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Addendum

A. Ratification, Reporting and Compliance

c) Compliance

Paragraph 11

On 22 March 2024, a new nomination was received from Group III, since Monaco officially sent to the Secretariat its nomination of Professor Philippe Weckel, President of the Scientific Council of the Institute of Economic Law of the Sea of Monaco (INDEMER), as Member of the Compliance Committee for four years.

The current membership of the Compliance Committee is balanced with regards to gender and less in terms of expertise which is in favour of legal expertise rather than technical/scientific one.

C. Collaboration and Partners

h) MAP Partners

Paragraphs 43, 44

The Secretariat has received one additional application for accreditation as MAP Partner from the European Public Law Organization (EPLO), dated 12 March 2024.

The results of the evaluation of the application are presented in this document as an addition to Annex I to the Report by the Secretariat on Specific Issues, for the Bureau's consideration. The Secretariat found that the above organization meets the criteria for accreditation as MAP Partner.

Additional proposed recommendation, paragraph 45 (e):

(e) The Bureau endorses the results of the evaluation conducted by the Secretariat of the application submitted by the European Public Law Organization (EPLO) for accreditation as MAP Partner, and requests that the Secretariat submits it to the MAP Focal Points and to COP 24 for consideration and endorsement.

E. Other Issues

Additional paragraph 50

UNEA-6 (Nairobi, Kenya, 26 February–1 March 2024) decided to hold the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly at the headquarters of the United Nations Environment Programme, in Nairobi, from 8 to 12 December 2025. Since the date originally set for COP 24 of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols in the tentative calendar (document UNEP/MED BUR.95/Inf.3) was 9-12 December 2025, as per previous practice on COP dates, the Bureau may wish - under the guidance of the Host Country of COP 24, Egypt - to review the dates of COP 24.

Annex I – MAP Partner Application Evaluation Table

<u>INFORMATION ON THE APPLICANTS / INFORMATIONS SUR LES CANDIDATS</u>

ACRONYM/ ACRONYME	FULL NAME/NOM COMPLET	COUNTRY/ PAYS	AIMS/OBJECTIFS
EPLO	EUROPEAN PUBLIC LAW ORGANIZATION	Greece	The EPLO is an international organization dedicated to the creation and dissemination of knowledge in the area of Public Law lato sensu and Governance, including but not limited to, inter alia, national, comparative and European public law, human rights law and environmental law and the promotion of European values for a better generation of lawyers and democratic institutions worldwide.
EPLO	EUROPEAN PUBLIC LAW ORGANIZATION	Grèce	L'EPLO est une organisation internationale dédiée à la création et à la diffusion de connaissances dans le domaine du droit public lato sensu et de la gouvernance, y compris, mais sans s'y limiter, entre autres, du droit public national, comparé et européen, du droit des droits de l'homme et le droit de l'environnement et le promotion des valeurs européennes pour une meilleure génération d'avocats et d'institutions démocratiques dans le monde entier.

EVALUATION / ÉVALUATION

Part I: General conditions for accreditation / Partie I : Conditions générales pour l'accréditation Category of MAP Partner: / Catégorie partenaire du PAM :

EPLO	
NGO/ONG	
Local Authority/Autorité locale	
Academic and Scientific Institution and Network/Institution et réseau universitaire et scientifiques	✓
Economic Actor and Private Sector Association/Acteur économique et Association du secteur privé	
Civil Society Organization, including Women and Youth Organization/Organisation de la société civile, y compris Organisation de femmes et de jeunes	
Secretariat of Regional Agreement/Secrétariat d'accord régional	

MAP Partners should satisfy the following general conditions: / Les partenaires du PAM doivent satisfaire aux conditions générales suivantes :

EPLO	
be representative in the field(s) of their competence and fields of action by the Mediterranean Action Plan Barcelona Convention and its Protocols /être représentatives dans leur(s) domaine(s) de compétence et leurs champs d'action dans le cadre du Plan d'action pour la Méditerranée (PAM) / Convention de Barcelone et de ses Protocoles ;	√
be able, through their work, to support the achievement of the objectives of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / être capables, au travers de son travail, d'appuyer la réalisation des objectifs du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	✓
be able to make known the work of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols in the region and/or their respective countries / être capables de faire connaître le travail du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles dans la région et / ou dans leurs pays respectifs ;	✓
be able to contribute, through a specific project or programme, to the implementation of MAP/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols programme of activities / être capables de contribuer, au travers d'un projet ou d'un programme spécifique, à la mise en œuvre du programme d'activités du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	√
be able to contribute, through a specific event or manifestation linked to a Mediterranean Action Plan field of activity, to public awareness-raising / être capables de contribuer, au travers d'un événement ou d'une manifestation spécifique associée à un champ d'activité du PAM, à la sensibilisation du public ;	√
be able to provide, through their specific activity or experience, expert advice on the definition of Mediterranean Action Plan policies, programmes and actions / être capables de fournir, au travers de leur activité spécifique ou de leur expérience, un avis d'expert sur la définition de politiques, programmes et actions pour le PAM;	√
be able regularly to disseminate information to their members, where applicable, on the standards, activities and achievements of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention in their own field(s) of competence / être capables de diffuser régulièrement des informations à leurs membres, le cas échéant, sur les normes, activités et réalisations du PAM / Convention de Barcelone dans leur(s) propre(s) domaine(s) de competence ;	√
be able to furnish, either spontaneously or at the request of the Mediterranean Action Plan's different bodies, information, documents or opinions relating to their own field(s) of competence / être capables de fournir, spontanément ou à la demande des différents organes du PAM, des informations, documents ou opinions relatifs à leur(s) propre(s) domaine(s) de compétence.	✓

