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Meeting of the MAP Focal Points

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Annotated Provisional Agenda

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Introduction

The main objective of the meeting of the MAP Focal Points is to review the progress achieved during the 2012-2013 biennium, in the implementation of the programme of work and activities approved at the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Paris, France, February 2012). It will also review the draft Decisions and Programme of Work and Budget for the 2014-2015 biennium, with a view to their finalisation for submission to the Eighteenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (December 2013) for its consideration.

The following annotations to the proposed provisional agenda for the present meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened at 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 10 September 2013 by the Executive Secretary and Coordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan – Barcelona Convention.

Agenda item 2: Organizational matters

a) Rules of procedure for meeting of the MAP Focal Points

The rules of procedure for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the present meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

b) Election of officers

Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the meeting of the MAP Focal Points shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a President, four Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/1 and annotated in the present document will be proposed for adoption by the meeting. The meeting will review and adopt the proposed timetable presented in the Annex to the present document (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/2).

d) Organization of work

The annotated provisional agenda for the meeting (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/2) identifies issues for discussion and the related documents. Meeting documents also propose possible actions to be taken by the MAP Focal Points meeting.

Interpretation in English and French will be provided during the meeting. At the end, the delegates will be invited to review and adopt the report of the meeting, drafted by the Secretariat, which will be concise, focusing on conclusions and recommendations.

Agenda item 3: Progress Report on activities carried out during 2012-2013 biennium

The Secretariat will make short presentations highlighting the progress achieved in the implementation of the programme of work for the current biennium. The presentations by the Secretariat and the discussions under this agenda item will be structured as follows:

Introduction

1. Governance

- 1.1. MAP Policy making and technical bodies
- 1.2. Legal Achievements
- 1.3. Institutional Reform
- 1.4. Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach
- 1.5. Regional Plans and Strategies
- 1.6. Global and Regional Processes and Events
- 1.7. The State of the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Environment Report
- 1.8. Cooperation and partnerships
- 1.9. Financial, Personnel and Administrative Matters
- 1.10. Information systems, Communications and Dissemination Activities

2. Status of implementation by Priority Themes in the 5 Year Programme of Work

- 2.1. Integrated Coastal Zone Management
- 2.2. Biodiversity
- 2.3. Pollution Control and Prevention
- 2.4. Sustainable consumption and production
- 2.5. Climate Change

The progress report is composed of a narrative part that highlights results, mid-term results and progress achieved during this period under the 6 themes and detailed information on legal, policy, financial and administrative matters. The reporting on achievements is organized around the themes and outcomes of the Five Year Programme of Work (2010-2014) agreed by COP 16 in Marrakesh (2009). It summarizes results achieved or if still in progress some of the activities carried out in the implementation of the Five Year POW (2010-2014) in the last 20 months. A qualitative assessment on the achievements of targets set for 2012-2013 biennium is complementing the Progress Report.

Expected outcome: The meeting of the MAP Focal Points is expected to comment on the work carried out for the implementation of the programme of work adopted by the last Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/3	Progress Report by the Secretariat on activities carried out during the 2012-2013 biennium

Agenda item 4: Specific Matters for consideration and action by the meeting

The meeting of the MAP Focal Points will consider several sub items as they appear in the Provisional Agenda: Document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/1.Corr.1:

4.1 Compliance with the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

Decision IG.20/1 – “Compliance Committee: amendment to the Compliance Procedures and mechanisms, programme of work for Biennium 2012-2013 and partial renewal of membership” adopted by COP17 requested the Compliance Committee, pursuant to paragraph 31 of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance, to submit a report on its activities to the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties, making particular note of any difficulties encountered in the application of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

The Compliance Committee had two meetings in January and June 2013, and another meeting is scheduled for October 2013.

The President of the Compliance committee will provide substantive information regarding the work of the Committee. The MAP Focal Points are provided with the “Draft Decision on the Compliance Committee including renewal of members, the modification of the rules of procedure and the Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee”. The Secretariat will present the relevant draft decision to be followed by discussion.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working and Information documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/4	Draft Decision on the Compliance Committee including renewal of members, the modification of the rules of procedure and the Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.19	Legislative and institutional progress in implementing the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols based on the analysis of national reports submitted by the Contracting Parties in Biennium 2010-2011

4.2 Reporting formats on measures to comply with the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

Decision IG.20/3 – “Reporting on measures taken to implement the Convention and its Protocols” adopted by COP 17 invited all Contracting Parties to report on measures to comply with their obligations under the Barcelona Convention as per Articles 26 and 27, as well as the relevant articles of the Protocols to the Convention. It also requested the Secretariat to finalize the reporting format on the ICZM Protocol in close cooperation between the Coordinating Unit, PAP/RAC and the Parties and to submit it to the 18th meeting of the Contracting Parties for adoption.

