UNEP/MED BUR.92/Inf.4
<b>Friday, 25 March 2022</b>			
09:30 – 11:30	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.92/5 UNEP/MED BUR.92/Inf.4
11:30 – 12:30	6. Calendar of Meetings and Events 7. Date and Venue of the 93 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Bureau 8. Any other Matters	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.92/Inf.3
12:30 – 15:00	<i>Extended Lunch break (elaboration of the draft list of conclusions and recommendations for adoption)</i>		
15:00 – 17:40	9. Conclusions and Recommendations	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.92/6
17:40 – 18:00	10. Closure of the Meeting	President of the Bureau	

<sup>1</sup> UTC+3 (i.e. Istanbul time)