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Agenda Item 3: Thematic Decisions

Documentation provided by Türkiye in support of the proposal for a new Regional Activity Center for Climate Change

Note by the Secretariat

This is an updated version of the Information Document UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.19 presented at the MAP Focal Points Meeting (Istanbul, Türkiye, 12-15 September 2023), which includes an additional part (7) with the responses by Türkiye to the questions raised by Contracting Parties during the MAP Focal Points Meeting discussions.

1. Letter from Ministry of Environment, Urbanisation and Climate Change



REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT,
URBANIZATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, URBANISATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE
General Directorate of Environmental Management

25.05.2023

Dear Ms. Tatjana HEMA,
UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME
Mediterranean Action Plan Barcelona Convention

On behalf of the Government of Türkiye, I would be honoured by establishing a Regional Activity Centre on Climate Change under the auspices of the Barcelona Convention. At the 93rd Bureau Meeting of Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols, Türkiye submitted the proposal titled "Establishment of the Regional Activity Center for Climate Change (CC/RAC) of UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention".

As per the request of the UNEP/MAP Secretariat, the Government of Türkiye is earnestly engaged in undertaking diligent efforts towards the establishment of the CC/RAC. In this regard, the requisite documents have been meticulously prepared to seek the approval of the proposed CC/RAC during the forthcoming 23rd Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention in December 2023.

Türkiye firmly believes that the creation of a Regional Activity Centre on Climate Change will serve as a pivotal milestone in fostering effective regional cooperation and will contribute significantly to addressing the multifaceted challenges engendered by climate change in the Mediterranean region. With the aim of fulfilling this objective, the Republic of Türkiye is firmly determined to mobilize and allocate the necessary resources for hosting the proposed Regional Activity Centre for Climate Change. Additionally, Türkiye is dedicated to actively contributing to the efforts of the existing MAP Components, in strict adherence to the relevant Governance decisions made by the Contracting Parties and the commitments undertaken at regional and global levels.


We would also like to express our satisfaction in facilitating the provision of a furnished building in Istanbul, Kadıköy District, Caferağa Neighborhood, which has the capacity to accommodate a staff of 12 people, for the purpose of sustaining the activities of the CC/RAC.

As the Republic of Türkiye, we declare our acceptance to provide a voluntary contribution of €510,000.00 annually through the UNEP/MAP system to support the operational activities of the CC/RAC.

We remain at the disposal of the Contracting Parties and of the Secretariat for clarifications and additional details that may be needed during the review of the documents.

I count on the support of the Secretariat in submitting the Proposal as indicated above and thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours sincerely,


Prof. Dr. Mehmet Emin BİRPINAR
On the Behalf of Minister
Deputy Minister

**2. Draft Decision for the establishment of Regional Activity
Center on Climate Change**

**Decision for the establishment of Regional Activity
Center on Climate Change**

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 at their 23rd Meeting,

Deeply concerned by the unfolding climate crises and their impact on the Mediterranean region and its marine and coastal environment and by the adverse effects of climate change, with serious economic and social implications;

Conscious that recent extreme events such as deadly floods, draught, and unprecedented wildfires across Mediterranean countries, are symptomatic of the rapidly worsening condition of the climate of the region;

Recognizing the gaps between the gravity of the effects of climate change and the urgency of responding to them, and the ongoing efforts to reduce and prevent such effects by building on and strengthening current regulatory and implementation systems;

Recalling the conclusions of numerous scientific reports and assessments that point to the vulnerability of the Mediterranean basin, as a hotspot for climate change, such as recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports, the Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), the 2020 State of the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean Report (SoED), and the First Mediterranean Assessment Report (MAR1);

Recalling the Kunming Declaration adopted by the CBD COP 15 part 1 (Kunming, China, 11-15 October 2021) towards the development, adoption and implementation of an effective post-2020 global biodiversity framework; the Glasgow Climate Pact adopted by the UNFCCC COP 26 (Glasgow, UK, 31 October-13 November 2021) towards the implementation of the Paris Agreement objectives as crucial milestones for addressing the threats of biodiversity loss and climate change universally; and the Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan adopted by the UNFCCC COP27 (Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, 6-20 November 2022);

Recalling also the relevant United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) Resolutions, as well as Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other international instruments, including the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and instruments regulated under the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (BRS) among others to strengthen the regional dimension of the implementation of climate change activities;

Noting with appreciation the Decisions taken by the Contracting Parties of UNFCCC in COP20 and COP25, expressing the intentions of Parties to cooperate and engage through multilateral, bilateral and regional complementary initiatives that aim to raise awareness and enhance education on climate change and its impacts, opportunities, and co-benefits;

Recalling the Decisions IG.17/5 “Governance” taken at the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties, Decision 20/13 taken by the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties, Decision IG.25/3 “Governance” taken by the 22nd of the Contracting Parties that aim to ensure an effective MAP governance based on stronger cooperation and integration among MAP Components;

Reiterate the commitments expressed by the Conference of the Parties in the context of its previous Meetings through political declarations and decisions, and in the context of global and regional inter-governmental processes towards strengthened efforts to build resilience to climate change, to curb greenhouse gas emissions and to provide the necessary finance for both;

- 1 *Decide* 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 mandate of the system and the Governance mentioned above;
- 2 *Admit* the “Mediterranean Climate Change Research Center/Akdeniz İklim Değişikliği Araştırma Merkezi (AIDAM)” Institution at Caferağa, Gürbüz Türk Street. No:38, 34710 Kadıköy/İstanbul, a structure of the Ankara University National Center for the Sea and Maritime Law (DEHUKAM) to be the UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre on Climate Change;
- 3 *Emphasize* that the establishment and operations of the newly established CC/RAC will not bear any cost for the Mediterranean Trust Fund, and *Accepts with gratitude* the generous offer of Türkiye to cover all the establishment and operational costs of the CC/RAC as its Host Country;
- 4 *Request* the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention to fully collaborate with the CC/RAC, and to appoint national Focal Points for the CC/RAC previous decisions on Governance;
- 5 *Adopt* the Mandate of the UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre, as contained in Annex 1. to this Decision, including the following sections, in line with Decision IG.19/5, "Mandates of the Components of MAP":
 - i. Background;
 - ii. Objective and mission statement;
 - iii. Scope of action and key issues;
 - iv. Source of funding;
 - v. Synergies with other Components; and
 - vi. Partnerships.
- 6 *Adopt* the Terms of Reference for the National Focal Points, as contained in Annex 2. to this Decision;
- 7 *Request* the Secretariat and the MAP Components to ensure that the establishment of the CC/RAC takes place in the most expeditious fashion, and that any implications of such establishment on the programmatic activities of the MAP system be rapidly addressed so as to avoid unnecessary duplications and delays;
- 8 *Also request* the Secretariat and the MAP Components to collaborate with the CC/RAC for the full and successful implementation of the relevant activities of the MAP system, ensuring full complementarity and maximized synergies, for the benefit of the Mediterranean region and the implementation of global and regional commitments.]

