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Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee, the 15th Meeting of the Compliance Committee of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols will be held in Athens, Greece, on 25-26 June 2019.
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, in agreement with the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee, Ms. Odeta Cato, to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The Chairperson of the Compliance Committee, Ms. Odeta Cato, will be invited to open the 15th Meeting of the Compliance Committee at 09:30 am on Tuesday, 25 June 2019.

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

Working Documents	UNEP/MED CC.15/1. Provisional Agenda UNEP/MED CC.15/2. Provisional Annotated Agenda UNEP/MED CC.15/3. Proposed Timetable UNEP/MED CC.15/4. Report of the 14 th Meeting of the Compliance Committee of the Barcelona and its Protocols (Athens, Greece, 27-29 June 2018 and Resumed Session on 30 October 2018)
Information Documents	UNEP/MED CC.15/Inf.1. Provisional List of Documents

5. In conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee, the Provisional Agenda for this session has been prepared in agreement with the Chairperson of the Committee, and include items arising from the role of the Compliance Committee as specified in Section IV of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance, and other related items.
6. The Compliance Committee is expected to **review** and **adopt** the Provisional Agenda (UNEP/MED CC.15/1) and the Provisional Annotated Agenda (UNEP/MED CC.15/2) for this session and **agree** upon the proposed timetable to conduct its work (UNEP/MED CC.15/3).
7. The Compliance Committee is expected to **formally adopt** the Report of the 14th Meeting of the Compliance Committee of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (Athens, Greece, 27-29 June 2018 and Resumed Session on 30 October 2018) (UNEP/MED CC.15/4). The Report is the result of intersessional consultation and agreement among Members and Alternate Members of the Compliance Committee following the 14th Meeting of the Compliance Committee.

Agenda item 3: National Implementation Reports for the Biennium 2014-2015: Status of Reporting, Key Findings, Draft Recommendations and Possible Tools to Improve the Assessment Methodology of National Implementation Reports for the Biennium 2016-2017

Working Documents	UNEP/MED CC.15/5. Status of Reporting, Key Findings and Draft Recommendations Corresponding to the National Implementation Reports for the Biennium 2014-2015 and Possible Tools to Improve
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Information Documents

the Assessment Methodology of National Implementation Reports for the Biennium 2016-2017

UNEP/MED CC.15/Inf.3. Updated Synthesis Analysis of the Information Provided in the National Implementation Reports Submitted by Contracting Parties for the Biennium 2014-2015

UNEP/MED CC.15/Inf.4. Updated General Status of Progress in the Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

8. Following the Guidelines agreed at the 14th Meeting of the Compliance Committee, the Committee went through the Updated Synthesis Analysis (UNEP/MED CC.15/Inf.3) and the Updated General Status of Progress (UNEP/MED CC.15/Inf.4) intersessionally.

9. The result of this collective exercise is presented in the form of status of reporting, key findings and draft recommendations corresponding to the national implementation reports for the biennium 2014-2015 and possible tools to improve the assessment methodology for national implementation reports for the biennium 2016-2017 (UNEP/MED CC.15/5).

10. The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED CC.15/5, thus setting the general framework for the Compliance Committee to present its work. The Compliance Committee is expected to **examine** the key findings and draft recommendations together with the possible methodological tools and, if appropriate, to agree to forward them to the 21st Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 21) for their consideration.

Agenda item 4: National Implementation Reports for the Biennium 2016-2017: Status of Reporting and Implementation

Working Documents

UNEP/MED CC.15/6. Status of Reporting and Implementation Corresponding to the National Implementation Reports for the Biennium 2016-2017

UNEP/MED CC.15/7. Draft Explanatory Note to the new Barcelona Convention Reporting System (BCRS)

11. The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED CC.15/6, showing for the national implementation reports corresponding to the biennium 2016-2017 the status of reporting and, in the form of a synthesis table per country and legal instrument, a summary of the status of implementation, including the difficulties reported by Contracting Parties.

12. The Compliance Committee is expected to **consider** the status of reporting and implementation for the national implementation reports for the biennium 2016-2017 and **formulate** recommendations to COP 21, where relevant and appropriate.

13. The Secretariat will introduce a draft Explanatory Note to the new BCRS (UNEP/MED CC.15/7) giving general guidance to Contracting Parties when reporting, so as to avoid ambiguity and any impression of non-reporting. The Compliance Committee is expected to **consider** the draft Explanatory Note and **advise** on next steps.

