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Progress Report by the Secretariat on the Implementation of COP 20 Decisions

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## PROGRESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COP 20 DECISIONS

COP 20	OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH	Status		20	18			201	19	
DECISION			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Decision IG.23/1 Revised reporting format for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols	Adopt the revised reporting format for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols as set out in Annex I to the present decision;	GREEN								
	<i>Urge</i> Contracting Parties to use the revised reporting format when submitting their national implementation reports, starting with those for the biennium 2016–2017, to be submitted by December 2018;	YELLOW								
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to ensure that the revised reporting format is accessible on the online Barcelona Convention Reporting System, with a view to enabling Contracting Parties to submit their national implementation reports, starting with those for the biennium 2016–2017;	YELLOW								
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to submit to each meeting of the Contracting Parties, on the basis of an analysis of the information contained in the national reports, a report on the general advances made in the region, including at the legal and institutional levels, in implementing the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols along with proposals for further measures, as necessary.	ORANGE								
Decision IG.23/2	<i>Take note</i> of the Activity Report of the Compliance Committee for the biennium 2016-2017, as contained in Annex I to the present decision;	GREEN								
Compliance Committee: biennium	<i>Take note</i> of the agreement reached by the Compliance Committee on the Admissibility Criteria of Relevant Information Sources and Procedure under Paragraph 23.bis of the	GREEN								

2016–2017	Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, as contained in Annex I to the present decision;					
	<i>Adopt</i> the Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee for the biennium 2018-2019, as contained in Annex II to the present decision;	GREEN				
	<i>Elect and/or renew</i> , in accordance with the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance, the membership of the Compliance Committee, as set out in Annex III to the present decision;	GREEN				
	<b>Request</b> the Compliance Committee to report to the Contracting Parties at their twenty-first meeting on the work it has carried out to fulfil its functions in accordance with paragraph 31 of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.	ORANGE				
Decision IG.23/3 Governance	<b>Thank</b> the Secretariat and the Regional Activity Centre for Information and Communication for their work on the Mediterranean Action Plan Communication Strategy 2018–2023 as set out in Annex I to the present decision and acknowledge its elements as an initial approach towards the Communication Strategy;	GREEN				
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Regional Activity Centre for Information and Communication and other Mediterranean Action Plan components, as appropriate, to further work on the basis of those elements to develop an operational Communication Strategy, including clear and concrete objectives, target audiences, key messages, methodologies, gap analysis, relevant implementation activities, timelines and indicators, and to submit them to the Contracting Parties at their twenty-first meeting;	YELLOW				
	Also request the Secretariat and Mediterranean Action Plan components to enhance the engagement of Mediterranean Action Plan partners and other relevant stakeholders in the delivery of their mandates;	YELLOW				
	<i>Invite</i> the Secretariat to continue discussions on the Draft Joint Cooperation Strategy on Spatial-based Protection Management Measures for Marine Biodiversity with the Contracting Parties and relevant partners for submission of the conclusions of these discussions to COP 21 for its consideration;	YELLOW				
	<i>Endorse</i> the list of new Mediterranean Action Plan partners, set out in Annex II to the present decision;	GREEN				

a mee for the	est the Specially Protected Area Regional Activity Centre to prepare on a trial basis, eting of the thematic focal points for Specially Protected Areas/Biological Diversity e biennium 2018–2019, under the guidance of the Coordinating Unit, to achieve the est possible integration with the other themes of the Mid-Term Strategy;	YELLOW			
togeth	request the Coordinating Unit to present the results of the assessment of that trial, her with any other relevant analysis, to the Contracting Parties prior to their twenty-meeting;	ORANGE			
Activi to add specif	the Coordinating Unit, in consultation with the Contracting Parties hosting Regional ity Centres, to find and propose, under the guidance of the Bureau, ways and means dress a list of common reference provisions to be applied, taking into account the ficities of each Centre, with a view to have a discussion and a possible agreement by ontracting Parties at their twenty-first meeting;	YELLOW			
and th (Medi marine contrii text of Plenip	rate the importance of the Action Plan for the Protection of the Marine Environment ne Sustainable Development of the Coastal Areas of the Mediterranean iterranean Action Plan Phase II) document and its relevance for the protection of the ne environment and the coastal region of the Mediterranean, as well as its ibution to sustainable development; and decides to retain at this stage the original of the Mediterranean Action Plan Phase II as approved by the Conference of potentiaries on the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against tion and its Protocols (Barcelona, 9-10 June 1995);	GREEN			
Secret related Nation Divers	the United Nations Environment Programme / Mediterranean Action Plan tariat to continue its involvement and contribution to the global debate on issues of to its mandate including Sustainable Development Goal 14, Biodiversity Beyond anal Jurisdiction, follow-up to the Paris Agreement and Convention on Biological sity and to present to COP 21 any updates from global fora of relevance to the terranean Action Plan system and its future;	YELLOW			
Devel Contra Medit	irm the current composition of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable lopment for the biennium 2018–2019 as set out in decision IG.22/17, adopted by the racting Parties at their nineteenth meeting, and call upon the members of the terranean Commission on Sustainable Development, the Secretariat of the terranean Action Plan and the Mediterranean Action Plan partners to mobilize	YELLOW			