$Part \ II: \ Specific \ accreditation \ criteria \ and \ procedures \ / \ Partie \ II: \ Critères \ et \ procédures \ d'accréditation \ spécifiques$

Accreditation / Accréditation

The following criteria apply: / Les critères suivants s'appliquent :

EPLO	
to have legal status; terms of reference, objectives and scope of activities related to one or more of MAP's areas of activity and to the scope of the Convention and its Protocols / disposer d'un statut légal; le mandat, les objectifs et le champ d'application des activités du candidat doivent être en rapport avec un ou plusieurs domaines d'activité du PAM et avec le champ d'application de la Convention et ses Protocoles;	√
to have existed for at least 4 years / exister depuis au moins 4 ans ;	✓
to submit financial and activity reports from the last two years / soumettre les états financiers et rapports d'activité des deux dernières années ;	✓
to operate democratically / avoir un fonctionnement démocratique;	✓
to have their regional office or headquarters in a Mediterranean country and/or to have activities in the Mediterranean and actively contribute to the objectives of UNEP/MAP / disposer d'un bureau ou d'un siège régional dans un pays méditerranéen et/ou mener des activités en Méditerranée et contribuer activement aux objectifs du PNUE/PAM;	√
to demonstrate proof of general or specialised, technical or scientific competence on issues related to the activities of MAP, the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / justifier sa compétence générale ou spécialisée, technique ou scientifique sur des questions associées aux activités du PAM, de la Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	√
to demonstrate what contributions the MAP Partner could make to MAP and the Convention and its Protocols / démontrer quelles contributions serait à même d'apporter le Partenaire du PAM au PAM ainsi qu'à la Convention et ses Protocoles.	✓











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Annex I - MAP Partner Applications Evaluation Table

A. Ratification, Reporting and Compliance

- a) Status of Ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols
- 1. Tables 1 and 2 reflect the status of ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols as checked on 26 February 2024 against the link provided for this purpose by the Government of Spain, in its capacity as the Depositary of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, with the addition of the ratification of the ICZM Protocol by Tunisia:

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Table 1: Summary of Status of Ratification

- 22 Contracting Parties have accepted the amendments to the Convention, 1995;
- 15 Contracting Parties have accepted the amendments to the Dumping Protocol, 1995;
- 17 Contracting Parties have accepted the amendments to the LBS Protocol, 1996;
- 8 Contracting Parties have ratified the Offshore Protocol, 1994;
- 17 Contracting Parties have ratified the SPA and Biodiversity Protocol, 1995;
- 7 Contracting Parties have ratified the Hazardous Waste Protocol, 1996;
- 17 Contracting Parties have ratified the Prevention and Emergency Protocol, 2002;
- 13 Contracting Parties have ratified the ICZM Protocol, 2008.

Table 2: Ratification of Barcelona Convention and Protocols by individual Contracting Parties

Contracting Parties																						
Legal instruments	Albania	Algeria	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Croatia	Cyprus	European Union	Egypt	France	Greece	Israel	Italy	Lebanon	Libya	Malta	Monaco	Montenegro	Morocco	Slovenia	Spain	Syria	Tunisia	Türkiye
Barcelona Convention																						
and Amendments																						
Dumping Protocol																						
and Amendments																						
Emergency Protocol																						
Prevention and Emergency Protocol																						
LBS Protocol																						
and Amendments																						
SPA Protocol																						
SPA and Biodiversity Protocol																						
Offshore Protocol																						
Hazardous Wastes Protocol																						
ICZM Protocol																						

Instrument of ratification, adhesion approval or accession deposited and Convention or Protocol entered into force	
No instrument of ratification, adhesion, approval or accession deposited	
Ratified, but instrument of ratification not yet deposited	
Instrument of ratification, adhesion, approval or accession deposited but Protocol has not entered into force yet	

2. Tunisia has ratified the ICZM Protocol by law decree No. 917-2022 issued on 28 November 2022. The Depositary has not yet received the instrument of ratification from Tunisia.

3. To further promote the ratification of the Protocols to the Barcelona Convention, in particular the ratification of the Dumping Protocol which requires a single additional ratification to enter into force, bilateral meetings with Contracting Parties are being used, seeking national opportunities for outstanding ratifications. The UNEP/MAP PoW 2024-2025, includes activity 5.1.1. *Provide technical assistance and guidance to Contracting Parties in the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols*. To this end, the Secretariat is contacting Contracting Parties to discuss the possible ratification of relevant Protocols, and especially the ratifications of the Amendments to the Dumping Protocol.

b) Reporting

- 4. At COP 23 (Portoroz, Slovenia, 5-8 December 2023), Contracting Parties adopted Decision IG.26/1 entitled "Compliance and Reporting", through which they urged the Contracting Parties who have not yet submitted their national implementation reports for the biennium 2018-2019 (8 Contracting Parties) and the biennium 2020-2021 (11 Contracting Parties) to do so as soon as possible by 2nd April 2024 at the latest. Through a letter dated 30 January 2024, the Secretariat contacted Contracting Parties reminding them of their obligation to submit national implementation reports for the biennium 2018-2019 and 2020-2021 by 2 April 2024, in accordance with Decision IG.26/1. Through the same letter, the Secretariat encouraged Contracting Parties to start preparing the submission of the national implementation reports for the 2022-2023 biennium, considering that the submission deadline is by the end of 2024, as per practice.
- 5. The Secretariat, through a Memo of the Coordinator dated 8 February 2024 established the Task Force on Implementation Reporting comprised of representatives of the Coordinating Unit and MAP Components. The main mandates of the Task Force for this biennium are to support the Contracting Parties to submit their pending National Implementation Reports for the biennia 2018-2019 and 2020-2021, to support the Contracting Parties in the preparation and submission of the 2022-2023 National Implementation Reports, and, finally, to upgrade the reporting format of the BCRS in order to include the recently adopted amendments to Protocols Annexes and legally binding measures as well as to make it more user-friendly. The Secretariat plans to submit the upgraded reporting format through a relevant decision to COP 24 for adoption. The first meeting of the Task Force took place online on 14 February 2024, while the second meeting is planned for 4 March 2024.
- 6. As of 15 February 2024, the status of reporting can be summarized as follows: (a) biennium 2018-2019: a total of 13 Contracting Parties have submitted the national implementation reports, with reporting rates ranging from 59% (13 reporting Parties) for the Barcelona Convention and 50% (11 reporting Parties) for the SPA/BD Protocol to 32% (7 reporting Parties) for the Hazardous Wastes Protocol; (d) biennium 2020-2021: a total of 10 Contracting Parties have submitted their national implementation reports for the Barcelona Convention (45.5%), 8 Parties for the SPA/BD Protocol (36.5%), 6 Parties for the Hazardous Wastes Protocol (27%), 8 Parties for the Dumping Protocol (36,5%), 6 Parties for the Offshore Protocol (27%), and 8 Parties for the Prevention and Emergency and Land-Based Sources Protocols (36.5%).