3. The Mandate of the proposed CC-RAC

THE MANDATE OF THE PROPOSED CC-RAC

Background

The Climate Change Regional Activity Center (CC/RAC) [was established by Decision IG.... of the 23rd Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Portoroz, Slovenia, 4-8 December 2023)] with the aim to work on the impacts of climate change by strengthening collaborative efforts in the Mediterranean as the most effective method to accelerate action and leverage resources.

Objective and Mission Statement

The vision of the CC/RAC takes shape in conformity with the vision, mandate, strategies, and programmes of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols. This vision expresses the achievement of increased effectiveness of the work of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system on climate change, based on values such as participation, transparency, responsiveness, consensus orientation, equity, effectiveness and efficiency, accountability, and strategic vision.

In line with Decision IG.19/5 "Mandates of the Components of MAP", the mission of the CC/RAC is to contribute to mitigating and adapting to climate change in the Mediterranean region, in the context of the governance set-up of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system, by providing assistance to the Contracting Parties in meeting their obligations under the Convention and Protocols, and in implementing the Medium-Term Strategy and Programme of Work, as well as the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD). In particular, under the guidance of the Coordinating Unit, CC/RAC provides a focal point to complement and support the activities that the MAP-Barcelona System has on climate change, amplify them through the additional availability of expertise and resources, and fill existing gaps for the full execution of the approved Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) and its climate change-related programmes.

The CC/RAC's strategic directions and objectives are coherent with those set out by the Convention and Protocols, the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas, endorsed by Decision IG.22/6 of the 19th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Athens, Greece, 9-12 February 2016), and other relevant COP Decisions, including Medium-Term Strategies and Programmes of Work. In particular:

1. To strengthen the resilience of the Mediterranean natural and socioeconomic systems to climate change by promoting integrated adaptation approaches and better understanding of impacts; and
2. To reduce anthropogenic pressure on coastal and marine ecosystems to maintain their contribution to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Scope of Action and Key Issues

The CC/RAC supports the MAP-Barcelona Convention System on the following main areas of activity: governance (appropriate institutional and policy frameworks, increased awareness and stakeholder engagement, and enhanced capacity building and cooperation); development of best practices for effective and sustainable adaptation to climate change impacts; access to existing and emerging finance mechanisms relevant to climate change adaptation, including international and domestic instruments; and better informed decision-making through research and scientific cooperation and availability and use of reliable data, information, and tools.

The scope of action and key issues of CC/RAC are the following:

- to provide focal point's functions to the MAP-Barcelona Convention system on climate change issues and work;
- to contribute from an expert position to the definition of strategies, policies, programmes and activities of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system in the field of climate change, including through cooperation with relevant institutions and organizations;
- to review and evaluate global and regional processes of relevance to the MAP-Barcelona Convention system's work of climate change, and ensure consistency with global commitments and strategies;
- to support strong and cooperative relationships with the other UNEP/MAP Components and with key actors in the field of climate change;
- to incorporate the ecosystem approach adequately in the response to climate change;
- to supervise, coordinate and/or support as appropriate the implementation of climate change related projects consistent with the mandate of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, and support technical activities on climate change, including those executed by other MAP Components;
- to promote and support coordinated action at the national, regional, and global levels for the implementation of the climate change-related obligations of Contracting Parties;
- to support Contracting Parties and Partners in developing and executing such action and strengthening commitments on climate change;
- to develop a strategic approach to climate adaptation research in the region involving academic, industry and government bodies and their partnership;
- to enhance the knowledge regarding effects of climate change on the Mediterranean Sea and its coasts;
- to provide a forum for the exchange of information on operational, technical, scientific, legal, and financial matters and support a platform to enhance sharing of knowledge, technical expertise and experiences on climate among Contracting Parties;
- to liaise with NGOs, the academic and scientific community and socioeconomic actors concerned with climate change related issues;
- to train experts;
- to conduct fundraising activities from the public and private sectors to support the activities, projects and programmes to be developed or carried out in the context of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system;
- to bring to the attention of the Coordinating Unit and MAP Components relevant contacts, programmes, networks, innovations, etc., that could assist the system in its activities and mandate;
- to support the efficient work of the proposed national Focal Points.

Source of Funding

The principal funding source for the CC/RAC operations and staffing is the Government of Türkiye through the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change. Sources of funding for the activities of CC/RAC include the MTF, voluntary contributions by Contracting Parties, global and regional financing facilities, institutions and programmes, sponsorships, and partnership with the private sector.

Synergies with other Components

The CC/RAC complements and enhances the mandate and on-going work of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system on climate change, providing the needed focal point where such work gets structured, harmonized and amplified under the guidance of the UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit, and in coordination with the other Components.

The CC/RAC does not duplicate or compete with the activities on climate change that the MAP-Barcelona Convention system has already in place. Under the guidance of the Coordinating Unit, it

provides a focal point to complement and support those activities, to amplify them through the additional availability of expertise and resources, and to fill existing gaps for the full execution of the Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) and its climate change-related programmes. This enhances the coherence, structure, visibility and impact of the MAP-Barcelona Convention responses to climate change, as it has been demonstrated in other priority areas mandated by the Convention and its Protocols, thanks to the work of the existing MAP components.

Progressively, the CC/RAC takes a leading role in defining and executing the strategies and programmes of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system on climate change, leveraging financial resources through projects consistent to the approved Programme of Work, and strengthening the MAP system overall capacities related to programming, implementation, research, information and communication, monitoring and assessment in the field of climate change.

Partnerships

In addition to the Partnerships listed in Decision IG. 19/5 “Mandates of the Components of MAP”, Appendix III, others are identified and developed in areas of relevance to the mandate of CC/RAC under the guidance of the Coordinating Unit and in accordance with the governance and programmatic decisions of the Contracting Parties

4. Terms of Reference for CC/RAC Focal Points

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CC/RAC FOCAL POINTS¹

Designation

The CC/RAC Focal Point shall be designated by the competent Ministry/body of the Contracting Party, in consultation with the MAP Focal Point.

The CC/RAC Focal Point shall be an appropriately empowered person appointed by the governmental/administrative body responsible for environmental and climate change policies.

The name and the function of the designated Focal Point shall be communicated by the MAP Focal Point to the MAP Secretariat and CC/RAC Director, as well as to concerned bodies in the Contracting Party.