	expressions of interest in membership of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development for the biennium 2020–2021.					
Decision IG.23/4  Implementation and monitoring of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016–2025 and of the Regional	Welcome the work and take note of the list of indicators of the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard for the monitoring of the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016–2025, set out in Annex I to the present decision, as a basis for further work, and invites the Steering Committee of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development to coordinate the work on ensuring full consistency and synergy with the ongoing work on Sustainable Development Goal indicators at the global level, within the context of the leading role of the Barcelona Convention system of the Mediterranean Action Plan in facilitating the coordinated implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the relevant Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goal 14, in the Mediterranean region and in ensuring the transition towards the green and blue economy;	YELLOW				
Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat and Plan Bleu Regional Activity Centre to use existing sources of information and reliable data to populate the selected indicators, giving priority to those addressing coast-related and sea-related issues;	YELLOW				
in the Mediterranean	Encourage the Contracting Parties to strengthen efforts to build sustainable partnerships with relevant stakeholders (such as international governmental organizations, donor agencies, non-governmental organizations, industry, business organizations and academic institutions) for the development or refining of statistical databases for populating Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Consumption and Production indicators;	YELLOW				
	Encourage the Contracting Parties to participate in future editions of the Simplified Peer Review Mechanism, taking into account the lessons learned from the 2016–2017 exercise and with a view to enhancing the interlinkage with the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals and the Voluntary National Reviews presented at the High-level Political Forum;	YELLOW				
	<b>Encourage</b> the Contracting Parties and partners to strengthen their efforts and leadership for the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016–2025 and its flagship initiatives;	YELLOW				
	<i>Welcome</i> the MED 2050 road map, and endorse its phase I as set out in Annex II to the present decision, and request the Secretariat and the Plan Bleu Regional Activity Centre to undertake a participatory process for the elaboration of a foresight study on the	YELLOW				

	environment and development in the Mediterranean region with the horizon 2050 and to present comprehensive information on the outcome and progress of phase I at the COP 21 to allow the Contracting Parties to provide further guidance for phase II;					
	Welcome the work and take note of the list of indicators for the monitoring of the implementation of the Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean, set out in Annex III to the present decision, and request its further elaboration in synergy with the work undertaken for the relevant Sustainable Development Goals and Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development indicators.	YELLOW				
Decision IG.23/5	Adopt the updated Resource Mobilization Strategy, contained in Annex I to this Decision;	GREEN				
Updated Resource Mobilization Strategy	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to further refine for consideration at COP 21 the Appendix to the Annex, to take account of the resources requirement for each strategic outcome, and the relevance of potential donors to each of these outcomes;	YELLOW				
Strategy	<i>Urge</i> Contracting Parties to support the implementation of the updated Resource Mobilization Strategy, in order to ensure adequate financial resources for the implementation of the UNEP/MAP Mid-Term Strategy 2016-2021 and associated Programme of Work;	YELLOW				
	<i>Invite</i> donor and partner organizations to take into account as appropriate the priorities set out in the Mid-Term Strategy and updated Resource Mobilization Strategy in their programming.	YELLOW				
Decision IG.23/6 2017 Mediterranean	<i>Endorse</i> the Key findings of the 2017 Mediterranean Quality Status Report and welcome the Recommendations for the Further Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap, as set out in Annex I to the present decision;	GREEN				
Mediterranean Quality Status Report	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat and the EcAp Coordination Group to consider the recommendations included in Annex I to the present Decision and the way to follow them up;	YELLOW				
	<b>Request</b> the Contracting Parties to continue their work towards finalizing their updated national monitoring and assessment programmes in line with the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria as soon as possible;	YELLOW				

