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Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. The 20th Ordinary Meeting (COP20, Tirana, Albania, December 2017) of the Contracting Parties mandated the Secretariat (Decision IG.23/14) to develop in line with Article 15 of the LBS Protocol of the Barcelona Convention, the main elements of six Pollution Reduction Regional Plans (herein after referred to as the Regional Plans) as indicated below:

- Municipal Wastewater Treatment;
- Sewage Sludge Management;
- Agriculture Nutrients Management;
- Aquaculture Nutrients Management;
- Urban Storm Water Management; and
- Marine Litter

2. The proposed main elements of the six regional Plans will be submitted to the MED POL Focal Points at their Meeting in 2019 for their review and guidance on the next steps on their finalization for further consideration, as appropriate, by the MAP Focal Points Meeting and COP 21, December 2019, Naples, Italy.

3. The objective of the present Regional Expert Meeting is to review the Secretariat's proposal on the main elements of the Regional Plans; the approach for their identification; including proposed timeline and provide guidance for their finalization and next steps.

4. 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

1. The Meeting will be opened at 09:30 on 20 November 2018 by the Deputy Coordinator and Officer in Charge of UN Environment/MAP – Barcelona Convention Secretariat.

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

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a) Rules of Procedure for the Meeting on the Six Pollution Reduction Regional Plans

2. 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

3. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meeting will elect a President, three Vice Presidents and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties.

c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

4. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.454/1/Rev.1 and annotated in the present document will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the Meeting including the timetable contained in the Annex to the present document.

d) Organization of Work

5. The discussions are proposed to be held in plenary sessions.

6. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting. 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. Sessions are scheduled every day from 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30.

7. It is expected that the Meeting will address all items of the Agenda during the two-day meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 17:30 on 21 November 2018 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda item 3: Development of Regional Plans under Article 15 of the Land-Based Sources Protocol of the Barcelona Convention

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8. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will provide a comprehensive overview of the process and approach envisaged to deliver the mandate set forth in the MAP Programme of Work 2018-2019 (Decision IG.23/14) adopted by the Contracting Parties in their 20th Ordinary Meeting (COP 20, Tirana, Albania, December 2017) regarding the main elements of the six Regional Plans (PoW Activity 2.2.2.1).

9. The participants are expected to discuss the work undertaken and approach proposed, and to provide guidance as appropriate based on their national experiences, national and regional priorities on a number of cross-cutting issues related to the development of the main common elements of the 6 new/updated Regional Plans.

Agenda item 4: Main Elements of the Six Pollution Reduction Regional Plans

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10. The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.454/3 that describes the proposed outline of the main common elements of the six Regional Plans and possible elements of each Regional Plan taking into account the specific features of each six categories.

11. The participants are expected to review in depth the Secretariat's proposal, recommend changes as appropriate and provide guidance on the next steps.

Agenda item 5: Any Other Business

12. Under this Agenda item, the meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other matters that may require attention, as agreed during the adoption of the agenda.

Agenda item 6: Conclusions and Recommendations

13. The Meeting will be invited to review and adopt the draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the discussions as prepared by the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 7: Closure of the Meeting

14. The President is expected to close the Meeting at 17:30 on Wednesday, 21 November 2018.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Tuesday, 20 November 2018		
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
09:45 – 10:00	Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.454/1/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.454/2
10:00 – 12:30	Agenda item 3: Development of Regional Plans under Article 15 of the Land-Based Sources Protocol of the Barcelona Convention	UNEP/MED WG.454/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.454/Inf.4
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 17:30	Agenda item 4: Main Elements of the Six Pollution Reduction Regional Plans	UNEP/MED WG.454/3 UNEP/MED WG.454/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.454/Inf.4
Wednesday, 21 November 2018		
09:30 – 12:30	Agenda item 4 (<i>continued</i>): Main Elements of the Six Pollution Reduction Regional Plans	UNEP/MED WG.454/3 UNEP/MED WG.454/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.454/Inf.4
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 15:30	Agenda item 4 (<i>continued</i>): Main Elements of the Six Pollution Reduction Regional Plans	UNEP/MED WG.454/3 UNEP/MED WG.454/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.454/Inf.4
15:30 – 16:00	Agenda item 5: Any other business	
16:00 – 17:15	Agenda item 6: Conclusions and Recommendations	
17:15 – 17:30	Agenda item 7: Closure of the Meeting	