Tasks

CC/RAC Focal Points shall be responsible for:

- Maintaining the relationship between CC/RAC and Contracting Party bodies;
- Contributing to the preparation of CC/RAC Focal Point meetings through comments and proposals either made on their own initiative or relating to documents prepared by CC/RAC, after consultation with Contracting Party bodies as necessary;
- Attending meetings of the Focal Points and reporting on their conclusions to governmental/administrative bodies and MAP Focal Points;
- Disseminating CC/RAC technical and information documents, guidelines, studies, etc., to concerned Contracting Party bodies;
- Following, in consultation with MAP Focal Points, the implementation of relevant decisions and recommendations of the Meeting of the Contracting Parties;
- Liaising with NGOs, the academic and scientific community and socioeconomic actors concerned with CC/RAC activities;
- Communicating to MAP Focal Points all information and documents needed for the execution of out their tasks;
- Assisting CC/RAC to obtain other useful information by identifying relevant sources and key contact persons;
- Liaising with local representatives of international financial facilities, institutions and programmes for the support of projects related to the implementation of CC/RAC activities;
- Producing, where necessary, joint publications with CC/RAC;
- Assisting CC/RAC in the identification of relevant experts for specific initiatives or consultations;

Support Measures

In order to fulfil their tasks; it is advisable for CC/RAC Focal Points to receive the following support, as appropriate:

¹ In accordance with Decision IG 17/5: Governance paper

Contracting Party bodies shall:

- Associate CC/RAC Focal Points with the formulation and implementation of Contracting Party policies, strategies, and projects on adaptation and mitigation of climate change;
- Provide CC/RAC Focal Points with adequate resources as required for the execution of their tasks, within the context of broader fiscal and staffing policies and priorities in the Contracting Party;
- Transmit to CC/RAC Focal Points all necessary information, in particular for following up those recommendations of the Meeting of the Contracting Parties addressed to the Contracting Parties.

CC/RAC shall:

- Provide CC/RAC Focal Points with all information needed for the execution of their tasks, including technical details considered useful for proper understanding and evaluation;
- Provide support, including appropriate training, to CC/RAC Focal Points to enable them to carry out their tasks.

5. Additional documentation provided by Türkiye

Documentation for the submission of the Draft Decision to the MAP Focal Points

HOST INSTITUTION

The proposed Regional Activity Center for Climate Change (CC/RAC) will be hosted by the Mediterranean Climate Change Research Center (Akdeniz İklim Değişikliği Araştırma Merkezi – AİDAM). AİDAM was established under the Ankara University National Center for the Sea and Maritime Law (DEHUKAM) which is a private entity.

In accordance with the 6550 Numbered Code Article 6/a, DEHUKAM is a private entity that has public authority to establish research infrastructures within itself. The status was given by the Decision of the Research Infrastructures Commission of 7 October 20201. This status gives DEHUKAM the right to employ, a private budget which comes through the Republic of Türkiye Presidency of Strategy and Budget and allows for independent administrative authority.

AİDAM has been established within DEHUKAM, according to the decision numbered 2022/19 dated 26/09/2022 of the DEHUKAM Board of Directors (Annex 1). AİDAM has established very valuable connections within the framework of cooperation protocols with many institutions including the Environment Agency, the Presidency of Climate Change, and the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change (Annex 2). Furthermore, activities of AİDAM are endorsed through a support letter provided by the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change (Annex 3).

¹ Related documents can be reached via: <https://www.mevzuat.gov.tr/MevzuatMetin/1.5.6550.pdf>
See also: <https://www.mevzuat.gov.tr/mevzuat?MevzuatNo=21107&MevzuatTur=7&MevzuatTertip=5>

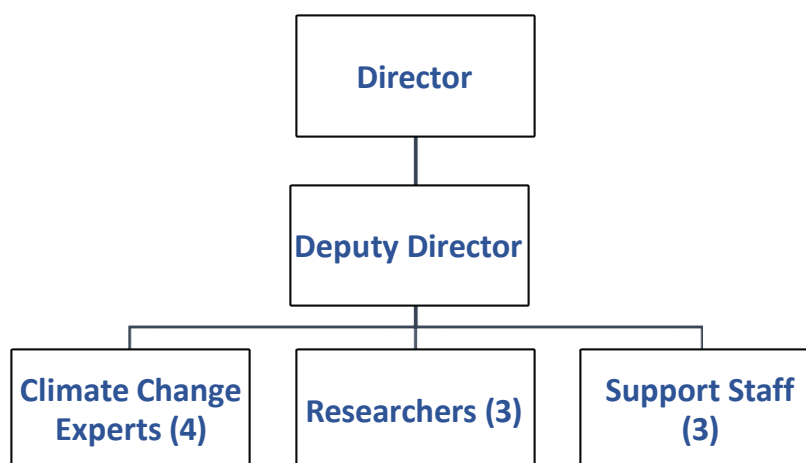
THE STRUCTURE OF THE CC/RAC

The CC/RAC will have an organizational structure appropriate for the fulfillment of its regional mandate.

The personnel of the CC/RAC, including the Director, will have a category different from UN Officials as defined by the General Assembly, in Resolution 76(I) of 7 December 1946. RAC personnel will be selected and hired by the RAC Director/entity hosting the RAC in accordance with the applicable national rules and procedures and based on approved Terms of Reference (ToRs) elaborated nationally with the involvement of the Coordinating Unit, as appropriate. The RAC Director will be appointed by the Host Country Government or any other competent authority, with the UNEP/MAP Secretariat being involved in this process, as appropriate.

AIDAM, which will evolve into the CC/RAC once agreed by the COP, shall rely on the organizational structure which consists of the following:

- i. Director,
- ii. Deputy Director,
- iii. 7 Climate Experts and Researchers, and
- iv. 3 Support Staff.



1. The above structure will be adapted as necessary to best be able to implement the mandate and role of the CC/RAC.
2. The employment policy for the CC/RAC will be shaped under the national legislation and rules, within the legal framework for the CC/RAC. In this sense, including experts from different fields to contribute to the mission of the CC/RAC will be encouraged. Efforts will be made to assure the participation of representatives from both technical and social sciences-related areas of climate change. Locally and internationally recruited non-UN personnel whose positions are funded by the Government of Türkiye will be selected by the Director of the CC/RAC in accordance with the personnel policies of the CC/RAC². The selection and appointment of UN employees assigned to the CC/RAC will conform to UN norms and procedures.

² Decision IG.20/13 on Governance, p.231.

