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Regional Meeting of Experts to review the Draft Desalination and Dumping Protocol Guidelines

Greece, 4-6 April 2017

**Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting**

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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## **Provisional Annotated Agenda**

### **Introduction**

1. In accordance with the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2016-2017 adopted by COP 19, Athens, Greece, 9-12 February 2016, the Secretariat is organizing the Regional Meeting of Experts to review the Draft Desalination and Dumping Protocol Guidelines from 4 to 6 April 2017 in Greece.

2. The main objectives of the meeting are:

- a) to review the proposed draft updated Desalination Guidelines
- b) to review the proposed draft updated Guidelines under the Dumping Protocol of the Barcelona Convention related to Dredged Materials and Artificial Reefs.
- c) to undertake a discussion on the status of implementation of the Dumping Protocol by the Contracting Parties and issues at stake

### **Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting**

3. The meeting will be opened by UNEP/MAP Secretariat at 14:30 on 4 April 2017.

### **Agenda item 2. Adoption of the Agenda and Election of Officers** *UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.435/1, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.435/2*

4. The Meeting will elect one (1) President, three (3) Vice Presidents and one (1) Rapporteur from among the participants in accordance with Rules and Procedures 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 (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

5. The Provisional Agenda annotated in the present document will be reviewed, amended as necessary, and adopted by the Meeting. Simultaneous translation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting.

### **Agenda item 3. Review of Proposed Updated Dumping Protocol Guidelines** *UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.435/4, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.435/5*

- a) Updated Guidelines on Dredged Materials
- b) Updated Guidelines on Artificial Reefs

6. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (MED POL) will present, with the technical support of a regional expert, the proposed updated guidelines related to the Dumping Protocol of the Barcelona Convention.

7. Following a general discussion, the meeting is expected to review section by section the proposed updated guidelines and provide concrete guidance to the Secretariat with the view to their finalization and submission to the MED POL Focal Points meeting in May 2017.

### **Agenda item 4. Review of Proposed Updated Desalination Guidelines** *UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.435/3*

8. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (MED POL) will present, with the technical support of a regional expert, the proposed updated guidelines related to Desalination Activities in the Mediterranean under the Land based Sources and Activities Protocol of the Barcelona Convention.

9. Following a general discussion, the meeting is expected to review section by section the proposed updated guidelines and provide concrete guidance to the Secretariat with the view to their finalization and submission to the MED POL Focal Points meeting in May 2017.

**Agenda item 5. Updated Assessments of Dumping and Desalination Activities in the Mediterranean**

*UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.435/Inf.3, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.435/Inf.4, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.435/Inf.5, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.435/Inf.6,*

10. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present the main findings of the draft assessment reports and questionnaires prepared through research and with inputs from the MED POL Focal Points as well as from the information provided by the Contracting Parties in their available reports on the implementation of the Barcelona Convention, Dumping and LBS Protocols since 2005.

11. The Secretariat will also refer at the meeting an issue paper prepared as information document on the management of dredged materials in the Mediterranean highlighting a number of issues that can further enhance the environmental performance of this sector.

12. The meeting is expected to provide feedback and inputs on the follow up of these discussions with the view to have both assessment reports completed by the MED POL and MAP Focal Points meetings as well as on the need to undertake a policy discussion at the MED POL Focal Points meeting on new possible approaches to address dumping of dredged materials in the Mediterranean.

**Agenda item 6. Conclusions and Recommendations**

13. Under this Agenda item, the meeting will review, amend and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the meeting discussions as prepared by the Rapporteur.

**Agenda item 7. Any Other Business**

14. Under this Agenda item, the participants and the Secretariat will be able to raise any other business related to the subject of the Meeting agreed during the adoption of the agenda.

**Agenda item 8. Closure of the meeting**

15. The President will close the Meeting at 13:30 hours on 6 April 2017.

**TIMETABLE**

**4-6 April 2017**

<b>Tuesday 4 April 2017</b>		<b>Relevant documents</b>
14:00 – 14:30	<i>Registration</i>	
14:30 – 14:40	Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting	
	Agenda item 2. Adoption of the agenda and election of officers	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.435/1 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.435/2
14:40 – 17:30	Agenda item 3. Review of Proposed updated Dumping Protocol Guidelines (Dredged Materials)	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.435/4
<b>Wednesday 5 April 2017</b>		<b>Relevant documents</b>
09:30 – 13:00	Agenda item 3. Cont.: Review of Proposed updated Dumping Protocol Guidelines (Artificial Reefs)	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.435/5
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 17:30	Agenda item 4. Review of Proposed updated Desalination Guidelines	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.435/3
<b>Thursday 6 April 2017</b>		<b>Relevant documents</b>
09:30 – 11:00	Agenda item 5.: Updated Assessments of Dumping and Desalination Activities in the Mediterranean;	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.435/Inf.3 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.435/Inf.4 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.435/Inf.5 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.435/Inf.6 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.435/Inf.7
11:00 – 13:00	Agenda item 6. Conclusions and Recommendations	
13:00 – 13:30	Agenda item 7. Any Other Business	
	Agenda item 8. Closure of the meeting	