Urge the Contracting Parties, with the support of the Secretariat and taking into consideration the need to fill existing data gaps as highlighted in the 2017 Mediterrane Quality Status Report, to regularly report quality-assured data deriving from the implementation of the updated integrated national monitoring and assessment programmes, as doing so will support the development of future regional assessment products, as well as the design, implementation and monitoring of coherent and consist national and regional measures based on a sound science-policy interface and aimed at achieving Good Environmental Status;	<b>YELLOW</b> tent				
Request the Secretariat to make all possible efforts to overcome the knowledge gaps the are recognized in the 2017 Mediterranean Quality Status Report, contributing to the success of the initial phase of Integrated Monitoring Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria implementation (for the period 2016–2019) and enhancing the capacity of Contracting Parties to deliver the second Mediterranean Quality Status Report in 2023 to demonstrate the progress made towards Good Environmental Status and its related targets;	YELLOW				
Request the Secretariat to prepare in cooperation with the Contracting Parties through Ecosystem Approach governance structure, in the first year of the biennium 2018-2019 roadmap accompanied with a Needs Assessment on how to improve data collection to address knowledge gaps and strengthen the capacities of the system. To this aim, prior activities needed to successfully deliver the 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report shall be identified for inclusion in the Programme of Work;	o, a Green				
<i>Urge</i> the Mediterranean Action Plan system and the Contracting Parties in the context the work of the EcAp governance structure to undertake priority activities needed to ensure successful delivery of the 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report;	of <i>GREEN</i>				
Request the Secretariat to develop synergies between the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria and related common indicators, and the ongoing work by the United Nations a Regional Seas Programmes and Regional Fisheries Management Organizations on indicators monitoring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals and in particular Goal 14, and to share the Mediterranean experience at the global level;	nd YELLOW				
Take note of the proposed update of the pollution assessment criteria and thresholds as presented in Annex II to the present Decision and encourage the Contracting Parties and					

	the Secretariat to test them for indicative purposes in the different contexts that exist in the Mediterranean.					
Decision IG.23/7  Implementation of the Integrated	<i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties that have not yet done so to ratify the Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean as early as possible with a view to ensuring its entry into force for the entire Mediterranean region;	YELLOW				
Coastal Zone Management Protocol: Annotated Structure of the Common	<b>Decide</b> to establish an Open-ended Working Group of Experts with the mandate to finalize the Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management, based on the Annotated Structure to integrate and complement it, if needed, in accordance with the timetable set out in Annex I to the present decision, for submission to the Contracting Parties at their twenty-first meeting;	YELLOW				
Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Conceptual	Take note of the Conceptual Framework for Marine Spatial Planning contained in Annex II to the present decision, as a guiding document to facilitate the introduction of this management tool into the implementation of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management through the relevant regional framework and within the system of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;	GREEN				
Framework for Marine Spatial Planning	Urge the Contracting Parties to continue their work in developing or updating their National Integrated Coastal Zone Management Strategies;	YELLOW				
g	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to further strengthen cooperation and synergies with other Regional Seas conventions, by exchanging experiences on examples of good coordination practices and achievements on Marine Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management.	YELLOW				
Decision IG.23/8 Updated Action	Adopt the updated Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine and Coastal Bird Species listed in Annex II to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, as set out in Annex I to the present decision;	GREEN				
Plan for the Conservation of Marine and Coastal Bird	<b>Request</b> the Contracting Parties to take the necessary measures for the implementation of the updated Action Plan; and to report on its implementation in a timely manner, using the online Barcelona Convention reporting system;	YELLOW				
Species listed in annex II to the Protocol concerning	<i>Take note</i> of the updated Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean, as contained in Annex II to the present decision, so that it can be used, where necessary, as a first basis for identifying reference habitats to be monitored at the	GREEN				

Specially Protected Areas and Biological	national level under the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria;					
Diversity in the Mediterranean  Updated Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean	<b>Request</b> the Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre to finalize, in consultation with focal points, the classification of benthic marine habitat types for the Mediterranean region and the Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean, with a view to submitting them to the Contracting Parties at their twenty-first meeting.	GREEN				
Decision IG.23/9	<b>Decide</b> to include the Calanques National Park (France) in the list of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance;	GREEN				
Identification and Conservation of Sites of Particular Ecological Interest in the Mediterranean, including	Welcome the proposal by Spain and recognize the regional value of the Cetaceans Migration Corridor and the sound scientific basis provided for the inclusion of this area in the list, and encourage Spain to finalize the ongoing procedures at the national level to award to the area the status of marine protected area in line with the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean in order to formalize at the twenty-first Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention its final inclusion in the list of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance.	YELLOW				
Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean	Encourage the Contracting Parties to strengthen their efforts to expand the list of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance;	YELLOW				
Importance	Also encourage the Contracting Parties to undertake further efforts to improve the management of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance by strengthening collaboration through the promotion of tools such as twinning partnerships or other proven mechanisms for developing and managing Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance, thus contributing to a comprehensive coherent network of well-managed marine protected areas in the Mediterranean region;	YELLOW				
	Further encourage the Contracting Parties to ensure stakeholder involvement at the local and national levels with a view to facilitating a comprehensive and participatory process in developing and managing Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance;	YELLOW				