c) Compliance

- 7. The implementation of the Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee for the biennium 2024-2025, adopted through COP 23 Decision IG.26/1 was initiated. To this end, the preparations for the 20th Meeting of the Compliance Committee are under way (Athens, Greece, 19-20 June 2024).
- 8. The Compliance Committee, in the course of its 19th Meeting (Athens, Greece, 4-5 July 2023), discussed the response of the Party concerned to the Findings and Recommendations including the relevant document on measures set up for the recovery of Mar Menor. The Committee discussed the progress reflected in the reports and requested further information and clarifications.
- 9. Following the relevant recommendations of the Compliance Committee, the Secretariat is working to improve the Compliance Committee's visibility through allocating a stand-alone webpage for the Compliance Committee on the UNEP/MAP website, This will enable information to be accessible and available to the public and will include the competencies of the Compliance Committee as well as roles and responsibilities, and will also include an introduction to the members of the Compliance Committee and a summary of their profiles. It will also include cases of non-compliance accomplished by the committee and the committee's working mechanism to examine these cases.

- 10. The Compliance Committee has appointed a Rapporteur to follow up the communication regarding a possible case of non-compliance by a Contracting Party received last year and to share with the Committee a short Summary on the admissibility criteria of the new case. The Rapporteur has prepared the summary in French and the Secretariat translated it to English, in order to be shared with the Compliance Committee in both languages.
- 11. As stated in Annex IV of COP 23 Decision IG.26/1 on "Compliance and Reporting", COP 23 agreed to delegate to the Bureau of the Contracting Parties the election of a member and alternate member for Group III at its first meeting in 2024. To implement this Decision, the Secretariat undertook a series of consultations with the Contracting Parties of Group III to ensure relevant nominations from that Group. Despite the efforts of the Secretariat, only one nomination was submitted, this of Ms. Orr Karassin, a national of Israel, nominated as a Member of the Compliance Committee. Ms. Orr Karassin has served the Committee as an Alternate Member for two consecutive terms that expired at COP23.
- 12. Since the 79th session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)'s Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 79) (London, UK, 12-16 December 2022), REMPEC followed up with the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols that had not yet ratified MARPOL Annex VI, namely Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon and Libya. Within the period under review, the repository of MARPOL Annex VI, i.e. IMO, has not recorded any new Mediterranean ratification.

13. Proposed Recommendations:

- (a) The Bureau takes note of the current status of ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, noting also the limited progress in ratifications during the last biennium and urges the Contracting Parties which have not yet done so to make efforts for the ratifications of the Protocols, with particular focus on the Dumping Protocol to ensure its entry into force as soon as possible;
- (b) The Bureau encourages the President and the Secretariat to enhance their efforts with the respective Contracting Parties to achieve the full ratification of the Protocols to the Barcelona Convention;
- (c) The Bureau calls on Contracting Parties to submit their national implementation reports for the period 2022-2023 by December 2024 and strongly urges those Contracting Parties who have not yet done so, to submit their national implementation reports for the previous reporting periods 2012–2013 and 2014–2015 (2 Contracting Parties), 2016-2017 (4 Contracting Parties), 2018-2019 (9 Contracting Parties) and/or 2020-2021 (12 Contracting Parties) without further delay, implementing COP 23 Decision IG.26/1;
- (d) The Bureau, in relation to the membership of the Compliance Committee for the biennium 2024-2025,
- (e) The Bureau, following the adoption of the amendments to MARPOL Annex VI concerning the Med SOx ECA at the 79th session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)'s Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 79) (London, UK, 12-16 December 2022), recalls the urgency of ratification, transposition and effective implementation of MARPOL Annex VI, particularly in view of the expected date of entry into effective application of the Med SOx ECA on 1 May 2025.

B. COP23 Key Mandates-Timeline and Milestones for their Effective Delivery:

- MSSD Revision

14. The Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) 2016-2025, "Investing in environmental sustainability to achieve social and economic development", was adopted with Decision IG.22/2 by the 19th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (COP 19) (Athens, Greece, 9-12 February 2016) as a strategic guiding document for all stakeholders and partners to translate the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the regional, sub-regional and national levels. The Strategy is based on the shared vision of "a prosperous and peaceful Mediterranean region in which people enjoy a high quality of life and where sustainable

development takes place within the carrying capacity of healthy ecosystems", and implemented through a composite framework of six Objectives, Strategic Directions, Regional and National Actions, Targets and Flagship Initiatives.