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Support Measures

In order to fulfil their tasks; it is advisable for CC/RAC Focal Points to receive the following support, as appropriate:

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THE OPERATIONAL BUDGET AND COSTS OF THE CC/RAC

Type of Expense	Expense Item	Annual Estimated Expense
OPERATIONAL COSTS	Director and Deputy Director (2) <i>(Monthly Salary: 5000 €)</i>	120.000 €
	Climate Experts and Researchers (7) <i>(Monthly Salary: 2000 €)</i>	252.000 €
	Support Staff (3) <i>(Monthly Salary: 1500 €)</i>	54.000 €
	Contractual Services (translation and consultancy etc.)	30.000 €
	Travel Expenses	20.000 €
	Operating and Other Direct Costs	10.000 €
	Supplies, Commodities and Materials	4.000 €
	Equipment, Vehicles and Furniture	20.000 €
TOTAL		510.000 €

6. Annexes 1, 2, 3 to the Additional documentation provided by Türkiye



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Bilindiği üzere; üç tarafı denizlerle kaplı ve stratejik önemi haiz boğazlara sahip olan ülkemizin dış politika hedefleri arasında uluslararası denizcilik alanında önde gelen ülkeler arasında yer almasının sağlanması, deniz çevresinin korunması ve deniz kaynaklarının ülke ekonomisine kazandırılması da bulunmaktadır.

Bu hedef ışığında, özellikle çevre denizlerimizdeki ve Türk Boğazlarıyla ilgili gelişmeler uluslararası sözleşmeler kapsamında yakından takip edilmekte ve ülkemizin çevresel çıkarları çerçevesinde şekillendirilmeye çalışılmakta; ayrıca, uluslararası deniz hukuku gündemindeki Arktik ve Antarktika bölgeleri, devletlerin yargı yetkisi dışında kalan deniz alanları gibi güncel konular da izlenmektedir. İklim değişikliğinin son zamanlarda artarak etkilerini göstermesiyle birlikte Ülkemiz tarafından da gerekli adımlar atılmaya başlanmıştır. Bakanlığımızın adına bu konunun ve çevresel politikaların önemine binaen "İklim Değişikliği" ibaresiyle belirlenmiş, Paris Anlaşmasına taraf olunmuş ve Çevre Ajansı kurulmuştur.

Barcelona Sözleşmesi ve Ek Protokolü kapsamında Ülkemizin de arasında bulunduğu taraf ülkeler 45 yıldır Akdeniz deniz ve kıyı çevresinin korunmasına yönelik çalışmalar yürütmektedir. Sözleşmenin teknik ve hukuki ilerleyişini takip ederek ulusal politikamızı belirlemek ile birlikte aynı zamanda Ülkemizin Sözleşme kapsamındaki bilinirliğini arttırmak adına da çalışmalar yürütmekteyiz. Bilindiği üzere bir önceki yıl Ülkemiz COP 22 Taraflar Toplantısına (COP 22) ev sahipliği yapmıştır ve bundan sonraki iki yıl boyunca da büro başkanlığı görevini ifa etmektedir. COP 22 süresince Türk Delegasyonu ve Sayın Bakanımız Murat Kurum tarafından da defaten dile getirildiği üzere iklim değişikliğinden doğan çevresel sorunların ciddiyetini dikkat çekerek Barcelona Sözleşmesi kapsamında İklim Değişikliği üzerine çalışmalar yürütülecek bir Bölgesel Faaliyet Merkezinin (RAC) kurulması gerektiği ve bu faaliyet merkezine Türkiye'nin ev sahipliği yapabileceği hususları üzerinde durulmuştur.

Bakanlığımız ve ilgili kurumlarımız tarafından yukarıda belirtilen çerçevede çalışmalar sürdürülüyor olmakla birlikte, ülkemizde deniz çevre hukuku alanındaki akademik düzeydeki çalışmaların istenilen düzeyde olmadığı ve bu alanda Deniz Hukuku Ulusal Araştırma Merkezi (DEHUKAM) tarafından önerilen faaliyetler yürütüldüğü bilinmektedir. Bakanlığımız ve DEHUKAM arasında COP 22 sürecinde teknik ve hukuki destek sağlamak adına "Barcelona Sözleşmesi 22. Taraf Ülkeler Toplantısına İlişkin Teknik Belgelerin Deniz Çevresi Hukuku Çerçevesinde Araştırılması, Değerlendirilmesi ve Ülke Konuşunun Hazırlanması Projesi" yapılmış olup bu proje kapsamında Ülkemizin ulusal pozisyonunun

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belirlenmesine, Bakanlar Deklarasyonunun ve COP 22 tema metninin yazılmasına ve Genel Etkinliğinin düzenlenmesine DEHUKAM tarafından katkı sunulmuştur. Bir önceki projenin başarıyla tamamlanması neticesinde; DEHUKAM tarafından, Bakanlığımız Çevre Yönetimi Genel Müdürlüğü ve DEHUKAM tarafından imzalanan Barselona Sözleşmesine Yönelik Yapılan Çalışmalar Kapsamında Deniz Çevresi Hukuku Teknik Destek Projesi İşçi Hizmet Alımı Protokolü kapsamında Ülkemiz Büro Başkanlığı süresince de İklim Değişikliği alanında Bölgesel Faaliyet Merkezi kurulması için gerekli çalışmaların yapılması, Deniz Çevre Mevzuatı çalışmaları yapılarak taslak mevzuat metin hazırlanması, ilgili Bakanlık personeline yönelik Barselona Sözleşmesi başta olmak üzere Deniz Çevre Hukuku alanında meslek içi eğitim ve çalıştay düzenlenmesi faaliyetleri gibi görevleri ifa etmektedir. Bununla birlikte, DEHUKAM devletlerin yargı yetkisi dışında kalan deniz alanlarında biyoçeşitliliğin korunması ve sürdürülebilir kullanımı konusunda Birleşmiş Milletler Deniz Hukuku Sözleşmesi altında uluslararası bağlayıcılığı haiz sözleşmenin (BBNJ Sözleşmesi) kapsamında kurumlarımızda eşgüdüm görevini ifa etmiş, IV. Ve V. Hükümetlerarası Konferans sürecinde ülke pozisyonunun hazırlanmasına ve Birleşmiş Milletler Biyolojik Çeşitlilik Sözleşmesi kapsamında 13-29 Mart 2022 tarihleri arasında Cenevre'de gerçekleşen Bilimsel, Teknik ve Teknolojik Danışma Amaçlı Uzmanlar Organının 24. toplantısına (SBSTTA 24) ve 2020 Sonrası Küresel Biyoçeşitlilik Çerçevesi Açık Uçlu Çalışma Grubu'nun 3. toplantısına (WG2020-3) katılım sağlamış ve katkılarını sunmuştur.