MAP Focal Points are provided with the “Draft Decision on the reporting format to comply with the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols; and, the new reporting format for the ICZM Protocol”. The Secretariat will present the relevant draft decision to be followed by discussion.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/5	Draft Decision on the reporting format to comply with the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols; and, the new reporting format for the ICZM Protocol

4.3 Strengthening Implementation of ICZM Protocol through Marine Spatial Planning

Decision IG 20/2 – “Adoption of the Action Plan for the implementation of the ICZM Protocol for the Mediterranean (2012-2019)”, adopted in COP17 underlines that Marine Spatial Planning is a major tool for ICZM, and needs strengthening and better implementation. In line with this Decision as well as Convention on Biodiversity Decision X/29 which was adopted at the 10th Meeting of its Contracting Parties (October, 2010), Countries are asked to increase efforts to apply marine spatial planning tools, as appropriate, in accordance national planning and strategies, for better integration of conservation objectives in marine and other sectoral development programmes, and in overall plans for economic development.

The Secretariat and PAP/RAC developed the “Draft Decision on Strengthening the Implementation of Marine Spatial Planning”. This draft decision was shared with PAP/RAC Focal Points.

The Secretariat will present the relevant draft decision to be followed by discussion.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/6	Draft Decision on Strengthening the Implementation of Marine Spatial Planning

4.4 Ecosystems Approach (EcAp)

Decision IG.20/4 – “Implementing MAP ecosystem approach roadmap: Mediterranean Ecological and Operational Objectives, Indicators and Timetable for implementing the ecosystem approach roadmap” adopted by COP17 established an EcAp Coordination Group and also requested the Parties, the Secretariat and MAP components to fulfill a comprehensive programme of work to progress in the implementation of EcAP in the Mediterranean.

During the 2012-2013 Biennium, two EcAp Coordination Group Meetings, five Correspondence Group meetings on GES and Targets and one Correspondence Group meeting on Economic and Social Assessments were organized.

The third meeting of the EcAp Coordination Group will take place on 9 September 2013, one day before the MAP Focal Points Meeting. Therefore, this Draft Decision may be modified in accordance with the recommendations by the Coordination Group and the

amended version be circulated to MAP Focal Points during this session. For the same reason, discussions on the decision are scheduled to take place on 11 September 2003.

The MAP Focal Points are provided with the “Draft Decision on the Ecosystems Approach including adopting definitions of Good Environmental Status (GES) and targets”. The Secretariat will present the relevant draft decision to be followed by discussion.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working and Information documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/7	Draft Decision on the Ecosystems Approach including adopting definitions of Good Environmental Status (GES) and targets
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.8	Report of the 1st Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.9	Report of the 2nd Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.13	Issue paper on the implementation of pollution control and prevention policies in coherence with ecosystem approach

4.5 Species and Habitats Action Plans

SPA/RAC Focal Points during their meeting in Rabat (Morocco) on 2-5 July 2013 proposed updated timetables for the implementation of the Action Plan for the conservation of Mediterranean Marine Turtles, the Action Plan for the conservation of Bird species listed in Annex II to SPA/BD protocol and the Strategy for the conservation of Monk Seals in the Mediterranean. Additionally, they also endorsed the recommendations of the ad hoc group of Mediterranean experts, nominated in consultation with the Contracting Parties and relevant partner organizations on the Action Plan for the conservation of dark assemblages of the Mediterranean (marine caves, canyons, etc.).

The MAP Focal Points are provided with the “Draft Decision on Action Plans under the Biodiversity Protocol including caves and dark habitats, marine turtles and Cartilaginous fish”, prepared by the Secretariat and SPA/RAC.

The Secretariat will present the relevant draft decision to be followed by discussion.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/8	Draft Decision on Action Plans under the Biodiversity Protocol including caves and dark habitats, marine turtles and Cartilaginous fish

4.6 Identification and Conservation of sites of particular ecological interest in the Mediterranean

The MAP Focal Points are provided with the “Draft decision on Identification and Conservation of sites of particular ecological interest in the Mediterranean”. The draft decision proposes a new SPAMI and evaluation of 22 existing ones in accordance with SPA/BD Protocol, which was endorsed by SPA/RAC Focal Points during their meeting in Rabat (Morocco) in July 2013. It also follows on Decision IG.20/7 – “Conservation of sites of particular ecological interest in the Mediterranean” and CBD Decision XI/17 – “Marine and coastal biodiversity: ecologically or biologically significant marine areas”.