- 15. The 20th Meeting of the MCSD (Marseille, France, 14-16 June 2023) acknowledged the good progress achieved in the MSSD implementation, provided recommendations to further strengthen its impact and outreach, and welcomed the proposal to launch, in the biennium 2024-2025, the review process of the MSSD 2016-2025 (to be supported by a final evaluation of the MSSD), which will be submitted for endorsement to COP 24 (Egypt, December 2025). The 20th MCSD meeting agreed that the review process should be led by the MCSD Steering Committee, extended with additional MCSD members, to represent parliamentarians, scientific institutions, and cross-cutting issues/synergies, as well as Egypt as host country of COP 24, where the updated MSSD is expected to be endorsed. The meeting also agreed to involve Mediterranean youth representatives in the process of reviewing and updating the MSSD. A series of new flagship initiatives have been also proposed by the 20th MCSD meeting, including on blue tourism, Posidonia Oceanica and the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems nexus.
- 16. The Secretariat has initiated the work on the evaluation and review of the MSSD. The first meeting of the extended Steering Committee of the MCSD took place online on 21 February 2024. The meeting highlighted that the MSSD revision will be based to the extent possible on existing analysis, including the MED 2050 foresight study and the MSSD Dashboard, and taking in account the main recent global and regional frameworks, including the European Green Deal and by addressing the thematic and systemic identified gaps; the MSSD revision should cover also the current Flagship Initiatives, while embedding the three new Flagship Initiatives on "Sustainable Blue Tourism", "Protection and restoration of Seagrass/Posidonia Meadows as crucial ecosystems" and WEFE NEXUS, as indicated by the 20th Meeting of the MCSD, and take into account proposals to embed youth and women contribution in the MSSD implementation and MCSD governance.
- 17. The extended Steering Committee of the MCSD also identified the following action points to be prepared in view of the Steering Committee of the MCSD (Athens, Greece, 18-19 April 2024): updated evaluation of the indicators of the MSSD Dashboard; draft Terms of Reference of the Thematic working groups on marine spatial planning/blue economy, circular economy and ocean economy/sustainable finance that will support the MSSD revision process; a first draft document on strengthened systemic governance part of the MSSD, reinforcing and streamlining the cooperation with key regional initiatives, programmes and institutions; short presentation of the proposed new flagship initiatives.
- 18. In relation to the current MSSD evaluation, the process of the recruitment of the consultant for the independent MSSD evaluation is underway and will be finalized shortly. The scope of this exercise, which is expected to start in March 2024 and have a duration of 8 months, is the final evaluation the MSSD implementation, that will provide the evidence for the follow up phases of the MSSD renewal process. The evaluation exercise will include a desk review of relevant documents (including the 2021 MSSD Mid-Term Evaluation Report as well as other key relevant UNEP/MAP reports and assessments and the MSSD Dashboard, and in line with global and regional commitments and developments) as well as short consultations with key stakeholders. It will assess the thematic gaps, challenges, opportunities and achievements identified against the information provided by the most recent relevant UNEP/MAP reports and assessments and the global and regional frameworks and commitments; Evaluate the status of implementation of the MSSD flagship initiatives and update their factsheets as needed be. The MSSD final evaluation report will also include recommendations and elements for a renewed MSSD.
- 19. In parallel, Plan Bleu/RAC is proceeding with the quantitative evaluation of the MSSD based on the 28 indicators of the sustainability dashboard. The Secretariat with Plan Bleu/RAC will organize a dedicated workshop to review the sustainability dashboard towards the end of 2024/beginning of 2025.

- ECAP Roadmap

20. Decision IG.26/3 on "The 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report and a Renewed Ecosystem Approach Policy in the Mediterranean" was adopted by COP23. COP23 took note of the integrated 2023 MED QSR, endorsed its provisional Executive Summary, and requested the Secretariat to further develop an additional Summary for Policy Makers (SfPM) to serve as one of the

communication products of the 2023 MED QSR planned under the MAP PoW and Budget for 2024-2025.

- 21. The process for revising EcAp Roadmap and upgrading IMAP was initiated in early 2024. A concept note and draft timeline have been prepared for the review of the 52nd ECP Meeting (Vrachati, Greece, January 2024) and of the first meeting of the IMAP Task Force (February 2024) with the participation of CU and MAP Components (MED POL, SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC, INFO/RAC, REMPEC, Plan Bleu/RAC). During the first task force meeting, the draft elements for revising IMAP Clusters were discussed including the organization of the first (online) CORMON meetings. The overall planning includes the organization of online CORMONs in 2024, which will be followed by physical meetings in 2025. An online EcAp Coordination Group Meeting will be organized in October 2024 that will focus in reviewing the draft Summary for Policy Makers of the 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report (2023 MED QSR), and the first elements of the revised EcAp Roadmap and IMAP; to be followed by a physical meeting in September 2025.
- 22. Moreover, the first EcAp CG Meeting of the biennium, to be organized online in October 2024, will mainly focus in reviewing the Summary for Policy Makers of the 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report (2023 MED QSR).
- 23. The website of the 2023 MED QSR was finalized in February 2024, expected to migrate to the official URL in March 2024.

- Climate Change Adaptation Regional Framework

- 24. The Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas (RCCAF), was adopted by COP19 (Athens, Greece, 2016) with Decision IG.22/6, having a timeline of 10 years, i.e. 2016-2025. COP 23 decided, through Decision IG.26/14 on Programme of Work and Budget for 2024-2025 (Activity 3.2.1., deliverable (f) 2016 Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas updated) to update the Framework in order to consider new challenges, tools and nature-based solutions. This deliverable is led by the Secretariat with involvement of all relevant MAP Components.
- 25. The Secretariat launched in February 2024 an internal consultation with all MAP Components for feedback on the updating of the document, including on key elements to be considered, and the expected direction of this process, including from the perspective of relevant regional and global developments, especially the adoption of the Framework for Global Climate Resilience, by UNFCCC COP 28. Close contacts have been created with UNEP and its technical work for this purpose.
- 26. The Secretariat will use available resources allocated for the activity 3.2.1 in the framework of the Bilateral Agreement with the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, to recruit an external expert to support the updating of the RCCAF and organise a meeting for its review. Cooperation and synergies will be sought with the UNFCCC Secretariat. The updated RCCAF will be submitted for review by the 21st MCSD meeting in 2025, for its onward transmission to COP 24.

