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85<sup>th</sup> 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

Athens, Greece, 18-19 April 2018

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

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### Introduction

1. In accordance with Article IV.2 of the Terms of Reference of the Bureau and in consultation with the President and members of the Bureau, the 85<sup>th</sup> 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 18-19 April 2018.
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 18 April 2018 by Ms. Klodiana Marika, President of the Bureau.

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

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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 meeting will review and adopt the Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the President of the Bureau, as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.85/1 and annotated in the present document.
7. 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 19 April 2018 after adopting its conclusions and recommendations.
8. As per 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 January - March 2018**

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<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.85/Inf.4

9. Mr. Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, will present the document "Progress Report by the Secretariat on the Activities Carried Out for the Period January-March 2018" (UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.85/3) and the updated "Progress report by the Secretariat on the implementation of COP 19 Decisions" (UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.85/4).
10. The "Reports of the 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the Executive Coordination Panel" are presented in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.85/Inf.4, for the information of the Bureau.
11. 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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12. 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.85/5) addressing the status of contributions, personnel, administrative matters and consultancy reporting.

**Agenda item 5: Specific Issues**

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13. The Coordinator will present the “Report by the Secretariat on Specific Issues” (UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.85/6).

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

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

15. 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 ways to further promote ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

**(b) Development of Host Country Agreements for RACs**

16. The Coordinator will present the status of the Host Country Agreement of each RAC, the progress achieved since the last Bureau meeting and the challenges faced in relation to the implementation of the common template.

17. The Bureau will be invited to discuss the issue and provide guidance on the way forward to address a list of common reference provisions to be applied, in accordance with Decision IG.23/3 on *Governance*: “Urge the coordinating unit, in consultation with the Contracting Parties hosting Regional Activity Centres, to find and propose, under the guidance of the Bureau, ways and means to address a list of common reference provisions to be applied, taking into account the specificities of each Centre, with a view to have a discussion and a possible agreement by the Contracting Parties at their twenty-first meeting;”.

**(c) Meeting of Thematic Focal Points for Specially Protected Areas/Biodiversity**

18. The Coordinator will present the timeline and process of preparing a meeting of the thematic focal points for Specially Protected Areas/Biological Diversity for the biennium 2018–2019, in accordance with Decision IG.23/3 on *Governance*. The Bureau will be expected to discuss and provide guidance on this issue.

**(d) Compliance Committee**

19. The Secretariat will provide an update on the status of implementation of Decision IG.23/1 on *Revised Reporting Format for the Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols*, and of Decision IG.23/2 on *Compliance Committee: biennium 2016-2017*. The Bureau will be expected to discuss the progress made and provide its guidance.

**(e) Cooperation and Partners**

20. The Secretariat will update the Bureau on the efforts to contribute to regional governance and cooperation and to create and strengthen partnerships, in order to enhance the impact of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system.

21. With reference to Decision IG.19/6 on *MAP/Civil society cooperation and partnership*, the Coordinator will update Bureau members on the evaluation of the application by “OceanCare”, for accreditation as MAP Partner, for the Bureau’s review and endorsement.

**(f) Process for the Preparation of the State of the Environment and Development Report**

22. The Secretariat will update the Bureau on the process and timeline for the preparation of the 2019 State of the Environment and Development Report (SoED). Reference will be also made to the links with the preparation of the MED 2050 foresight study. The Bureau may want to provide its views on the way forward for both processes.

**(g) Evaluation of MAP Regional Strategies and Action Plans**

23. The Coordinator will introduce this agenda item, which will enable the Bureau to discuss the process and timeline for the evaluation of MAP Regional Strategies and Action Plans, as mandated by the Contracting Parties. Such evaluations include the mid-term review of the status of implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) 2016-2025, the midterm evaluation of the Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in the Mediterranean, the independent evaluation of the implementation of the Mid-Term Strategy and the mid-term evaluation of the implementation of National Action Plans.

24. During the discussion, special emphasis will be made on the timeline of the mid-term evaluations of the MSSD 2016-2025, of the Regional Action Plan on SCP and of the NAPs, where the text of the relevant COP Decisions requires further clarification.

25. The Bureau will be invited to provide its views and guidance on the way forward.

**(h) Outreach, Information and Communication**

26. The Coordinator will present a brief update on the information and communication activities and plans for the biennium in this area. Special reference will be made on the process for the preparation of the updated Communication Strategy of UNEP/MAP.

27. The Bureau will be invited to provide its views and considerations on this matter and to advise on how to enhance the outreach, visibility and impact of the MAP – Barcelona Convention system.

**(i) Preparations for COP 21**

28. The Coordinator will briefly introduce this agenda item, which will give the opportunity to the Bureau members to discuss and provide guidance for the preparations of COP 21 from an early stage.

29. The Bureau member from Italy, host country of COP 21, will provide preliminary information on the organization of the event.

**Agenda item 6: Calendar of Meetings and Events, including Date and Venue of the 86<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau**

**Information Document** UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.85/Inf.3

30. The Bureau will be invited to decide on the date and the venue of its 86<sup>th</sup> Meeting, which is proposed to take place on 6-7 November 2018 in Athens, Greece.

31. The updated “Tentative calendar of UNEP/MAP meetings and major international events” is presented in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.85/Inf.3.

**Agenda item 7: Any Other Matters**

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

**Agenda item 8: Conclusions and Recommendations**

**Working Document** UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.85/7

33. 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 9: Closure of the Meeting**

34. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President of the Bureau at 18:00 on Thursday, 19 April 2018.

**TIMETABLE**

<b>Wednesday, 18 April 2018</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>		<b>Documents</b>
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.85/1 UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.85/2
09:45 – 10:30	3. Progress Report for January - March 2018	Secretariat	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.85/3 UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.85/4 UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.85/Inf.4
10:30 – 11:15	4. Report by the Secretariat on Financial and Administrative Issues	Secretariat	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.85/5
11:15 – 12:30	5. Specific Issues	Secretariat	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.85/6
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
14:00 – 17:00	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Secretariat	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.85/6
<b>Thursday, 19 April 2018</b>			
09:30 – 11:30	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Secretariat	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.85/6
11:30 – 12:30	6. Calendar of Meetings and Events, including Date and Venue of the 86 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau 7. Any other Matters	Secretariat	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.85/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	8. Conclusions and recommendations	Secretariat	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.85/7
17:30 – 18:00	9. Closure of the Meeting	President of the Bureau	