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and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols

Ljubljana, Slovenia, 3-4 April 2024

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 Slovenia and in consultation with the President and members of the Bureau, the 95th 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 Ljubljana, Slovenia on 3-4 April 2024.
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 10:00 (UTC+1) on Wednesday, 3 April 2024, by Mr. Mitja Bricelj, President of the Bureau.

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

Working Documents	UNEP/MED BUR.95/1 UNEP/MED BUR.95/2
Information Document	UNEP/MED BUR.95/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.95/1 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+1) on 4 April 2024, 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 2023 - February 2024**

Working Documents	UNEP/MED BUR.95/3 UNEP/MED BUR.95/4
Information Documents	UNEP/MED BUR.95/Inf.4 UNEP/MED BUR.95/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 October 2023 - February 2024*” (UNEP/MED BUR.95/3) and the “*Progress Report by the Secretariat on the Implementation of COP 23 Decisions*” (UNEP/MED BUR.95/4).

9. The “*Report of the 51st and 52nd Meetings of the Executive Coordination Panel*” and the “*Compilation of Project Fiches*” are presented in documents UNEP/MED BUR.95/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

Working Document	UNEP/MED BUR.95/5
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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.95/5) addressing the status of contributions, personnel, administrative matters and consultancy reporting.

Agenda Item 5 Specific Issues:

Working Documents	UNEP/MED BUR.95/6
Information Document	UNEP/MED BUR.95/Inf.4

12. The Coordinator will present the “*Report by the Secretariat on Specific Issues*” (UNEP/MED BUR.95/6). 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.26/1 on Compliance and Reporting.

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

b) COP23 Key Mandates-Timeline and Milestones for their Effective Delivery:

- **MSSD Revision**
- **ECAP Roadmap**
- **Climate Change Adaptation Regional Framework**
- **Independent Mapping Exercise on the Climate Change/RAC**
- **Internal Evaluation of Coherence of the MAP System to the “Common Operational Principles for MAP Components”**
- **Other Mandates**

16. The Secretariat will inform on the timeline, milestones and actions taken in relation to the COP 23 Key Mandates as well as on 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 23 Decisions and of the Portorož 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.26/2 on Governance and in particular its Annex V on MAP Partner Policy, the Secretariat will present to the

Bureau members the outcome of the evaluation of the applications received by civil society organizations for accreditation as MAP Partners, 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 UNEA-6, of the 2024 Our Ocean Conference, of the 2025 UN Ocean Conference, 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 23.

e) Other Issues

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

Agenda Item 6 Calendar of Meetings and Events

Information Document UNEP/MED BUR.95/Inf.3

21. 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.95/Inf.3.

Agenda Item 7 Date and venue of the 96th Meeting of the Bureau

22. The Bureau will be invited to decide on the date and the venue of its 96th Meeting, tentatively planned for 19-20 November 2024.

Agenda Item 8 Any Other Matters

23. The Bureau will consider other matters that may be raised by its members.

Agenda Item 9 Conclusions and Recommendations

Working Document UNEP/MED BUR.95/7

24. 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

25. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President of the Bureau at 18:00 (UTC+3) on Thursday, 4 April 2024.

TIMETABLE¹

Wednesday, 3 April 2024			
Time	Agenda Item		Documents
10:00 – 10:15	1. Opening of the Meeting 2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work	President of the Bureau	UNEP/MED BUR.95/1 UNEP/MED BUR.95/2 UNEP/MED BUR.95/Inf.1
10:15 – 11:15	3. Progress Report for October 2023 - February 2024	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.95/3 UNEP/MED BUR.95/4 UNEP/MED BUR.95/Inf.4 UNEP/MED BUR.95/Inf.5
11:15 – 12:15	4. Report by the Secretariat on Financial and Administrative Issues	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.95/5
12:15 – 13:00	5. Specific Issues	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.95/6 UNEP/MED BUR.95/Inf.4
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
14:30 – 17:30	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.95/6 UNEP/MED BUR.95/Inf.4
Thursday, 4 April 2024			
10:00 – 12:00	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.95/6 UNEP/MED BUR.95/Inf.4
12:00 – 13:00	6. Calendar of Meetings and Events 7. Date and Venue of the 96 th Meeting of the Bureau 8. Any other Matters	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.95/Inf.3
13:00 – 15:00	<i>Extended Lunch break (elaboration of the draft list of conclusions and recommendations for adoption)</i>		
15:00 – 17:45	9. Conclusions and Recommendations	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.95/7
17:45 – 18:00	10. Closure of the Meeting	President of the Bureau	

¹ UTC +1 (CET - Slovenia Time)