- Independent Mapping Exercise on the Climate Change/RAC

- 27. COP 23 through Decision IG.26/12 on the Establishment of Regional Activity Center on Climate Change, decided "to establish the MAP Regional Activity Centre on Climate Change (CC/RAC) as one of the Components of the MAP system, in accordance with the common operational principles for MAP Components". Furthermore, through the same Decision, Contracting Parties requested "the Secretariat to develop an independent mapping exercise including a fully fledged assessment of the UNEP/MAP system and its different components with a view to define the mandate and integrate the newly established CC/RAC within the UNEP/MAP system, the results of which shall be submitted in a timely manner to all Contracting Parties for consideration of the MAP Focal Points Meeting of the biennium 2024-2025, then for decision at COP24 in order to operationalize the CC/RAC. Such assessment should be developed in a transparent and inclusive way, taking into account all governance, legal, financial, and administrative aspects and should ensure full complementarity and synergies, for the benefit of the Mediterranean region and the implementation of global and regional commitments;"
- 28. The independent mapping exercise was discussed at the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Coordination Panel (Vrachati, Greece, 17-19 January 2024). It was agreed that the process will be led by the CU, with support from an independent expert. To this end the CU is preparing ToRs for a consultant to undertake this exercise. This exercise will include a desk review of related mandates and

activities of main actors and initiatives/programmes dealing with climate change in the Mediterranean, including an assessment of gaps and needs, considering both global and regional evolutions, as well as a desk review for the assessment of the UNEP/MAP system and its different components in relation to mandates and activities on climate change. It may also include consultations within the MAP system and beyond. This exercise is expected to start in April 2024 and finalized after the MAP Focal Points Meeting of September 2025. Preliminary findings may be shared at the next Bureau meeting in November 2024.

- Internal Evaluation of Coherence of the MAP System to the "Common Operational Principles for MAP Components"
- 29. COP 23, through Decision IG.26/14 on Programme of Work and Budget for 2024-2025, requested the Secretariat "to undertake with no budgetary implications, an internal evaluation in order to assess the coherence of the MAP system to the provisions of the "Common Operational Principles for MAP Components", as adopted by COP 22 Decision IG. 25/3, Annex VI; the evaluation should consider the adequacy of all MAP Components with respect to the necessary functional and financial autonomy to fully and timely fulfil their regional mandate, as set by COP 16 Decision IG. 19/5 "Mandates of the Components of MAP", in particular including possible proposals in relation to the structure of the MAP Components and their effects on the budget, including the use of the MTF to support the operational costs of all MAP Components, for consideration at COP 24". No budget is foreseen for this deliverable, so the assessment is being undertaken with in-house expertise, under the leadership of the Coordinating Unit.
- 30. The focus of this exercise is the assessment of inter-relations between the mandates of the MAP Components and the structure, capacities, human resources and financial resources allocated to the MAP Components. The mandate of the MAP Components is being derived through the core provisions coming from the Protocols, the UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027 and COP 16 Decision IG. 19/5 "Mandates of the Components of MAP". The internal evaluation was discussed at the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Coordination Panel (Vrachati, Greece, 17-19 January 2024). The meeting went through the Common Operational Principles of the MAP Components and agreed that the CU should prepare a questionnaire for MAP Components' response, with the aim to assess the level of coherence of each Component with these. The meeting highlighted that there is no common understanding on some parts of the principles and clarification should be sought under the coordination of the CU.
- 31. To this end, the CU has prepared and shared with MAP Components in February 2024 a short questionnaire on the Common Operational Principles for MAP Components and how these are applied by each RAC, including on challenges faced. In parallel, the CU has contacted UNEP Headquarters to receive information on relevant arrangements that other Multilateral Environmental Agreements (such as the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions) or Regional Sea Conventions (such as the Cartagena Convention) are applying in relation to their RACs. The issue was further discussed with UNEP Headquarters during the presence of the Coordinator at Nairobi with the occasion of UNEA-6 including on the need for new host country agreements as need be. This process, which has been initiated in January 2024, is expected to be concluded in Spring 2025. First findings can be shared at the next Bureau meeting in November 2024.
- 32. Proposed Recommendation:
- (a) The Bureau notes with appreciation the information provided on the key mandates of COP23 and their implementation and requests the Secretariat and the respective MAP Components to ensure all steps are undertaken for their effective and timely implementation.

C. Collaboration and Partners

- a) Collaboration with UNEP Regional Seas
- 33. Collaboration with other Regional Seas is increasing, while there is currently a restructuring within UNEP's Ecosystems Division and discussions are ongoing on the best place for the regional seas. At the end of 2023 the UNEP Regional Seas Programme report to the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was prepared, focusing on the implementation of United Nations Environmental Assembly Resolutions relevant to oceans from June 2014 to date.