Bu noktadan hareketle, DEHUKAM'ın sistematik şekilde akademik çalışmalar yapacak, uluslararası deniz çevre hukuku alanında akademisyenlerin yetkinliğine katkı sağlayacak, ileride RAC statüsü kazanabilecek bir merkezi bünyesinde kurabilecek bir birim ve yönetsel kapasiteye sahip olduğu ve bu alandaki açığın belli bir ölçüde kapatılmasına önemli katkı sağlayacağı düşünülmektedir.

Yukarıdaki izahat çerçevesinde, DEHUKAM bünyesinde bağımsız hukuki statüyü haiz bir iklim değişikliği araştırma merkezinin kurulmasının, ülkemizin denizlerinin çevresel açıdan iyileştirilmesi ve mavi büyüme ile denizcilik alanındaki hedeflerine ulaşmasına katkı sağlayacağı ve uluslararası hukuk camiasındaki konumunu yükselteceği değerlendirilmekte olup; bu yönde bir karar alınması halinde Bakanlığımızca da imkanlar ölçüsünde gerekli desteğin sağlanmasına gayret edilecektir. Keyfiyeti değerlendirmelerine, sonucunda Bakanlığımıza bilgi verilmesini hususunda;

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ilgi (a) yazı ile; Müdürlüğünüz bünyesinde bir iklim değişikliği araştırma merkezinin kurulmasını "ilkemiz denizlerinin çevresel açıdan iyileştirilmesi ve mavi bilyimle ile denizcilik alanındaki hedeflerine ulaşmasında katkı sağlayacak ve uluslararası hukuk camiasındaki konumunu yükselteceği" değerlendirildiği belirtilerek, Bakanlığımızca imkan olabileceği takdirde gerekli desteği sağlanacağı belirtilmiştir.

ilgi (b) yazı ile; DEHUKAM Yönetim Kurulu'nun 26/09/2022 tarihli ve 2022/19 sayılı karar ile 6550 sayılı Araştırma Altyapılarının Desteklenmesine Dair Kanununun 6(1). maddesi kapsamında, "Merkezin faaliyetlerini yürütmesi için gerekli mali, lojistik, personel vb. desteğin <evre, Şehircilik ve İklim Değişikliği Bakanlığı tarafından sağlanması ve bu münvalde desteğin mahiyetine ilişkin DEHUKAM'a hitaben yazılı taahhütte bulunulması kaydıyla", Akdeniz İklim Değişikliği Araştırma Merkezi (AİDAM) iklim değişikliği alanında bölgesel düzeyde sistematik akademik çalışmalar yapmak ve uluslararası deniz çevre hukuku alanında Akdeniz bölgesinde öncül olmak amacıyla; doğrudan doğruya, UNEP/MAP Barcelona Sözleşmesi kapsamında Bölgesel Aktivite Merkezi (Regional Activity Center-RAC) statüsünü kazanabilecek altyapıya haiz bir merkez olarak kurulduğu belirtilerek, söz konusu çalışmaların yürütülmesine yönelik olarak talepleriniz iletilmiştir.

Bilindiği üzere; Bakanlığımız tarafından UNEP/MAP Barcelona Sözleşmesi Sekreteryasına iletilen "the Proposal on Establishment a Regional Activity Center or Climate Change of UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention" teklifinde AİDAM'm RAC statüsünü kazanması talep edilmiştir. Bu doğrultuda AİDAM'm RAC statüsünü kazanması halinde 7-10 Aralık 2021 tarihinde Antalya'da gerçekleştirilen COP22'de kabul edilen "Ev Sahibi Ülke Anlaşması Kararında" belirtilen ve aşağıdaki hususları kapsayan ilk yatırımların maliyetinin ve devamında da Merkezin işletme giderlerinin karşılanması gerekmektedir.

Bu kapsamda Bakanlığımızdan; AİDAM'm RAC statüsünü kazanması halinde,

- Araştırma faaliyetlerinin personeliyle birlikte yürütülmesine imkan verecek yeterli fiziksel imkanları haiz bir ofisin teknik ve teknolojik altyapıları ile birlikte tahsisi,
- Yeterli fiziksel imkanları haiz ofisin telefon, elektrik, su, doğalgaz, internet hizmetleri ve sarf malzemesi gibi ihtiyaçlarının maliyetlerinin karşılanması,

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- c) Yeterli fiziksel imkanlar haiz ofisin teknik ve teknolojik altyapı sınırlı ihtiyacı; halinde yenilenmesi, bakım ve onarımın yapılması,
- c) Merkez'de görev alacak idari ve akademik takım personelin ücret ve giderlerinin karşılanması,
- d) Merkezin yürüteceği faaliyetler için ihtiyacı; duyulması;
- a) Yurtiçi ve yurtdışı seyahatlerin giderlerinin karşılanması,
- b) Bilgisayar, yazıcı, tarayıcı, projektör ve dijital sınıf gibi gerekli takım büro makine ve teçhizatın alınması,
- c) Eğitim ve araştırma olanakları kapsamında uzmanlık kitlenin oluşturulması için gerekli baskı yayımlarının alması ve çevrim içi veritabanlarına üyeliklerin yapılması,
- d) Gerekli takım online sistem ve üyelik ihtiyacının sağlanması (Adobe Acrobat, Grammarly vs.),
- e) Muhasebe, tercihi, güvenlik, temizlik, bilişim gibi sair hizmet ihtiyacının karşılanması ve
- f) Merkezin faaliyet alanı kapsamında düzenleyeceği organizasyonlara ilişkin masrafların karşılanması,

talep edilmektedir. Ayrıca, AİDAM'ın 93. Barselona Sözleşmesi Büro Toplantısında Bölgesel Aktivite Merkezi statüsü kazanmasına yönelik teklifte bulunulması takiben;

- a) Merkezin tek başına veya işbirliği içinde iklim değişikliği alanında projeler ve faaliyetler yürütmesinin desteklenmesi,
- b) Bakanlık bünyesinde yürütülen çalışmaların bir kısmının merkeze devredilmesiyle birlikte faaliyet alanı kapsamında gerçekleştirilen faaliyetlerin 91kt ile paylaşılmaları ve uygun olduğu takdirde iklim değişikliği alanında yürütülecek projelerde Merkezin paydaşı olarak yer alması,

hususlarında Bakanlıkımız desteği talep edilmiştir.

