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Third Meeting of the Working Group on Implementation and Compliance under the Barcelona Convention Loutraki, Greece, 5-6 December 2006

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Introduction

- 1. Following the recommendations of the 14th meeting of the Contracting parties, Portoroz, Slovenia, 2005, the membership of the working group on implementation and compliance has been extended to all contracting parties. The draft document on the main elements for a possible compliance procedure under the Barcelona Convention and its protocols has also been completed by the Secretariat with new elements. The third meeting of the Working Group will review the draft mechanism and in particular its proposed new elements with a view of its finalization and submission to the meeting of MAP Focal Points in 2007. The meeting will he held in Loutraki (Greece), at Club Hotel Loutraki, from 5-6 December 2006.
- 2. The following annotations to the provisional agenda for the meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

- 3. The meeting will be opened at 9:30 hrs on Tuesday 5 December 2006, by the MAP Coordinator Mr. Paul Mifsud.
- 4. It is expected that the participants will tackle all items of the Provisional Agenda during the two day meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 18:00 hrs on 6 November 2006. The recommendations of the meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat and will be submitted for adoption at the end of the meeting. The report of the meeting will be circulated to participants for adoption after the meeting.

Agenda item 2: Election of officers, adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work

- 5. In accordance with Rule 20 of the Rules of procedure, the meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.
- 6. The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat, was distributed as document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.300/1 and annotated in the present document.
- 7. The meeting will review and adopt the Provisional Agenda. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for all sessions.

Agenda item 3: Presentation of the draft compliance mechanism under the Barcelona Convention and its protocols

- 8. The Secretariat will introduce the main document of the meeting distributed as document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.300/3 and the Introductory note as document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.300/Inf.3
- 9. The meeting is expected to comment on the content of the above working document.

Agenda item 4: Review of the proposed draft mechanism

10. The meeting will review in detail the proposed draft mechanism and adopt it as appropriate for submission to the MAP Focal Points meeting in 2007.

<u>UUUUUUUAgenda item 5: Next steps</u>

11. The meeting is expected to discuss on any necessary actions to be taken, on national and regional levels, in order to render operational the compliance mechanism, once adopted by the Contracting Parties' meeting in 2007.

Agenda item 6: Adoption of recommendations

12. The Secretariat will submit for adoption a set of recommendations. The report of the meeting will be adopted after its circulation at a later phase.

Agenda item 7: Any other business

13. The meeting may discuss any issue that might be raised.

Agenda item 8: Closure of the meeting

14. The meeting is expected to be closed by the MAP Coordinator at 18:00 hrs on Wednesday 6 December 2006.

TIMETABLE

Tuesday 5 December 2006

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09.30 – 11.00	Agenda items 1,2,3 Opening of the Meeting			
	Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work			
	Presentation of the working document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.300/3 on the main elements for a possible compliance mechanism under the Barcelona Convention and its protocols			
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break			
11.30 – 13.00	Agenda item 3 Continuation of work			
	Discussions			
13.00 – 15.00	Lunch Break			
15.00 – 16.30	Agenda item 4 Discussions			
16.30 – 17.00	Coffee break			
17.00 – 18.00	Agenda item 4 Continuation of work Discussions			
18.00	End of the first day			
Wednesday 6 December 2006				
09.30 – 11.00	Agenda item 4 Continuation of work Discussions			
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break			
11.30 - 13.00	Agenda item 5			
13.00 – 15.00	Lunch Break			
15.00 – 16.30	Agenda item 6			
16.30 – 17.00	Coffee Break			
17.00 – 18.00	Agenda item 6 Continuation of work Agenda items 7 and 8			
18.00	Closure of the meeting			