34. UNEA-6 Resolution on "Strengthening ocean efforts to tackle climate change, marine biodiversity loss and pollution" is an important step in strengthening the regional seas programme and the further empowerment of the Regional Sea Conventions Secretariats and Action Plans. It is recognizing the key role of the Regional Seas Programme and regional seas conventions and action plans and their importance in assisting countries and regions in applying an ecosystem approach to manage the marine and coastal environment, and encourages them, *inter alia*, to further develop and implement joint strategies, and work on quality status assessments and monitoring programmes to address environmental challenges in a coordinated effort. Furthermore, it requests the Executive Director to strengthen the regional seas programme to further support regional seas conventions and action plans.

b) Collaboration with FAO/GFCM

- 35. Collaboration with the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) is proceeding well. The CU and SPA/RAC participated at the FishForum 2024 (Antalya, Türkiye, 19-13 February 2024). A meeting took place on 20 February 2024 between the UNEP/MAP Coordinator and the Executive Secretary of FAO/GFCM, with the presence of the new Director of SPA/RAC.
 - c) <u>Implementation of Agreement with Italy-Collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MASE)</u>
- 36. The majority of activities supported in the framework of the Bilateral Cooperation Agreement with the Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MASE) signed in November 2021, were completed by end of December 2023. A side event on the Bilateral Agreement focusing on its results was organised in the margins of COP 23 in Portoroz, Slovenia. Two activities executed by PAP/RAC and SPA/RAC were granted an extension to allow their completion until 31 March 2024. A Steering Committee meeting is planned in March 2024, in Rome, Italy, to review the final reports and discuss the options for a new Agreement in support of PoW 2024-2025 activities, including with the use of non-utilized balances from the existing Agreement.
 - d) Action Plan "The Mediterranean: a model sea by 2030" (PAMEx)
- 37. As of October 2022, the Plan of Action for a Model Mediterranean Sea (PAMEx) has been supporting increased resource mobilization for nature and climate, bringing its partners closer together around common heightened ambitions for sustainable development in the region and giving further visibility to its actions. With the support of its Technical Secretariat at UNEP/MAP, PAMEx partners have tightened their coordination agreeing on shared priorities over two Steering Committee meetings in 2023 (Athens, Greece 24-25 January 2023) and (Online, 18 July 2023). The next Steering Committee meeting is planned for the second quarter of 2024.
- 38. UNEP and the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France concluded a second Bilateral Agreement aiming at supporting key activities of the UNEP/MAP PoW 2024-2025, with a total voluntary contribution of 1.4 million EUR integrated into the ProDoc and Legal Instruments with RACs for the operationalisation of the 2024-2025 POW and Budget.

e) Our Ocean Conference 2024

39. Following up to the relevant reference in the PoW and Budget 2024-2025, the Secretariat is collaborating with the Government of Greece (Ministry of Environment and Energy) to ensure an active participation of the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention system in the Our Ocean Conference 2024 that will be held in Athens, Greece on 16-17 April 2024. Bilateral meetings have been held to ensure an effective coordination, while a number of side events have been submitted by the Secretariat and MAP Components. Furthermore, UNEP/MAP is expected to participate in core panels of the Conference's thematic axes (i.e. on Climate Change, Marine Pollution, MPAs, Sustainable Blue Economy, Maritime Security, and Sustainable Fisheries) and especially in the Panel dedicated to the Mediterranean. This will give the opportunity to UNEP/MAP to highlight the region's achievements, objectives and aspirations towards a sustainable and green Mediterranean, from a technical and an institutional point of view.

f) BlueMissionMed Initiative

40. On 12 February 2024, the Secretariat has also participated to the BlueMissionMed project General Assembly as Overarching Steering Committee Member. The meetings had as main objective the discussion and validation of the Operational Implementation Roadmap. The main outcome is the inclusion in the Roadmap of the refence to the MSSD as Mediterranean multi stakeholders' platform to liaise and cooperate with in the framework of shared priorities, mainly on sustainable blue economy, circular economy, marine pollution/marine litter and climate change, on stakeholders' and thematic events at regional level of common interest as well as on MSSD flagship initiatives.

g) New and updated MoUs

41. COP 23 (Portoroz, Slovenia, 5-8 December 2023), through Decision IG.26/2 on Governance (Annexes I and II to the Decision) approved the MoUs between UNEP and (a) the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfMS), (b) the Permanent Secretariat of the Commission of the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution (PS BSC), (c) the Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden (PERSGA), and (d) the Permanent Secretariat of the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS). The MoU between UNEP/MAP and ACCOBAMS was signed during COP23, while the process of the signature of the other three MoUs is under way.

h) MAP Partners

- 42. COP 23, through Decision IG.26/2 on "Governance" approved the amendments to the partner policy as set out in Annex V of the Decision, amending Decision 19/6 on "MAP/Civil society cooperation and partnership". The revised MAP Partner Policy, *inter alia*, allows different categories of stakeholders as eligible to apply for obtaining MAP Partner status (1. NGOs; 2. Local Authorities; 3. Academic and Scientific Institutions and Networks; 4. Economic Actors and Private Sector Associations; 5. Civil Society Organizations, including Women and Youth Organizations; 6. Secretariats of Regional Agreements) as well as stakeholders who do not have their regional office or
- 43. The Secretariat has therefore updated the MAP Partner Application Form and sent it to stakeholders who have expressed interest to become MAP Partners. To this end, the Secretariat has already received two new applications from the following organizations: (a) Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development, and (b) Banlastic Egypt.

headquarters in a Mediterranean country but have activities in the Mediterranean and actively

- 44. The Secretariat has reviewed the documentation submitted in line with Decision IG.26/2 and found that the two above organizations meet the criteria for such accreditation. The results of the evaluation of the applications are presented in Annex I to the present report for the Bureau's consideration.
- 45. Proposed Recommendations:

contribute to the objectives of UNEP/MAP.

- (a) The Bureau welcomes the work of the Secretariat on enhancing ocean governance and on strengthening cooperation and partnerships with global and regional organizations for joint impact on the ground;
- (b) The Bureau welcomes the work by the Secretariat to strengthen participation and involvement in global processes and to raise the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention system's profile, its work and its contribution to the implementation of the SDGs, and encourages the Secretariat to further work in this direction;
- (c) The Bureau welcomes the involvement of UNEP/MAP in the BlueMissionMed Initiative, especially in relation to the preparation of the updated MSSD and its future implementation;
- (d) The Bureau endorses the results of the evaluation conducted by the Secretariat of the new application submitted by the Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development and by Banlastic Egypt as MAP Partners and requests that the Secretariat submits them to the MAP Focal Points and to COP 24 for consideration and endorsement.