	Request Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre to continue supporting the use of the online evaluation system of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance for evaluating coastal national Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance and test the online evaluation system for transboundary high-sea Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance;	YELLOW				
	Also request Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre to work with the relevant authorities in France, Italy, Lebanon, Monaco, Spain and Tunisia to carry out the ordinary periodic review for the nineteen Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance listed below, in accordance with the procedure established in decision IG.17/12, adopted by the Contracting Parties at their fifteenth meeting (COP 15) (Almeria, Spain, 15-18 January 2008), and bring the outcome of that review process to the attention of the Contracting Parties at their twenty-first meeting.	YELLOW				
Decision IG.23/10	Adopt the amendments to Annex II to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean as set out in Annex I to the present decision;	GREEN				
Amendments to Annex II to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean	<b>Request</b> the Depositary to communicate without delay to all Contracting Parties the adopted amendments, pursuant to article 23 (2) (iii) of the Barcelona Convention.	GREEN				
Decision IG.23/11	Adopt the Mediterranean Guide on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Responding to Marine Pollution Incidents, contained in the Annex to the present decision and hereinafter referred to as the "Guide";	GREEN				
Mediterranean Guide on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in	<i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to take the necessary measures to incorporate the procedures defined in the Guide into their national, bilateral and multilateral systems of preparedness and response to marine pollution;	GREEN				
Responding to	<b>Recommend</b> to the Contracting Parties to regularly test those procedures during communication and full-scale exercises;	GREEN				

Marine Pollution Incidents	<b>Welcome</b> the constructive dialogue established with relevant stakeholders to optimize synergies and coordination on response and assistance in case of major accidental pollution in the Mediterranean;	GREEN				
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to explore financial resources, including support from Contracting Parties, to prepare a printed publication of the Guide to facilitate its use and to develop an electronic version of the operational part of the Guide, which would facilitate requests for assistance.	GREEN				
Decision IG.23/12	Adopt the Updated Guidelines on Management of Dredged Materials, set out in the Annex to the present decision, which replace the 1999 Guidelines;	GREEN				
Updated Guidelines on Management of Dredged Materials	<b>Request</b> the Contracting Parties to make every effort to ensure their effective implementation, bearing in mind that when assessing the suitability of management options for dredged material, the dumping thereof should be considered, only if no alternative management options are feasible;	YELLOW				
Transcrius .	<i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to report permits, quantities, location and impacts of dredged material dumped in the Mediterranean Sea area in a timely manner, using the online Barcelona Convention Reporting System;	YELLOW				
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to facilitate the work of the Contracting Parties for the implementation of the Updated Guidelines on Management of Dredged Materials by further strengthening cooperation and synergies in that area with the 1972 Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter and its Protocol, and the European Union Marine Strategy Framework Directive; and by sharing information with regional and global agreements and programmes on the progress and achievements of the Mediterranean Action Plan Barcelona Convention system in that area.	YELLOW				
Decision IG.23/13	Adopt the Updated Guidelines on the Management of Desalination Activities, set out in the Annex to the present decision, which replace the 2003 Guidelines;	GREEN				
Updated guidelines on the	<b>Request</b> the Contracting Parties to make every effort to ensure their effective implementation in the Mediterranean area;	YELLOW				
management of	Encourage the Contracting Parties to ensure that the utilization of alternative water sources and measures (such as water conservation, water treatment and re-use and	GREEN				

