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Athens, Greece, 19-20 June 2017

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. At the invitation of the Government of Greece and in consultation with the President and members of the Bureau, the 84th Meeting of the Bureau 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 19-20 June 2017.
2. Documentation will be provided 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.
3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda have been prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The meeting will be opened at 09:30 on 19 June 2017 by Ms. Christina Baritaki, President of the Bureau.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work

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| Working Documents | UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/1_Provisional Agenda UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/2_Provisional Annotated Agenda |
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5. The Rules of Procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply *mutatis mutandis* to this meeting.
6. The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat is contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/1 and annotated in the present document.
7. The meeting will review and adopt the Provisional Agenda.
8. It is expected that the Bureau will address all items of the Agenda during its two-day meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 18:00 on 20 June 2017 after adopting its conclusions and recommendations.
9. As per agreed practice and in line with Article VII of the Bureau Terms of Reference, the final edited report of the meeting will be very succinct and will be prepared by the Secretariat and distributed by electronic means to the Focal Points of the Contracting Parties no later than one month after the meeting.

Agenda item 3: Progress Report for the period September 2016 - May 2017

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| Working Documents | UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/3_Progress report by the Secretariat on the activities carried out for the period September 2016 – May 2017 UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/4_Progress report by the Secretariat on the implementation of COP 19 Decisions |
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10. Mr. Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, will present the document “Progress report by the Secretariat on the activities carried out for the period September 2016-May 2017” (UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/3). The document contains also a short section on “Issues at stake for a sound implementation of the 2016-2017 Programme of Work”.
11. The Secretariat will also present the updated “Progress report by the Secretariat on the implementation of COP 19 Decisions” (UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/4).

12. Bureau members are expected to comment on and take note of the progress achieved on the implementation of the activities carried out and advise the Secretariat in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Bureau.

Agenda item 4: Report by the Secretariat on Financial and Administrative Issues

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| Working Documents | UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/5_Report by the Secretariat on Financial and Administrative Issues |
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13. The Secretariat will present to the Bureau members for their comments and recommendations a financial update, as contained in the “Report by the Secretariat on financial and administrative issues” (UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/5) addressing the status of contributions, personnel, administrative matters and consultancy reporting.

Agenda item 5: Specific Issues

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| Working Documents | UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/6_Report by the Secretariat on specific issues |
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14. The Coordinator will present the “Report by the Secretariat on specific issues” (UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/6).

15. The Bureau will be invited to consider the following issues:

(a) Status of Ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

16. The Coordinator will present an update on issues regarding the status of ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols. The Bureau is expected to discuss how to further promote ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

(b) Development of Host Country Agreements for RACs

17. The Coordinator will present the status of each RAC Host Country Agreement and the progress achieved since the last Bureau meeting. The Bureau will be invited to discuss the challenges faced and provide guidance on the way forward.

(c) Shift to Thematic Focal Points

18. The Coordinator will present a paper on the shift on a trial basis of the PAP/RAC and SPA/RAC Focal Points to ICZM and SPA/BD Focal Points respectively, clarifying in particular the need for a slight revision of the respective ToRs. The Bureau will be expected to discuss and provide guidance on this issue.

(d) Reporting and Compliance

19. In relation to reporting and compliance and with reference to the operative paragraphs of Decision IG.22/15 on *Compliance Mechanisms and Procedures, Membership and Working Programme of the Compliance Committee for the Biennium 2016-2017*, and Decision IG.22/16 on *Reporting on the Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols; and Operational Section of the Reporting Format for the Protocol on the Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean*, the Secretariat will provide an update on the status of implementation of Decision IG.22/16.

(e) Assessment of MAP II

20. The Coordinator will update the Bureau on the progress of the implementation of the COP 19 conclusions on this matter, as per the conclusions of the 83rd Bureau Meeting (paragraph 43 of document UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.83/7). In particular, the Bureau will be informed of the outcome of the Meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group on the MAP II Assessment (Athens, Greece, 16-17 May 2017), in order to provide guidance for the way forward..

(f) Cooperation and Partners

21. The Secretariat will update the Bureau on the efforts to contribute to regional governance and cooperation and to enhance the visibility and impact of the UN Environment/MAP-Barcelona Convention system.

22. With reference to the operative paragraphs of Decision IG.22/18 on Cooperation and Partners, the Coordinator will update Bureau members on the evaluation of the application by “Plastics Europe AISBL” and by “Youth Love Egypt”, for accreditation as UN Environment/MAP Partners, for the Bureau’s review and endorsement.

(g) Outreach, Information and Communication

23. The Coordinator will present a brief update on the information and communication activities and plans for the biennium in this area.

24. The Bureau will be invited to provide its views and considerations on this matter and to advise on how to enhance the visibility and impact of UN Environment/MAP – Barcelona Convention.

(h) Preparations for Main MAP Meetings (MAP Focal Points, 17th MCSD, COP 20)

25. The Coordinator will present the progress in the preparations for the main MAP meetings (MAP Focal Points, 17th MCSD, COP 20). Bureau members are expected to discuss and provide further guidance on the main themes and focus of these meetings.

26. The Bureau member from Albania, host country of COP 20, will provide information on the organization of the event.

Agenda item 6: Preparation of the Draft Programme of Work and Budget 2018-2019

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| Working Documents | UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/6_Report by the Secretariat on specific issues |
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27. The Secretariat will present the progress and main elements regarding the preparation of the draft Programme of Work and Budget 2018-2019. The Bureau will be invited to provide its views and considerations on this matter.

Agenda item 7: Date and Venue of the 85th Meeting of the Bureau

28. The Bureau will be invited to decide on the date and the venue of its 85th Meeting.

29. The updated “Tentative calendar of UNEP/MAP meetings and major international events” is presented in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/Inf.3.

Agenda item 8: Any Other Matters

30. The Bureau will consider other issues which may be raised by its members.

Agenda item 9: Conclusions and Recommendations

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| Working Documents | UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/7_Report: Conclusions and Recommendations |
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31. The Secretariat will submit for adoption a set of conclusions and recommendations prepared in accordance with Article VII of the Terms of Reference of the Bureau.

Agenda item 10: Closure of the Meeting

32. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President of the Bureau at 18:00 on Tuesday, 20 June 2017.

TIMETABLE

| Monday, 19 June 2017 | | | |
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| Time | Agenda item | | Documents |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | 1. Opening of the Meeting 2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work | President of the Bureau | UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/1 UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/2 |
| 09:45 – 10:30 | 3. Progress Report for the Period March-August 2016 | Secretariat | UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/3 UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/4 UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/Inf.4 |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | 4. Report by the Secretariat on Financial and Administrative Issues | Secretariat | UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/5 |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | 5. Specific Issues | Secretariat | UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/6 |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | <i>Lunch Break</i> | | |
| 14:00 – 17:00 | 5. Specific Issues (cont'd) | Secretariat | UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/6 |
| Tuesday, 20 June 2017 | | | |
| 09:30 – 10:30 | 5. Specific Issues (cont'd) | Secretariat | UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/6 |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | 6. Preparation of the Draft Programme of Work and Budget 2018-2019 | Secretariat | UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/6 |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | 7. Date and Venue of the 85 th Meeting of the Bureau 8. Any other Matters | Secretariat | UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/Inf.3 |
| 12:30 – 15:00 | <i>Extended Lunch break (preparation of the draft list of conclusions and recommendations for adoption)</i> | | |
| 15:00 – 17:30 | 9. Conclusions and recommendations | Secretariat | UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.84/7 |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | 10. Closure of the Meeting | President of the Bureau | |