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10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee of the Barcelona Convention  
and its Protocols

Athens, Greece, 21-22 May 2015

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

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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## **Introduction**

1. The Tenth Meeting of the Compliance Committee will be held at the premises of the Coordinating Unit (48, Vassileos Konstantinou, Athens, Greece) on 21-22 May 2015.
2. The working languages of the Meeting will be English and French.
3. The Meeting will have before it the following:

### **DAY 1: THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2015**

#### **Agenda Item 1:           Opening of the Meeting (09.30-9.35)**

4. The Tenth meeting of the Compliance Committee will be opened on 21 May 2015 by the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee.

#### **Agenda Item 2:           Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work (9.35-9.45)**

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/1/ Rev.1 - Provisional Agenda.

Working document: UNEP (DEPI)/MED CC.10/2 – Annotated Provisional Agenda.

5. Decision IG 19/1 on the Rules of Procedures of the Compliance Committee under the Barcelona Convention and Its Protocols will apply to the work of this meeting.
6. The Compliance Committee will consider and adopt its Agenda.

#### **Agenda Item 3:           Preparation of the Informal Session dedicated to hearings of Contracting Parties on meeting their Reporting Obligations. (9.45-10.15)**

Information document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/Inf.3 - Letter of 14 April 2015 co-signed by the President of the Bureau of the Barcelona Convention and the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee to Contracting Parties having not submitted their Reports for the Bienna 2008-2009 and 2010-2011.

7. The Chairperson of the Compliance Committee will recall the letter co-signed by the President of the Bureau of the Barcelona Convention and herself to the four Contracting Parties having not submitted their Reports for the Bienna 2008-2009 and 2010-2011, providing for an informal session to discuss with them (and other interested Contracting Parties) the matter in order to allow them to present which initiatives they intend to take to implement the Decision IG. 21/1 and, in particular, to comply with the Reporting obligation, and therefore to explain the difficulties they encountered for ensure compliance and to seek, if necessary, assistance of the Committee and MAP components to meet their Reporting obligations.
8. The Committee is expected to provide comments on the organization of the Hearings of the Representatives of Contracting Parties on meeting their Reporting obligations, scheduled on Thursday 21 May morning, and to decide how it intends to proceed accordingly.

#### **Informal Session:           Hearings of the Representatives of Contracting Parties on meeting their Reporting Obligations - (10.30-12.30)**

Information document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/Inf.3 – Letter of 14 April 2015 co-signed by the President of the Bureau of the Barcelona Convention and the Chairperson of

the Compliance Committee to Contracting Parties having not submitted their Reports for the Bienna 2008-2009 and 2010-2011.

Information document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/ Inf.4 – Decision IG.21/1 of the Eighteen Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties

9. The Chairperson of the Compliance Committee will recall Decision IG. 21/1 of the Eighteen Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties regarding the Parties that have not submitted reports for the Bienna 2008-2009 and 2010-2011. She will also recall the letter co-signed by the President of the Bureau of the Barcelona Convention and herself providing for an informal session to discuss the matter with the non-compliant and other interested Contracting Parties.
10. This informal session aims to allow members of the Compliance Committee to understand the reasons of the delay in the implementation of the above-mentioned Decision IG. 21/1 and in the submission of Reports by Contracting Parties and, therefore, to agree about the initiatives to be undertaken by these Contracting Parties to ensure the full and timely implementation of the Decision IG. 21/1 for facing the Reporting obligations of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, as well as to provide the advice and support that they may require to fulfill those obligations.

**Agenda Item 4: Adoption of the Draft Report of the Ninth Meeting of the Compliance Committee (Split/ Croatia - 27-28 November 2014) (14.30-15.00)**

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/5 - Draft Report of the Ninth Meeting of the Compliance Committee.

11. The Secretariat will submit for adoption to the Committee the draft Report of the Ninth meeting of the Compliance Committee held in Split (Croatia) on 27 and 28 November 2014.