The Secretariat will present the relevant draft decision to be followed by discussion.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working and Information documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/9	Draft decision on Identification and Conservation of sites of particular ecological interest in the Mediterranean
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.17	Report of the meeting of the Focal Points of SPA/RAC

4.7 Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean

MAP Focal Points are provided with the “Draft Decision on Amendments of the Annexes II and III to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean”, further to the proposal of Italy before the Meeting of SPA/RAC Focal Points during their meeting in Rabat (Morocco) on 2-5 July 2013, where it was discussed and endorsed.

The Secretariat will present the relevant draft decision to be followed by discussion.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working and Information documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/10	Draft Decision on Amendments of the Annexes II and III to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.17	Report of the meeting of the Focal Points of SPA/RAC

4.8 Draft Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management

Decision IG.20/10 – “Adoption of the Strategic Framework for Marine Litter management”, adopted by COP17, requested the MEDPOL Programme, in close collaboration with the Contracting Parties and in cooperation with the relevant MAP components and partners, to prepare a Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the framework of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol.

Following a series of technical consultations and the decision of MED POL Focal Points, the Secretariat and MED POL have prepared the “Draft Decision on the Draft Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management”.

The Draft Decision will be presented by the Secretariat and followed by discussion.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working and Information documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/11	Draft Decision on the Draft Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.15	Background document on marine litter regional plan measures and indicative cost estimation of measures implementation
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.16	Report of the Meeting of Experts to review the Regional Plan on Marine Litter management, Barcelona, Spain, 17-18 May 2013
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.12	Report of the Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points

4.9 Offshore Protocol Action Plan

Decision IG.20/12 – “Action Plan to implement the Protocol of the Barcelona Convention concerning the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil” established an ad hoc working group coordinated by REMPEC composed of representatives of the Contracting Parties and observers from representatives of the concerned industries, relevant international organizations and MAP partners with a view to lead the work for preparing an in depth assessment and stock taking analysis of the existing practical measures in place in the Mediterranean countries with regard to offshore activities as a baseline to measure progress towards Protocol implementation in the future and prepare an Action Plan.

The Secretariat and REMPEC have launched the process of preparing an Action Plan to support implementation of the Off-Shore Offshore Protocol.

The 1st Offshore Protocol Working Group Meeting was organized in Valletta (Malta) on 13-14 June 2013.

The MAP Focal Points are provided with the “Draft Decision on follow up actions regarding the Offshore Protocol Action Plan”. The Secretariat will present the relevant draft decision to be followed by discussion.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/12	Draft Decision on follow up actions regarding the Offshore Protocol Action Plan

4.10 Establishment of a Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL

The “Draft Decision on Establishment of a Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL” has been tabled by the Republic of Cyprus and France, following an informal meeting of on the establishment of a Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL organized in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, in June 2013.

The Secretariat will present the relevant draft decision to be followed by discussion.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/13	Draft Decision on Establishment of a Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL

4.11 Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean

The 15th Meeting of MCSD recognized the need to develop a Road Map through which Mediterranean countries would commit to implementing SCP measures and objectives addressing the region’s common priorities for sustainable development, including pollution reduction.

The MAP Focal Points are provided with the “Draft Decision supporting development of an Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean”, which was prepared by the secretariat and CP/RAC. The Secretariat will present the relevant draft decision to be followed by discussion.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working and Information documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/14	Draft Decision supporting development of an Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.21	Report of the 15 th Meeting of MCSD
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.18	Conclusions of the meeting of the Focal Points of CP/RAC

4.12 Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) Revision

The 15th Meeting of the MCSD (June 2013, Malta) considered that the global processes following Rio+20, including the efforts on Sustainable Development Goals, that better embed sustainability, required the Barcelona Convention to renew the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD).

The MCSD Steering Committee, together with the Secretariat, prepared the “Draft Decision supporting the review of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD)” proposed to complete this task”.

The MAP Focal Points are provided with the draft decision which will be presented by the Secretariat to be followed by discussion.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working and Information documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/15	Draft Decision supporting the review of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD), proposed by the MCSD Steering Committee
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.21	Report of the 15th Meeting of MCSD

4.13 Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) Reform

Decision IG20/13 – “Governance” of COP17, invited the Steering Committee of the MCSD to “... work on reforming the MCSD in particular through revising its composition to ensure greater representativeness and foster a sense of ownership by the entire Mediterranean; and, sharpening its role and further enhancing its contribution to sustainable development in the Mediterranean and present the results for adoption by the Parties”.