desalination activities	prevention of water waste due to faulty infrastructure, among others) is considered before the desalination option and that the use of desalination technologies that minimize energy use, utilize renewable energy, reduce greenhouse emissions, brine discharge and chemicals, and utilize green materials should be encouraged and directed to at the planning stages;					
	Also encourage the Contracting Parties to develop and adopt criteria and standards for intake and brine discharge, and ensure their enforcement by the national regulating authorities, bearing in mind that the cumulative effects of desalination in the Mediterranean region should be assessed using the ecosystem approach and modelling tools;	YELLOW				
	<i>Further</i> encourage the Contracting Parties to identify, promote and strengthen the synergies and mechanisms of cooperation with the desalination industry and other relevant stakeholders to ensure a sustainable and integrated desalination management in the Mediterranean region;	YELLOW				
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to facilitate the work of the Contracting Parties for the implementation of the Updated Guidelines on the Management of Desalination Activities, by seeking cooperation and reinforcing synergies in that area with Mediterranean Action Plan components and in collaboration with the European Union Horizon 2020 regional programme;	YELLOW				
	Also request the Secretariat to establish strategic partnerships with the desalination industry and other relevant stakeholders with the aim of facilitating access to data and knowledge exchange on best available techniques and best environmental practices for desalination activities in the Mediterranean region.	ORANGE				
Decision IG.23/14	<i>Approve</i> the Programme of Work and Budget for 2018–2019 as set out in the Annex to the present decision;	GREEN				
Programme of Work and Budget for 2018– 2019	Also approve the budget appropriations, as set out in table 1 "Overview of income and commitments" of the annex to the present decision, in the amount of 13,886,051 euros composed of the Mediterranean Trust Fund of 11,413,576 euros the European Union discretionary contribution of 1,192,968 euros and the host country contribution of 800,000 United States dollars, inclusive of the amount set aside to cover the deficit in the host Government contribution account and the savings of 545,107 euro from the Mediterranean Trust Fund from previous biennium;	GREEN				

Further approve the assessed 2018–2019 ordinary contributions from Contracting Parties shown in table 2 "Expected Ordinary Income" of the Annex to the present decision, which reflects the 2016–2018 scale of assessment adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its seventieth session on 23 December 2015 by resolution 70/245 and confirms the importance of keeping the scale used for ordinary contributions up to date;	GREEN
<b>Request</b> the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, in consultation with the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme, to extend the Mediterranean Trust Fund until 31 December 2019;	GREEN
Approve the staffing of the Coordinating Unit, including the Programme for the Assessment and Control of Marine Pollution in the Mediterranean for the biennium 2018–2019, as indicated in table 4a "Details of Salaries and Administrative Costs of the Secretariat" in the Annex to the present decision;	GREEN
<b>Welcome</b> the offer of Italy to provide support for a post of Information and Communications Officer in the Coordinating Unit during the biennium 2018–2019 from the Italian bilateral agreement which will allow the Contracting Parties to further consider the long-term need for that post;	GREEN
<i>Take note</i> of the staffing of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea for the biennium 2018–2019 as indicated in table 4c " <i>Details of salaries and administrative costs (REMPEC)</i> ", set out in the Annex to the present decision;	GREEN
Authorize the Coordinating Unit to charge the one-time cost of the move to the new premises during the biennium 2018–2019 to the savings achieved during the biennium 2016–2017, keeping the Bureau of the Barcelona Convention fully informed;	GREEN
<i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to pay their contributions to the Mediterranean Trust Fund in accordance with procedure 4.2 of the Financial Rules and Procedures to allow for the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Work;	YELLOW
<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to keep up-to-date information on the status of contributions of the Contracting Parties to the Mediterranean Trust Fund and to continue to post it in a publicly available place on the Mediterranean Action Plan website;	YELLOW

Urge the Contracting Parties to adhere to nomination deadlines of their meetings of the Mediterranean Action Plan system and to avoid late car travel in order to minimize the financial implications and losses arising in airfare and cancellation fees;	ncellation of their VELLOW
<i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to consider increasing their voluntary cont or in kind in support of the implementation of the Programme of Work	
Invite other partners, including industry, to contribute adequate human resources to meet the external funding requirements for priorities still u Programme of Work and Budget for 2018–2019 and to support the reso activities of the Secretariat;	nfunded under the
<b>Request</b> the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, to prepare for approval by the Contracting Parties at their twenty-first meeting two alt simplified and more strategic results-based Programme of Work and Bu 2021. These proposals should be in line with the relevant provisions of <i>Paper</i> " and Decision IG.19/5 of COP 16, in full alignment with the Mid and take into account the progress achieved during the implementation of Work for 2018–2019, explaining the key principles and assumptions based, draw attention to significant changes between 2018-2019 and the Programme of Work and prove a summary analysis and narrative explain budget tables showing the share of the core Mediterranean Trust Fund at theme of the Mid-Term Strategy, as well as of the external secured and funding.	ernatives for a andget for 2020— the "Governance d-term Strategy, of the Programme on which it is a 2020-2021 nations of the going to each
The alternatives should take into account the continued existence of a s Mediterranean Trust Fund which should be used to ensure that contribute The alternatives should: a. make an assessment of the required rate of g expenditure budget which should not exceed a 4% increase from the 20 biennium; b. maintain the core expenditure budget at the 2018-2019 lev terms.	tions remain level. rowth for the core 18-2019  YELLOW