**Agenda Item 5: Participation of the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee as Observer to the 79<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau of the Barcelona Convention (15.00-16.00)**

Information document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/ Inf.5 - Letter of 11 December 2014 of the MAP Secretariat to the President of the Bureau of the Barcelona Convention.

Information document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/ Inf.6 - Letter of 29 January 2015 of the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee to the President of the Bureau of the Barcelona Convention and Speech of the Chairperson of the Committee During the Meeting of the Bureau.

12. The Chairperson of the Compliance Committee will report on her participation in the 79th Meeting of the Bureau and the relevant conclusions.
13. The Committee is expected to provide comments on the conclusions and to advance proposals for improvement of the Committee work.

**Agenda Item 6 : Review of Reports submitted by Contracting Parties (Biennium 2012-2013) (16.15-17.30)**

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/3 - Note by the Secretariat on the Evaluation of Eight Additional Reports Submitted by the Contracting Parties for the Biennium 2012-2013.

Information document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/ Inf.7 - Reports Submitted by the Contracting Parties for the Biennium 2012-2013 / Reminder Letters addressed by the Secretariat to Contracting Parties on 11 December 2014 and 16 April 2015

Information document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/ Inf.8 - Letter asking for additional information addressed by the Secretariat to three Contracting Parties (EU, Turkey and Bosnia and Herzegovina) on 23 March and 7 April 2015

Information document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/ Inf.9 - Table of National Reports Submitted by Contracting Parties under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention (updated as of 20 April 2015)

14. The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat, after the information about the Formal Session on compliance within the MAP Focal Points meeting, to make the point on the submission of reports by the Contracting Parties for the 2012-2013 Biennium; in particular, to refer to its reminder letter of 11 December 2014 addressed to the Contracting Parties inviting them to submit their reports under the Biennium 2012-2013 by 31 January 2015 as well as to report on the responses received also for clarification and complementary information on the three Reports submitted by EU, Turkey and Bosnia and Herzegovina.
15. The Committee is expected to provide comments and to decide how it intends to proceed accordingly.

## **DAY 2 - FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015**

**Agenda Item 6 (cont): Review of Reports submitted by Contracting Parties (Biennium 2012-2013) (09.30-10.30)**

**Agenda Item 7: Implementation of the Reform of the Initiative Power granted to the Compliance Committee (Article 23 bis of Decision IG. 17/2) (10.45. - 11.45)**

Information document: UNEP (DEPI)/MED CC.10/ Inf.10 - Background Document on the initiative power granted to the Compliance Committee

16. The Eighteenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Istanbul, December 2013), by its Decision IG. 21/1, amended Section V of Decision IG. 17/2 on the Procedures and mechanisms on compliance with a new Article 23 bis, which recognizes an initiative power to the Compliance Committee. Under this new competence, the Committee may consider, on the basis of biennial Reports of activity and/or in the light of other relevant sources of information, the difficulties encountered by a Contracting Party in the application of the Convention and its related Protocols and may request the Party concerned to provide further information, on the basis of which it may consider to take measures with a view to promoting compliance and addressing cases of non-compliance.
17. The Chairperson of the Compliance Committee - also referring to the results of Agenda Items 5 and 6, as well as of the Informal Session - may wish to invite its members to assess the best conditions to implement its prerogative of initiative in coordination with that of the Secretariat pursuant of article 23 of Decision IG. 17/2.

**Agenda Item 8: Guidelines for the Evaluation of Reports to identify Current or Potential Situations of Non-Compliance (11.45 -12.30).**

Working document: UNEP (DEPI)/MED CC.10/4 - Revised Draft Guidelines to identify current or potential cases of non-compliance.