Yukarıdaki izahat çerçevesinde, yapılan değerlendirmeler sonucu DEHUKAM'ın talep ettiği hususların UNEP/MAP sisteminde bulunan diğer Bölgesel Faaliyet Merkezleri statüsüne ulaşarak için gerekli olduğuna kanaat getirilmiştir; olup; bu yönde sürecin başlatılması ve nihayetinde söz konusu kararın alınması halinde Bakanlıkımızca da imkanlar ölçüsünde yukarıdaki çerçevede gerekli desteğin sağlanmasına karar verilmiştir.

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MADDE 1: DAYANAK

iŞbu Protokol, 1 sayılı Cumhurbaşkanlığı Teşkilatı Hakkında Cumhurbaşkanlığı Kararnamesinin (Teşkilat Kararnamesi) 389 uncu maddesinin 1 inci fıkrasının a bendi ve 2 inci fıkrası ile 2014/6798 sayılı Bakanlar Kurulu Kararı ile kabul edilen "Türkiye Ulusal Deniz Araştırma Stratejisi (TUDAS) Belgesi dayanak alınarak hawlanmıŞtır.

MADDE 2: AMAÇ VE YORUM

iŞbu Protokol'ün amacı, BAKANLIK ile DEHUKAM arasında, AiDAM yahşmalanna yönelik olarak Akdeniz'in Deniz Ortamı ve Kıyı Bölgesinin Korunması Sözleşmesi (Barcelona Sözleşmesi) tahtında iklim deęişikliğinin yevresel etkilerine yönelik akademik ve tek.nik yahşmalarda işbirliğine gidilmesidir.

iŞbu Protokol tarafları arasında herhangi bir hukuki borç ve yükümlülük doğunmayacak, onları hukukten bağlamayacaktır.

Aksi taraflarca bilahare kararlaştırılmadıkya, iŞbu Protokol'de yer alan hiçbir hüküm tarafları birbirleri adına hareket etme, onu ilzam etme veya adına herhangi bir yükümlülük yaratma ve üstlenme için yetki verdiğini Şeklinde yorumlanmayacaktır.

MADDE 3: İŞBİRLİĞİ

iŞbirliği kapsamında;

BAKANLIK;

- (1) AiDAM'ın ulusal ve uluslararası platformlarda tanıtımına katkı verecek,
- (2) AiDAM'ın Barcelona Sözleşmesi tahtında Akdeniz Bölgesi'ndeki iklim deęişikliğinin yevresel etkilerine yönelik akademik ve tek.nik yahşmalarda destekleyecek,
- (3) Halihazırda yürütülen ve ileride yürütülecek iklim deęişikliği alanında yürütülen projelerde AiDAM'ın paydaş olarak katılacak ve
- (4) Bu kapsamda AiDAM'ın akademik faaliyet icra edebilmesi için gerekli olan bütünsel destek imkanları yaratılacaktır.

AİDAM;

- (1) BAKANLIK tarafından deniz alanlarında Devletimizin hak, temel yarar ve menfaatleriyle ilgili olarak yürütülen görevler kapsamında Barcelona Sözleşmesi tahtında Akdeniz Bölgesi'ndeki iklim değişikliğinin çevresel etkilerinin bertarafına yönelik mevzuat ve politika oluşturulmasında ihtiyaç duyulan desteği sağlayacak ve
- (2) BAKANLIK personelinin Barcelona Sözleşmesi tahtında Akdeniz Bölgesi'ndeki iklim değişikliğinin çevresel etkilerine yönelik akademik çalışmalar çerçevesinde kurumsal kapasitesinin geliştirilmesine katkı verecektir.

Taraflar, işbirliği doğrultusunda ortak çalışma projeleri oluşturacak ve Protokolün amacını gerçekleştirmeye yönelik alanlarda mevcut projelere diğer tarafın katılımını sağlayacaklardır. Bu kapsamda, Taraflar çalıştaylar ve kurslar düzenleyerek tanıtım ve farkındalık yaratma etkinlikleri (yayın, broşür, kitap, toplantı, konferans, seminer, web sitesi vb. hazırlanması) gerçekleştirecekler, bilimsel çalışmaların yapılabilmesi için kurumlarında mevcut ve kamuya açık bilgileri diğer taraf ile paylaşacaklardır.

Taraflar, işbu Protokol'ün icrasını doğrultusunda iyi niyetle gayret sarfedeceklerdir.

MADDE 4: UYUSMAZLIKLARIN HALLİ

Taraflar arasında işbu protokol ve ileride hazırlanacak ek protokollerin uygulanması, uyarlanması, Protokol kapsamındaki iş ve işlemlerin yürütülmesi hususunda ortaya çıkabilecek herhangi bir uyuşmazlık; karışıklık anlayış çerçevesinde ve iyi niyet kurallarına uygun şekilde çözümlenecektir.

İşbu Protokol'e göre yapılacak iş ve işlemlerde, Protokol'de belirtilen hususlar dışında kalan konularda Bakanlık mevzuatı hükümlerine aykırı olmayacak şekilde hareket edilecektir.

MADDE 5: YÜRÜRLÜĞE GİRME, TADİL VE SONA ERME

İşbu Protokol, 1 Kasım 2022 tarihinde imzalanmış olup, bu tarihte yürürlüğe girmiştir.

İşbu Protokol, herhangi bir şekilde iptal olmaması için yürürlükte kalacak ve gerekli görülen hallerde tarafların karşılıklı yazılı anlaşması ile tadil edilebilecektir. Tarafların her biri işbu Protokol'ün, doksan (90) gün öncesinden yazılı ihbarı ile Yürürlükte Kalması ve her zaman feshedilecektir. Protokolün ilk defa halinde başlamış ve yürürlükte olan; çalışmaların tamamlanması için Bakanlık

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1. Additional considerations supporting the rationale of the Proposal by Türkiye on the establishment of a regional activity centre for climate change hosted by Türkiye.

Climate change is undeniably one of the pivotal pillars of the triple planetary crisis that humanity faces today, alongside biodiversity loss and environmental degradation. Its immense importance stems from the fact that it represents an existential threat to our planet and future generations. Climate Action is one of the three pillars of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)'s Medium-Term Strategy, along with Nature Action and Chemicals and Pollution Action. During the 162nd Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP on July 16, 2023, the Executive Director made a resounding commitment to strengthening UNEP's role in the global battle against climate change. In a decisive move, plans were unveiled to create a dedicated Climate Change Division within UNEP, slated to be fully operational by January 2024. Türkiye expects that this new division will serve as a central hub, effectively coordinating and amplifying all initiatives and activities towards climate stability within UNEP and efficiently addressing the triple planetary crisis that is the focus of UNEP's work.