The 15th Meeting of the MCSD (June 2013, Malta) addressed the functions of the MCSD.

The MCSD Steering Committee, with support of the Secretariat, prepared the “Draft Decision supporting the reforming of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD)”.

MAP Focal Points are provided with the draft decision which will be presented by the Secretariat to be followed by discussion.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working and Information documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/16	Draft Decision supporting the reforming of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD), proposed by the MCSD Steering Committee
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.21	Report of the 15th Meeting of MCSD

4.14 Governance reforms

Decision IG.20/13 on “Governance”, adopted by COP17, requested the Secretariat to work with the Bureau to review the terms of reference of the Bureau, prepare a proposal on implementing the outcome of the functional review and its implications for the budget, work on finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Secretariat Services to and support of the Convention and other measures to strengthen MAP Governance.

Also in COP17, the Paris Declaration affirmed the resolution of Contracting Parties to establish the conditions for transparent, effective and enhanced institutional governance of MAP through, *inter alia*, pursuing reflection on an institutional reform of the MAP system, and calling for the consideration, at the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties, of a proposal for the institutional reform of MAP, taking into account *inter alia*, the results of the functional review, formulated in close cooperation with the Contracting Parties.

MAP Focal Points are provided with the “Draft Decision on Governance” which proposes, *inter alia*, revised Terms of Reference for the Bureau, the text of a Memorandum of Understanding with UNEP on Secretarial Services to the Convention and the establishment of a Secretariat following the discussions and advice of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties. It also proposes other measures to strengthen MAP’s governance, following reflections undertaken during the biennium. The Secretariat will present the relevant draft decision to be followed by discussion.

At the request of Government of Spain, MAP Focal Points are also provided with the document “Proposal for updating the name of the Regional Activity Centre for Cleaner Production according to its official mandate” to be discussed by the meeting.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/17	Draft Decision on Governance
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/18	Proposal for updating the name of the Regional Activity Centre for Cleaner Production according to its official mandate

UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.3	Report of the 75 th Meeting of the Bureau
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.4	Report of the 76 th Meeting of the Bureau
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.5	Report of the 77 th Meeting of the Bureau
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.6	Report of the 1 st Meeting of MAP Focal Points
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.11	Relationship between the United Nations Environment Programme and multilateral environmental agreements, particularly those for which it provides the secretariat or performs secretariat functions

4.15 Cooperation Agreements

Decision IG.20/13 – “Governance”, adopted by COP17 requested the Secretariat to prepare formal collaboration with several organizations in consultation with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties and to initiate cooperation and partnership with other relevant regional and global Organizations, as appropriate, and to present the results for adoption by COP18.

An official agreement has been signed with GFCM, and the draft agreements with UfM and IUCN have been prepared in consultation with the Bureau for signature at COP. Discussions are taking place with CBD Secretariat and other organizations.

MAP Focal Points are provided with the “Draft Decision on Cooperation Agreements”, which was part of the Draft Governance Decision and following the suggestion of the Bureau, prepared as a separate document. The Secretariat will present the relevant draft decision to be followed by discussion.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working and Information documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/19	Draft Decision on Cooperation Agreements
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.20	Memorandum of Understanding Between the United Nations Environment Programme in its Capacity as Secretariat of the Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) and the Food And Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on behalf of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)

4.16 Financial Regulations, rules and procedures applicable to the Barcelona Convention

Decision IG20/14 “MAP Programme of Work and Budget for the 2012-2013 biennium”, adopted by COP17, requested the Coordinating Unit in consultation with UNEP and UNON to develop for consideration by COP 18, financial rules for the Barcelona Convention as foreseen in its Article 24.2.

Following the discussions and endorsement of the Financial Regulations, Rules and Procedures by the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, the “Draft Decision on the Financial Regulations, rules and procedures applicable to the Barcelona Convention” was prepared by the UNEP and it is provided to MAP Focal Points for discussion.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/20	Draft Decision on the Financial Regulations, rules and procedures applicable to the Barcelona Convention

4.17 Programme of Work and Budget for 2014-2015 and the new Integrated Mid Term Strategy for the period 2016-2021

The Bureau of the Contracting Parties in its 76th and 77th Meetings, took note of the Secretariat’s explanations regarding the extension of the 5-Year PoW for another year until 2015 and the timing for preparation of the new Mid-term Strategy, which from its perspective justify the proposals. The Bureau took note of the explanation of the Secretariat regarding the preparation of PoW and budget taking into consideration all 4 options agreed in the First Meeting of MAP Focal Points in April 2013 and considered justified the Secretariat’s request to extend the 5-Year PoW until 2016.