18. The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to make the point on the revised Draft Guidelines to identify current or potential cases of non-compliance which include comments and amendments received by Compliance Committee Members and MAP Components after the Ninth Meeting of the Compliance Committee.
19. The Compliance Committee will receive the presentation of the task taken by Ms. Selma Čengić to draft propositions of amendments and complements to the Draft Guidelines. The Committee is expected to provide comments on this amended version to be finalized accordingly, as well as to discuss the modalities for developing a more closed cooperation with MAP Components for helping to carry its activities, in particular concerning Reporting issues.

**Agenda Item 8 (cont): Guidelines for the Evaluation of Reports to identify Current or Potential Situations of Non-Compliance (14.15 -15.30).**

**Agenda Item 9: Any Other Matters (15.45-16.00)**

20. The Chairperson of the Compliance Committee may wish to invite its members to raise other relevant matters for consideration.

**Agenda Item 10: Adoption of Conclusions and Decisions (16.00-17.00)**

21. The Secretariat of the Compliance Committee will submit to its members a draft on Conclusions and Decisions of the current meeting of the Committee for review and clearance. The Report of the Tenth Meeting of the Compliance Committee will be finally adopted at its Eleventh Meeting after being transmitted electronically for consideration to its members.

**Agenda Item 11: Date, Place, Duration and Draft Agenda of the Eleventh Meeting of the Compliance Committee (17.00-17.15)**

22. The Compliance Committee may wish to decide, in consultation with the Secretariat, the date, place, duration and draft Agenda of its eleventh meeting, consistently with the provisions in its Work Program for the 2014-2015 biennium, adopted by Decision IG.21/1, Annex V.

**Agenda Item 12: Closing of the Meeting (17.15)**

23. The Chairperson of the Compliance Committee will close the meeting on 22 May. 2015 at 17.30.

<b>THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2015</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Documents</b>
09:30 - 9:45	1. Opening of the meeting 2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work	UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/1 -  UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/2 –
9.45 – 10.15	3. Preparation of the Informal session dedicated to Hearings of Contracting Parties on Meeting their Reporting obligations.	UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/Inf.3
10.15 - 10.30	Coffee Break	
10.30 - 12.30	4. Informal Session: Hearings of the Representatives of Contracting Parties on Meeting their Reporting Obligations-	UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/Inf.3 UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/Inf.4
12.30 - 14.30	Lunch Break	
14.30 - 15.00	5. Adoption of the Draft Report of the Ninth Meeting of the Compliance Committee (Split/ Croatia - 27-28 November 2014)	UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/5
15.00 - 16.00	6. Participation of the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee as Observer to the 79 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau of the Barcelona Convention	UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/Inf.5 UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/Inf.6
16.00 - 16.15	Coffee Break	
16.15 - 17.30	7. Review of Reports Submitted by Contracting Parties (Biennium 2012-2013)	UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/3 UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/Inf.7 UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/Inf.8
<b>FRIDAY, 22 MAY 2015</b>		
09.30 – 10.30 (cont)	8. Review of Reports Submitted by Contracting Parties (Biennium 2012-201)	
10.30 - 10.45	Coffee Break	
10.45 - 11.45	9. Implementation of the Reform of the Initiative Power Granted to the Compliance Committee / Article 23bis of Decision IG. 17/2	UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.10/Inf.9
11.45- 12.30	10. Guidelines for the Evaluation of Reports to Identify Current or Potential situations of Non-Compliance	UNEP (DEPI)/MED CC.10/4
12.30 - 14.15	Lunch break	
14.15 - 15.30 (cont)	11. Guidelines for the Evaluation of Reports to Identify Current or Potential situations of Non-Compliance	UNEP (DEPI)/MED CC.10/4
15.30 -	Coffee Break	

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15.45 - 16.00	12. Any other Matters	
16.00 - 17.00	13. Adoption of Conclusions and Decisions	
17.00 - 17.15	14. Date, Place, Duration and Draft Agenda of the Eleventh Meeting of the Compliance Committee	
17.15	15. Closure of the Meeting	