D. Outreach, Communication and Advocacy

- 46. The Coordinating Unit has initiated work related to the observance of the 50th anniversary of the MAP in 2025 through the preparation of the concept notes, including thematic focus and definition of potential Partners to be engaged, for MAP's participation in UNEA-6, OOC-2024, UNOC-3, as highlighted by the Contacting Parties relevant commitment in the Portoroz Declaration. It is also elaborating the concept note for "The Odyssey reloaded", a year-long, pan-Mediterranean campaign featuring a constellation of ship expeditions and events at several ports of call and coastal cities. Work will commence soon to be coordinated by the CU and INFO/RAC, with the contribution of the MAP Components: a) a high-level event, co-organized with Egypt and Spain; b) a Report on MAP achievements since its inception; c) communication campaign and outreach events.
- 47. In relation to the collaboration with the Government of Greece to ensure an active participation of the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention system in the Our Ocean Conference 2024, this opportunity will also be used to increase visibility of the UNEP/MAP system. To this end, a stand on visibility/communication material will be organized by INFO/RAC.
- 48. Furthermore, UNEA-6 Resolution on "Strengthening ocean efforts to tackle climate change, marine biodiversity loss and pollution" has been an important achievement for Regional Seas and includes a call on strengthening of the regional seas programme and the further empowerment of the Regional Sea Conventions Secretariats and Action Plans. It encourages UNEP Member States to, "as appropriate, adopt, ratify or implement the regional seas conventions, protocols and action plans for the protection and conservation of the marine and coastal environment while promoting high visibility of the regional dimension in all relevant global processes and forums".
- 49. Proposed Recommendation:
- (a) The Bureau welcomes the Secretariat's efforts in the field of outreach, communication and advocacy and requests the Secretariat to proceed with the arrangements for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the MAP in 2025 in order also to enhance the visibility of the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention system.

Annex I MAP Partner Applications Evaluation Table

INFORMATION ON THE APPLICANTS / INFORMATIONS SUR LES CANDIDATS

ACRONYM/ ACRONYME	FULL NAME/NOM COMPLET	COUNTRY /PAYS	AIMS/OBJECTIFS
MYF	Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development	Egypt	The Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development strives for the Mediterranean Youth Foundation to be the largest green sustainable international youth organization that has representation in the countries overlooking the Mediterranean Sea and the neighbouring ones; In the areas of youth empowerment of both genders as well as intercultural and intergenerational dialogue.
MYF	Fondation Méditerranéen ne de la Jeunesse pour le Développement	Égypte	La Fondation Méditerranéenne de la Jeunesse pour le Développement s'efforce de faire de la Fondation Méditerranéenne de la Jeunesse la plus grande organisation internationale de jeunesse verte et durable qui soit représentée dans les pays bordant la mer Méditerranée et dans les pays voisins ; dans les domaines de l'autonomisation des jeunes des deux sexes ainsi que du dialogue interculturel et intergénérationnel.

EVALUATION / ÉVALUATION

Part I: General conditions for accreditation / Partie I : Conditions générales pour l'accréditation Category of MAP Partner: / Catégorie partenaire du PAM :

MYF	
NGO/ONG	✓
Local Authority/Autorité locale	
Academic and Scientific Institution and Network/Institution et réseau universitaire et scientifiques	
Economic Actor and Private Sector Association/ Acteur économique et Association du secteur privé	
Civil Society Organization, including Women and Youth Organization/ Organisation de la société civile, y compris Organisation de femmes et de jeunes	
Secretariat of Regional Agreement/ Secrétariat d'accord régional	

MAP Partners should satisfy the following general conditions: / Les partenaires du PAM doivent satisfaire aux conditions générales suivantes :

MYF	
be representative in the field(s) of their competence and fields of action by the Mediterranean Action Plan Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / être représentatives dans leur(s) domaine(s) de compétence et leurs champs d'action dans le cadre du Plan d'action pour la Méditerranée (PAM) / Convention de Barcelone et de ses Protocoles ;	✓
be able, through their work, to support the achievement of the objectives of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / être capables, au travers de son travail, d'appuyer la réalisation des objectifs du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	✓
be able to make known the work of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols in the region and/or their respective countries / être capables de faire connaître le travail du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles dans la région et / ou dans leurs pays respectifs ;	√
be able to contribute, through a specific project or programme, to the implementation of MAP/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols programme of activities / être capables de contribuer, au travers d'un projet ou d'un programme spécifique, à la mise en œuvre du programme d'activités du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	✓
be able to contribute, through a specific event or manifestation linked to a Mediterranean Action Plan field of activity, to public awareness-raising / être capables de contribuer, au travers d'un événement ou d'une manifestation spécifique associée à un champ d'activité du PAM, à la sensibilisation du public ;	✓

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be able to provide, through their specific activity or experience, expert advice on the definition of Mediterranean Action Plan policies, programmes and actions / être capables de fournir, au travers de leur activité spécifique ou de leur expérience, un avis d'expert sur la définition de politiques, programmes et actions pour le PAM;	~
be able regularly to disseminate information to their members, where applicable, on the standards, activities and achievements of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention in their own field(s) of competence / être capables de diffuser régulièrement des informations à leurs membres, le cas échéant, sur les normes, activités et réalisations du PAM / Convention de Barcelone dans leur(s) propre(s) domaine(s) de competence ;	~
be able to furnish, either spontaneously or at the request of the Mediterranean Action Plan's different bodies, information, documents or opinions relating to their own field(s) of competence / être capables de fournir, spontanément ou à la demande des différents organes du PAM, des informations, documents ou opinions relatifs à leur(s) propre(s) domaine(s) de compétence.	~

