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Athens, Greece, 19-21 May 2015

**Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters**

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### Introduction

1. The 2014-2015 biennium first Meeting of the MAP Focal Points 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 be held in Athens, Greece on 19-21 April 2015.
2. At their 18<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting (Istanbul, Turkey, 3-6 December 2013), through Decision IG.21/17 entitled “MAP Programme of Work and Budget for the 2014-2015 biennium”, the Contracting Parties asked the Secretariat to prepare a Mid-Term Strategy for the period 2016-2021 for consideration and approval by the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties, with the participation of MAP Components and in full consultation with the Bureau, the MAP Focal Points and MAP Partners. Decision IG.21/13 entitled “Governance” specifies that the Secretariat will prepare a strategic framework for the Mid-Term Strategy to be considered and endorsed by a first Meeting of the MAP Focal Points in the current biennium.
3. The main objective of this Meeting of the MAP Focal Points is, therefore, to review the draft strategic framework of the Mid-Term Strategy 2016-2021, which was prepared by the UNEP/MAP Secretariat and MAP Components based on a wide consultation process, and provide guidance and recommendations for its transmission to the second Meeting of the MAP Focal Points of the 2014-2015 biennium in October 2015. As part of this discussion, the Secretariat will also provide information on the status of preparation of other mandated strategic processes of relevance to the preparation of the Mid-Term Strategy.
4. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for all sessions. All documentation will be in English and French. As per practice, pre-session documentation will not be distributed on paper. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.
5. Sessions are scheduled every day from 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30.
6. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

### **Agenda item 1:           Opening of the meeting**

7. The meeting will be opened at 09.30 on 19 May 2015 by the Coordinator of UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention Secretariat.

### **Agenda item 2:           Organizational Matters**

#### *a) Rules of Procedure for Meeting of the MAP Focal Points*

8. 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*

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

*c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda*

10. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.415/1/Rev.1 and annotated in the present document will be proposed for adoption by the meeting. The meeting will review and adopt the agenda and the proposed timetable contained in the Annex to the present document.

*d) Organization of Work*

11. It is expected that the MAP Focal Points will address all items of the Agenda during its three-day meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 17:30 on 21 May 2015 after adopting its draft report, including conclusions and recommendations.

**Agenda item 3: UNEP/MAP Mid-Term Strategy 2016-2021: Draft Strategic Framework**

12. The Coordinator will introduce the document “UNEP/MAP Mid-Term Strategy 2016-2021: Draft Strategic Framework” (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.415/3).
13. The UNEP/MAP Secretariat and representatives of UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centers will provide information on the status of progress of the following MAP initiatives: Offshore Protocol Action Plan, Sustainable Consumption and Production Regional Action Plan, Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework, and review of Mediterranean Strategy on Sustainable Development (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.415/Inf.3, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.415/Inf.4, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.415/Inf.5 and UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.415/Inf.6 ).
14. MAP Focal Points are expected to comment on the draft strategic framework of UNEP/MAP Mid-Term Strategy 2016-2021 and provide guidance and recommendations for its transmission to the second Meeting of the MAP Focal Points of the 2014-2015 biennium in October 2015.

**Agenda item 4: 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the MAP and Barcelona Convention**

15. The Coordinator of MAP will launch the inauguration of the 40th Anniversary of the MAP and Barcelona Convention and present the communications plan.

**Agenda item 5: Compliance Issues**

16. As per the conclusions of the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee (Split, Croatia, 27-28 November 2014) and of the 79<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau (Antalya, Turkey, 3-4 February 2015), the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee will address the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points and provide information on compliance issues. A presentation of the Barcelona Convention online reporting system (BCRS), including guidance on how to fill and submit the reports on line will also be scheduled.

**Agenda Item 6: Any Other Matters**

17. The meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other matters that may require attention.

**Agenda Item 7: Date and Venue of the Second Meeting of the MAP Focal Points**

18. The second Meeting of the MAP Focal points is scheduled to take place in Athens, Greece, in October 2015.

**Agenda Item 8: Adoption of the Report of the Meeting**

19. The meeting will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report submitted by the Secretariat.

**Agenda Item 9: Closure of the Meeting**

20. It is expected that the meeting will be closed by the Chairperson at 17:30 on Thursday, 21 May 2015.

**TIMETABLE**

<b>Tuesday, 19 May 2015</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Documents</b>
09:30 – 09:45	1. Opening of the Meeting	
09:45 – 10:15	2. Organizational Matters: a) Rules of Procedure b) Election of Officers c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda d) Organization of Work	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.415/1/Rev.1 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.415/2
10:15 – 12:30	3. UNEP/MAP Mid-Term Strategy 2016-2021: Draft Strategic Framework	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.415/3 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.415/Inf.3 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.415/Inf.4 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.415/Inf.5 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.415/Inf.6
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:30 – 16:30	3. UNEP/MAP Mid-Term Strategy 2016-2021: Draft Strategic Framework (cont'd)	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.415/3
16:30 – 17:30	4. 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the MAP and Barcelona Convention	
	<i>Cocktail reception (tbc)</i>	
<b>Wednesday, 20 May 2015</b>		
09:30 – 12:30	3. UNEP/MAP Mid-Term Strategy 2016-2021: Draft Strategic Framework (cont'd)	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.415/3
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 15:30	3. UNEP/MAP Mid-Term Strategy 2016-2021: Draft Strategic Framework (cont'd)	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.415/3
15:30 – 17:30	5. Compliance Issues	
<b>Thursday, 21 May 2015</b>		
<i>The Secretariat will prepare the report of the meeting and there will not be formal sessions in the morning.</i>		
14:30 – 15:00	6. Any other matters	
15:00 – 15:15	7. Date and Venue of the Second Meeting of the MAP Focal Points	
15:15 – 17:15	8. Adoption of the Report of the Meeting	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.415/4
17:15 – 17:30	9. Closure of the Meeting	