As the overall Secretariat of the Barcelona Convention, UNEP's decision to develop a specific structure within its organization dealing with climate change is also showing us the way to enhance climate action – the proposal by Türkiye is coherent with this strategic global development and once again allows the Barcelona Convention to pioneer at the regional Mediterranean level the transposition of global priorities and strategies to implement them. It not only serves as a model for other regions but also demonstrates the tangible progress and commitment required to mitigate and adapt to climate change, reinforcing its vital role in the broader environmental conservation efforts led by UNEP.

2. Questions related to the role and impact of the proposed Centre.

As indicated in the proposal that was presented to and discussed at the Meeting of MAP Focal Points held in Istanbul, Türkiye, on 12-15 September 2023, the rationale for an urgent decision by the Barcelona Convention Contracting Parties also resides in the political statements, commitments, decisions, programs, projects, and reports from the UNEP/MAP system that highlight the pressing issue of climate change. Türkiye is interested in backing a new collaborative initiative, in which the operational costs will be funded by Türkiye. The overall role of the proposed Centre, as an integral part of the entire MAP-Barcelona Convention system and through activities *fully coordinated with the other MAP Components under the leadership of the UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit* can be summarized as follows:

- to enhance partnership on climate action in the Mediterranean region;
- to make a valuable contribution to local, regional, and global efforts to address the impacts of climate change and enhance the region's resilience by providing stronger support to Mediterranean countries on climate action;
- to make the MAP-Barcelona Convention system better equipped to respond to the triple planetary crisis referred to in para. 107 of the MAP Focal Points Meeting Report; and
- to make the entire MAP-Barcelona Convention system a more desirable and efficient partner for donors and stakeholders in the work towards climate stability.

In detail, the role and mandate of the proposed Centre are described in the proposal, having been prepared in full consistency with the models adopted for the individual MAP Components by the Contracting Parties through several governance-related decisions.

3. Requests to clarify outstanding governance-related issues and to conduct a gap analysis.

Türkiye's proposal is fully aligned with the Governance decisions of previous COP Meetings at least as much as the existing MAP Components' set-up is. Within the parameters indicated in those

decisions, in line with the general set-up and working methodologies of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system, applying lessons learned through the practice of almost five decades of collaboration, and under the guidance of the UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit, the Centre will progressively take its role of being the focal structure on climate change in the system.

Convinced of the necessity of establishing a new structure within the UNEP/MAP framework and conducting the process effectively, Türkiye believed that a gap analysis was essential to determine the system requirements. Academically, gap analysis is defined as either a tool or a process used to identify discrepancies and differences between an organisation's current state and its desired state¹. Through gap analysis, organisations aim to bridge these disparities to reach their desired state. Gap analysis plays a crucial role in shaping an organisation's implementation plan and enhancing its overall effectiveness across various organisational aspects. This analysis should involve four key steps: (i) identifying the key needs of the organisation's current situation, (ii) determining the ideal future state or the desired organisational condition, (iii) pinpointing existing gaps that require attention, and (iv) adjusting and executing organisational plans to address these gaps.

In developing its proposal, Türkiye initially engaged in efforts to identify common ground between the Barcelona Convention framework and climate change action. In this context, several reports, such as the SoED 2020 report, the MAR-1 report, the 2019 IPCC special report and the 2022 IPCC AR6 were examined. Upon careful review of these reports, a thorough analysis of the UNEP/MED Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2022-2027 and Programme of Work (PoW) 2022-2023 were conducted, and the activities within the framework of the Barcelona Convention related to climate change were meticulously scrutinised. The examination helped pinpoint areas where more comprehensive efforts would be advantageous. Consequently, in consultations with the Bureau and the Coordinating Unit, the establishment of a Regional Activity Centre (RAC) under the UNEP/MAP system was identified as an effective means to involve all Contracting Parties through national focal points and address needs in a consolidated way.

A review was then conducted of the work and functioning of the RACs across the System. The study looked into the mandates of these centres and evaluated the PoWs and MTS of the Barcelona Convention from the perspective of climate change outcomes of the centres and the Decision IG.19/5, 'Mandates of the Components of MAP,' especially Appendix II MAP Components Synergy Table. The focus of this study was to find the best way to ensure the prevention of duplicative efforts with other MAP Components.

In light of this gap analysis, the proposal of Türkiye was carefully drafted and presented to the 93rd Bureau Meeting of the Barcelona Convention. After the submission of the proposal, the related documents, such as the Mandate for the proposed RAC, Term of Reference of the RAC Focal Points, the structure of the proposed RAC and operational costs and budget, were prepared upon the outputs of the conducted gap analysis and sent by the Barcelona Convention Secretariat to the Contracting Parties for their consideration.

The preparation of the Mandate was also done in alignment with Decision IG.19/5, 'Mandates of the Components of MAP,' and the MTS. In this regard, the Mandate has been crafted to identify tasks from the MTS that are not already allocated to any Component and do not overlap with ongoing climate change activities and initiatives. The detailed preparation of the Mandate aimed to eliminate any potential concerns regarding the mission and activities of the proposed RAC. It's worth emphasizing that this Mandate is a preliminary version that can be redesigned, and the activities that the proposed RAC will carry out can be identified in a National Focal Points (NFP) Meeting with the participation of all Contracting parties.

It was identified that significant works are being carried out within the Barcelona Convention System regarding climate change. However, this analysis also revealed a notable absence of initiatives by the

¹ Kim, Sora; Ji, Yingru. (2018), Gap Analysis, 1-6

other Components in the development and dissemination of best practices for nature-based solutions in the realms of climate change adaptation and mitigation. Adhering to best practices in this regard not only aligns with global sustainability objectives but also strengthens our capacity to effectively respond to the challenges of climate change. Therefore, it is of paramount importance to enhance our efforts within the Barcelona Convention System, as these practices offer a comprehensive and practical strategy to tackle the impacts of climate change.

Furthermore, upon reviewing the Barcelona Convention PoW and the related documents, it has been identified that the system lacks sufficient budget allocation for combatting climate change. Thus, the proposed RAC aims to generate more funding through projects, initiatives, and collaborations focused on climate change. In this regard, a proposal has also been made to add a specific task to the PoW 2024-2025, titled 'An analysis for the state of play of funding mechanisms and opportunities for climate change adaptation in the Mediterranean,' to be carried out by the proposed RAC. It is envisaged that the proposed RAC's efforts will provide financial support to the system in a manner that benefits all of the MAP Components.

We are aware of the fact that each RAC is an integral component of the System, and it is imperative that the Contracting Parties actively participate in the entire process. By actively involving all stakeholders, we can work together to achieve our shared goals, fostering a sustainable and resilient future for our region and the global community. Türkiye acknowledges the significance of a united effort and values the engagement of all parties.

