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to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-  
Based Sources and Activities (LBS).

Cartagena, Colombia, 10 December 2014

## **DECISIONS OF THE MEETING**



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### The Contracting Parties:

**Having convened the** Second Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-based Sources and Activities (LBS COP) in the Wider Caribbean Region, Cartagena, Colombia 10 December 2014;

**Taking note of** the Status of Implementation of the Workplan and Budget for the AMEP sub-programme for the period 2013-2014 as contained in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.35/3/Rev.2;

**Taking note** of the Report on the Activities of the Regional Activity Centers for LBS (LBS RACs) in Cuba and Trinidad and Tobago for the period 2013-2014 (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.35/INF.4/Rev.1);

**Taking further note** of the opportunities provided through participation of countries in projects such as the GEF CReW, GEF IWeco and GEF CLME+ to assist them in meeting their obligations under the LBS Protocol;

**Taking note** of the progress of the international community on raising awareness about ocean acidification;

**Having reviewed** the Report of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.35/INF.5/Rev. 1) including the outline for the State of the Convention Area Report (SOCAR);

**Having also reviewed** the Recommendations of the Second Meeting of the Scientific, Technical and Advisory Committee to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-based Sources and Activities (LBS STAC) in the Wider Caribbean Region contained in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.35/4/Rev.1;

**Having further reviewed** the draft Workplan and Budget for the activities of the AMEP sub-programme for the biennium 2015-2016, as shown in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.35/3 Rev.2; and

**Noting** the progress made by non-Contracting Parties to develop and implement pollution prevention programmes, projects and activities, as well as to ratify the LBS Protocol.

### Decide to:

1. **Endorse** the recommendations of the LBS STAC 2.
2. **Endorse** for final approval by the Sixteenth Intergovernmental Meeting and Twelfth Meeting of the Contracting Parties, the revised Work plan and Budget for the AMEP sub-programme for the 2015-2016 Biennium, with modifications and priorities introduced by the Meeting, and **note** that the AMEP sub-programme of work should give priority to Contracting Parties to the LBS Protocol, taking into consideration regional pollution prevention needs, as well as donor partnerships that may, on occasion, necessitate the participation of non-Parties.
3. **Urge** the governments of the region, which have not yet done so, to become Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols, including the LBS Protocol.
4. **Extend** the mandate of the Monitoring and Assessment Working Group (WG) to serve as a technical advisory body to the Secretariat throughout the development of the State of Convention Area Report (SOCAR).

5. **Consider** the amended list of marine water quality parameters in the SOCAR outline and **instruct** the WG to further refine acceptable ranges for the defined parameters and the methodologies for monitoring and assessment.
6. **Request** Contracting Parties to provide information to the WG on the particular indicators and methodologies used in their respective countries, to develop guidelines for the classification of coastal water bodies into Class I and Class II waters and their monitoring
7. **Request** the Secretariat to assist Parties in building their capacity to monitor and assess marine water quality, in particular with regards to technical and laboratory capacity and to work towards harmonization of laboratory methodologies and standards.
8. **Request** the Secretariat to develop an outreach strategy as well as an information management and dissemination plan for the SOCAR that will ensure its usefulness as a tool for making informed technical and financial decisions with regards to appropriate interventions that reduce land-based sources of pollution.
9. **Request** the Secretariat to identify other regional and global marine assessments and platforms such as CLME+, the Meso-American Partnership, World Bank GPO, Red Mesoamericana de Calidad del Agua (REMECA) and UNEP Live and how they could support the further development of the SOCAR as well as including information about these initiatives in the first SOCAR.
10. **Request** the WG to present a report on progress achieved to the third LBS STAC and COP meetings and **request** that the Secretariat, together with LBS RACs, coordinate and support the work of the WG.
11. **Recommend** to the 16<sup>th</sup> IGM that they endorse the continued work by the WG, to further develop the State of Convention Area Report (SOCAR), including using information provided by countries in their reporting on the implementation of the Cartagena Convention.
12. **Request** governments of the Region and others interested in the development of the SOCAR, as well as chairing the group, to inform the Secretariat by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
13. **Request** the Secretariat to continue close collaboration with the UNEP GPA and other UNEP offices on the further development and implementation of global and regional Partnerships relating to nutrients, wastewater, solid waste and marine litter as well as the further implementation of NPAs and the Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (RAPMaLi).
14. **Encourage** the Secretariat to consider including activities related to awareness raising and capacity building for ocean acidification monitoring in future workplans, noting the recommendations and actions arising from the workshop on ocean acidification that took place as a parallel event to the September 2014 Small Island Developing States Conference in Samoa.
15. **Recommend to the 16<sup>th</sup> IGM** that they endorse the participation of the Secretariat in the GEF CLME+ project in particular on aspects relating to a more integrated approach to LBS and SPAW activities, including a possible joint LBS/SPAW STAC Meeting, and the development of the SOCAR.
16. **Encourage** greater collaboration between the SPAW, LBS and Oil Spills RACS in execution of activities that support their respective work plans and priorities.
17. **Encourage** active participation of Contracting Parties and other countries within the WCR in AMEP projects so as to better take advantage of the opportunities afforded for supporting their ratification and implementation of the LBS Protocol.
18. **Request** the Secretariat to continue efforts to mobilize funding for unfunded projects and activities within the 2015-2016 Work Plan.