Part II: Specific accreditation criteria and procedures / Partie II : Critères et procédures d'accréditation spécifiques

Accreditation / Accréditation

The following criteria apply: / Les critères suivants s'appliquent :

MYF	
to have legal status; terms of reference, objectives and scope of activities related to one or more of MAP's areas of activity and to the scope of the Convention and its Protocols / disposer d'un statut légal ; le mandat, les objectifs et le champ d'application des activités du candidat doivent être en rapport avec un ou plusieurs domaines d'activité du PAM et avec le champ d'application de la Convention et ses Protocoles ;	~
to have existed for at least 4 years / exister depuis au moins 4 ans ;	✓
to submit financial and activity reports from the last two years / soumettre les états financiers et rapports d'activité des deux dernières années ;	√
to operate democratically / avoir un fonctionnement démocratique;	✓
to have their regional office or headquarters in a Mediterranean country and/or to have activities in the Mediterranean and actively contribute to the objectives of UNEP/MAP / disposer d'un bureau ou d'un siège régional dans un pays méditerranéen et/ou mener des activités en Méditerranée et contribuer activement aux objectifs du PNUE/PAM;	✓
to demonstrate proof of general or specialised, technical or scientific competence on issues related to the activities of MAP, the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / justifier sa compétence générale ou spécialisée, technique ou scientifique sur des questions associées aux activités du PAM, de la Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	~
to demonstrate what contributions the MAP Partner could make to MAP and the Convention and its Protocols / démontrer quelles contributions serait à même d'apporter le Partenaire du PAM au PAM ainsi qu'à la Convention et ses Protocoles.	~

INFORMATION ON THE APPLICANTS / INFORMATIONS SUR LES CANDIDATS

ACRONYM/ ACRONYME	FULL NAME/NOM COMPLET	COUNTRY /PAYS	AIMS/OBJECTIFS
Banlastic Egypt	Banlastic Egypt	Egypt	Banlastic Egypt is a social enterprise that aims to ban single use plastic (SUP) by changing the irresponsible single-use plastic consumption behaviour in Egypt. It also aims to connect different stakeholders and decision makers to support those efforts by passing legislation, in steps to ban single-use plastic, bridging Egypt to be among 60 countries that already banned single-use plastic (April 2019), which goes along with the country's sustainable development strategy 2030. Banlastic's broader goal is to help in co-creating more opportunities for green startups in Egypt, engaging citizens in the environmental awareness process, employ marginalized communities in producing its alternative products and stepping towards greener livelihoods for Egyptians.
Banlastic Egypt	Banlastic Egypt	Égypte	Banlastic Egypt est une entreprise sociale qui vise à interdire le plastique à usage unique (SUP) en modifiant le comportement irresponsable de consommation de plastique à usage unique en Égypte. Il vise également à connecter différentes parties prenantes et décideurs pour soutenir ces efforts en adoptant une législation visant à interdire le plastique à usage unique, permettant ainsi à l'Égypte de figurer parmi les 60 pays qui ont déjà interdit le plastique à usage unique (avril 2019), ce qui va de pair avec la stratégie de développement durable du pays à l'horizon 2030. L'objectif plus large de Banlastic est d'aider à co-créer davantage d'opportunités pour les startups vertes en Égypte, en engageant les citoyens dans le processus de sensibilisation à l'environnement, en employant les communautés marginalisées dans la production de ses produits alternatifs et en progressant vers des moyens de subsistance plus écologiques pour les Égyptiens.

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Local Authority/Autorité locale	
Academic and Scientific Institution and Network/Institution et réseau universitaire et scientifiques	
Economic Actor and Private Sector Association/ Acteur économique et Association du secteur privé	
Civil Society Organization, including Women and Youth Organization/ Organisation de la société civile, y compris Organisation de femmes et de jeunes	✓
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be able, through their work, to support the achievement of the objectives of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / être capables, au travers de son travail, d'appuyer la réalisation des objectifs du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	✓
be able to make known the work of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols in the region and/or their respective countries / être capables de faire connaître le travail du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles dans la région et / ou dans leurs pays respectifs ;	✓
be able to contribute, through a specific project or programme, to the implementation of MAP/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols programme of activities / être capables de contribuer, au travers d'un projet ou d'un programme spécifique, à la mise en œuvre du programme d'activités du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	✓
be able to contribute, through a specific event or manifestation linked to a Mediterranean Action Plan field of activity, to public awareness-raising / être capables de contribuer, au travers d'un événement ou d'une manifestation spécifique associée à un champ d'activité du PAM, à la sensibilisation du public ;	✓
be able to provide, through their specific activity or experience, expert advice on the definition of Mediterranean Action Plan policies, programmes and actions / être capables de fournir, au travers de leur activité spécifique ou de leur expérience, un avis d'expert sur la définition de politiques, programmes et actions pour le PAM;	✓
be able regularly to disseminate information to their members, where applicable, on the standards, activities and achievements of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention in their own field(s) of competence / être capables de diffuser régulièrement des informations à leurs membres, le cas échéant, sur les normes, activités et réalisations du PAM / Convention de Barcelone dans leur(s) propre(s) domaine(s) de competence ;	√
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to submit financial and activity reports from the last two years / soumettre les états financiers et rapports d'activité des deux dernières années ;	√			
to operate democratically / avoir un fonctionnement démocratique;	✓			
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to demonstrate proof of general or specialised, technical or scientific competence on issues related to the activities of MAP, the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / justifier sa compétence générale ou spécialisée, technique ou scientifique sur des questions associées aux activités du PAM, de la Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	~			
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