Türkiye strongly believes that postponing the COP decision to December 2025 in order to conduct a gap analysis that can only reiterate the urgency to act on climate issues and the insufficient current capacity of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system to fully address climate issues will not help translate the numerous commitments expressed by Contracting Parties at the regional and global level into practice, and certainly will be detrimental to the identification and delivery of action in a region that urgently needs it and that is paying an extraordinary price to climate change impacts.

4. Questions related to the need to avoid overlap and ensure synergy with other climate-related activities underway in the Mediterranean Action Plan system.

Türkiye is aware of the fact that the science-policy interface needs to be strengthened to address climate change-related issues. The interface needs, in turn, to be framed by an effective and efficient governance structure to promote better interaction between the two. To address this, as implied in the Proposal, the proposed RAC aims to support cooperation and coordination between MAP Components and related initiatives, by providing a forum for the exchange of information on operational, technical, scientific, legal and financial matters, thereby acting as a platform to share knowledge, technical expertise and experiences regarding climate change.

Türkiye takes note and supports the comment made at the last MAP Focal Points Meeting in relation to the need for a mapping of the many centres already engaged in climate change activities in the region. This should be one of the first activities to be undertaken by the proposed Centre after its establishment.

The proposed RAC will support strong and cooperative relationships with the other UNEP/MAP Components and with key actors in the field of climate change by organising and servicing meetings of its Focal Points and reporting on their conclusions to governmental/administrative bodies and MAP Focal Points. The proposed RAC will also disseminate technical and informational documents, guidelines, studies and likewise documents to concerned Contracting Party bodies. The proposed RAC will collaborate closely with national and international climate authorities, particularly by undertaking activities that align with Barcelona Convention policies and objectives in priority areas such as energy transformation, carbon reduction, and sustainable development.

5. Questions related to the main focus of the proposed centre.

The proposed RAC's main aim is to support the UNEP/MAP system and other MAP components in order to help the system become more effective in the successful delivery of the main institutional meetings of MAP and in strengthening the MAP result-based programmatic framework on responses to climate change challenges. To reach this goal, the proposed RAC will have the role of the focal point, promoter and implementer of climate change-related work in the MAP system as decided by the Contracting Parties when approving the Programme of Work and Budget, in the same way, other RACs work in their areas of mandate. In this way, the proposed RAC will enhance the achievement of concrete outputs of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system.

The proposed RAC seeks to ensure effective MAP governance and delivery based on stronger cooperation and integration among MAP Components. The proposed RAC aims to work on the impacts of climate change by strengthening collaborative efforts in the Mediterranean. The necessity of coherence, cooperation and collaboration is a constantly emphasized issue, especially in documents such as the UNEP/MAP MTS 2022-2027 and the document of the PoW. Türkiye is fully aware of this issue, which has been central to the preparation of the proposal.

6. *Questions related to the activities that are planned to be conducted to achieve the main objective of the proposed centre.*

The main activities carried out under every RAC are defined by the Contracting Parties through the PoW. The proposed RAC will also conduct activities that are defined in the PoW. The proposed RAC would play a significant role in the implementation of the MTS and PoW with a special focus on the outcomes of Programme 3: Towards a Climate Resilient Mediterranean that is not allocated to any other MAP Component.

In the first biennium after its establishment, as stated in the "Report of the MAP Focal Points Meeting", pending the respective decision of COP 23 on the establishment of the proposed RAC, reference to the new Centre will be added among "other Components" column in activities/deliverables relevant to its mandate. In addition, it would be the leading Component of activity 3.2.1 (f) and (g). Furthermore, it has also been proposed that the proposed RAC would be added in the list of Components under Activity 5.2.3, and also added among lead Components for the deliverable 5.2.5. (f).

7. *Questions related to the long-term plan for funding the centre, and whether the proposed centre would get funds from the Mediterranean Trust Fund.*

As clearly stated in the draft decision submitted to the most recent MAP Focal Point Meeting, the proposed RAC will not impose any financial burden on the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF). The initial setup and operational costs will be fully covered by the Republic of Türkiye. It is envisioned that the proposed RAC, like all other RACs within the system, will seek funding from various sources or projects, including the MTF and voluntary contributions provided by other Contracting Parties, *for its activities, not operational costs.*

The "Operational Budget and Costs of the proposed RAC" table, provided in the decision annex as "Additional documentation provided by Türkiye", clearly outlines the nature of these expenditures. Operational expenses encompass personnel costs, service procurement, operational expenses, office and equipment costs, and other related expenditures. It is worth reminding again the Contracting Parties that the operational expenses of existing RACs are largely covered by the MTF. However, Türkiye, as the host country, commits to covering all operational cost items for the proposed RAC, including the building where its activities will be conducted.

It should be noted that the proposed RAC's goal is not to draw resources from the existing system or other RACs *but to infuse new resources into the system.* This approach will encourage the entire system to develop and thrive in terms of resources and budgets. One of the fundamental aims of the proposed RAC is to enhance and secure financial support to stimulate funding, and this is not limited to the proposed RAC alone but is pertinent to all components of the MAP Barcelona Convention.

8. *Questions related to how the proposed RAC will add value to the numerous climate change activities being undertaken in the MAP-Barcelona Convention system.*

As it can be seen in the Proposed 2024-2025 Activities Budget per MTS Programme, responses to climate change benefit only from 4% of the budget of core MTS funding. External funding accessed for climate change is also not satisfying. Thus, the capacity to access external funding must be increased. A specific structure within the MAP-Barcelona Convention system will help address this very limiting factor of our collective work. Furthermore, it can be seen in the UNEP/MED WG.568/5 Governance document of the latest MAP Focal Points Meeting, based on the analysis of the past PoWs, the cross-cutting theme of climate change within MAP under the MTS for both 2016-2021 and 2022-2027 is notably reliant on external funding, featuring a substantial proportion of non-secured external resources. Consequently, it is imperative for the MAP Components to actively pursue additional opportunities for external funding to bolster activities associated with the ongoing and forthcoming MTS initiatives. This entails a thorough exploration of new funding mechanisms established in response to the climate change agenda, such as the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Adaptation Fund, among others.

In this manner, the proposed centre will also act as a clearly identifiable Component of the system for climate action, to the benefit of partners and donors. In this regard, the added value of the proposed RAC would be to boost capacity building and involvement of a range of actors, particularly the scientific community, private sector, and civil society, in designing and implementing adaptation strategies and mobilising external funding resources – as repeatedly stated in the proposal and during the consultations that have taken place so far, this will be in full coordination with the other Components and to the benefit of the entire system.