MAP Focal Points are provided with the “Draft Decision on the Programme of Work and Budget for 2014-2015 and the new Integrated Mid Term Strategy for the period 2016-2021”, which was prepared by the Secretariat with all MAP components.

The Secretariat will present the relevant draft decision to be followed by discussion.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and provide guidance to the Secretariat to finalize it and submit for the consideration of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/21	Draft Decision on the Programme of Work and Budget for 2014-2015 and the new Integrated Mid Term Strategy for the period 2016-2021
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.7	Financial implementation of MAP Programme and Budget: Project accounts for the 2010-2011 biennium

Agenda item 5: Provisional Agenda of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties

The Secretariat will introduce the draft Provisional Agenda of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties as agreed by the Bureau. The meeting will be invited to decide on the provisional agenda of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

The Turkish delegation will introduce the ideas for the Istanbul Declaration. The meeting is expected to have a general discussion on the draft Istanbul Declaration and the process for its finalization.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed provisional agenda of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties. The meeting is also expected to agree on the main elements of the draft Istanbul Declaration.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/22	Draft Provisional Agenda of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention
	Draft Istanbul Declaration (To be submitted by the Turkish Delegation)

Agenda Item 6: Any other business

Other issues relevant to the Mediterranean Action Plan which might be brought to the attention of the meeting under this Agenda item by the meeting or by the Secretariat will be discussed under this agenda item. Any proposal with regard to this agenda items is expected to be made during the session when the provisional agenda and its annotations, including the timetable will be considered for adoption.

At the time of the preparation of the annotated provisional agenda, the Secretariat had no issues to raise under this item.

Agenda Item 7: Adoption of the report of the meeting

At its last session the meeting of the MAP Focal Points will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report on its work prepared by the Secretariat.

Agenda Item 8: Closure of the meeting

It is expected that the meeting will be closed by the President at 18:00 p.m. on Thursday 12 September 2013.

DRAFT TIMETABLE

DATE	PLENARY
Tuesday 10 September 2013	
08.30 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 09.30	Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting Agenda item 2: Organizational matters a) <i>Rules and Procedures</i> b) <i>Election of officers</i> c) <i>Adoption of the agenda</i> d) <i>Organization of work</i>
09:30 – 11:30	Agenda item 3: Progress Report on activities carried out during 2012-2013 biennium
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee Break
11:45 – 13:00	Agenda item 4: Specific Matters for consideration and action by the meeting 4.1. Compliance with the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (WG.387/4) 4.2. Reporting formats on measures to comply with the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (WG.387/5) 4.3. Strengthening Implementation of Marine Spatial Planning (WG.387/6)
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 18:00	Agenda item 4: Specific Matters for consideration and action by the meeting (cont'd) 4.5. Species and Habitats Action Plans (WG.387/8) 4.6. Identification and Conservation of sites of particular ecological interest in the Mediterranean (WG.387/9) 4.7. Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (WG.387/10) 4.8. Draft Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management (WG.387/11) 4.9. Offshore Protocol Action Plan (WG.387/12) 4.10. Establishment of a Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL (WG.387/13) 4.11 Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (WG.387/14)
Wednesday 11 September 2013	
09.00 – 13.00	Agenda item 4: Specific Matters for consideration and action by the meeting (cont'd) 4.14 Governance reforms (WG.387/17 and WG.387/18) 4.17 Programme of Work and Budget for 2014-2015 and the new Integrated Mid Term Strategy for the period 2016-2021 (WG.387/21) 4.12 Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) Revision (WG.387/15)

	Coffee Break at 11:30-11:45
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 17:30	Agenda item 4: Specific Matters for consideration and action by the meeting (cont'd) 4.4. Ecosystems Approach (EcAp) (WG.387/7) 4.13 Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) Reform (WG.387/16) 4.15. Cooperation Agreements (WG.387/19) 4.16. Financial Regulations, rules and procedures (WG.387/20) Coffee Break at 15:30-15:45
17:30-18:00	Agenda item 5: Provisional Agenda of the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties
Thursday 12 September 2013	
15.00 – 18.00	Agenda item 6: Any other business Agenda item 7: Adoption of the report Agenda item 8: Closure of the meeting