Agenda item 5: Draft Criteria for Identification of Actual or Potential Cases of Non-Compliance on the Basis of the National Implementation Reports Submitted under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention

Working Documents

UNEP/MED CC.15/8. Draft Criteria for the Preliminary Assessment of National Implementation Reports Submitted under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention to Identify Actual or Potential Cases of Non-Compliance

14. The 14th Meeting of the Compliance Committee considered the testing results of the Draft Guidelines for the Preliminary Assessment of Reports to Identify Actual or Potential Cases of Non-Compliance and built on lessons learned requested the Secretariat, in consultation with the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM), to put forward a set of draft criteria with its accompanying matrix, if applicable, for the identification of actual or potential cases of non-compliance.

15. The draft criteria are presented in document UNEP/MED CC.15/8, and the Secretariat will introduce them. The Compliance Committee is expected to **consider** the draft criteria and, if appropriate, **recommend** their adoption to COP 21.

Agenda item 6: Communication from Ecologistas en Acción de la Región Murciana (Spain)

Working Documents	UNEP/MED CC.15/9. Communication from Ecologistas en Acción de la Región Murciana (Spain) UNEP/MED CC.15/10. Findings and Draft Preliminary Decision on the Admissibility of the Communication from Ecologistas en Acción de la Región Murciana (Spain)
Information Documents	UNEP/MED CC.15/Inf.5. Documentation submitted by Ecologistas en Acción de la Región Murciana (Spain) in support to its communication.

16. The 14th Meeting of the Compliance Committee examined the communication from Ecologistas en Acción de la Región Murciana (EARM) (Spain) regarding the implementation by Spain of the Barcelona Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean. The meeting concluded that the Compliance Committee designated Rapporteur for this matter should ask EARM for additional information, to enable her, building on the information received so far, to present her findings and put forward a draft preliminary decision on admissibility for discussion at the 15th Meeting of the Compliance Committee.

17. The communication from EARM is presented in document UNEP/MED CC.15/9, together with the additional information provided by EARM in document UNEP/MED CC.15/Inf.5. The findings and draft preliminary decision on admissibility are presented in document UNEP/MED CC. 15/10, which will be introduced by the Rapporteur.

18. The Compliance Committee is expected to **consider** the findings and draft preliminary decision on admissibility and **determine** on the admissibility of the communication.

Agenda item 7: Functioning of the Compliance Committee: Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance and Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee

Working Documents	UNEP/MED CC.15/11. List of Issues for Legal Interpretation Concerning the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance and the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee
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19. Following the 14th Meeting of the Compliance Committee and the conclusions of the 86th Meeting of the Bureau (Teleconference, 11 July 2018) a number of issues for legal interpretation were raised as regards the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance and the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee for the consideration of the 15th Meeting of the Compliance Committee. The issues so raised and possible legal interpretation are presented in document UNEP/MED CC.15/11.

20. The Secretariat will present document UNEP/MED CC.15/11 and the Compliance Committee is expected to **examine** the list of issues and legal interpretation so provided and **advise** on further steps to take.

Agenda item 8: Draft 2020-2021 Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee

Working Documents UNEP/MED CC.15/12. Draft Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee for the biennium 2020-2021

21. In preparation for COP 21, the Draft 2020-2021 Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee is presented in document UNEP/MED CC.15/12. The Secretariat will introduce the draft Programme of Work and the Compliance Committee is expected to **revise** it, where appropriate, and **recommend** it for adoption to COP 21.

Agenda Item 9: Draft Decision to the 21st Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 21)

Working Documents UNEP/MED CC.15/13. Draft COP 21 Decision: Compliance Committee: biennium 2018-2019

22. In preparation for COP 21, a draft Decision on the Compliance Committee is presented in document UNEP/MED CC.15/13. The Compliance Committee is expected to **examine** it and **finalize** it for transmission to COP 21.

Agenda item 10: Awareness Raising and Outreach Activities to Promote the Role of the Compliance Committee

Working Documents UNEP/MED CC.15/14. Action Taken to Promote the Role of the Compliance Committee

23. Following-up on the conclusions of the 14th Meeting of the Compliance Committee, action was taken to promote the role of the Compliance Committee as agreed. This is described in document UNEP/MED CC.15/14, which includes a draft leaflet promoting the role and work of the Compliance Committee. The Secretariat will introduce the document and the Compliance Committee is expected to **consider** the action taken and **advise** on further steps to continue to promote the role of the Compliance Committee for the next biennium.

Agenda Item 11: Place, dates and duration of the 16th Meeting of the Compliance Committee

24. In line with the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance and its Rules of Procedure, the Compliance Committee is expected to **decide**, in consultation with the Secretariat, on the dates, venue and duration of the 16th Meeting of the Compliance Committee.

Agenda Item 12: Draft Conclusions and Recommendations

25. Under this Agenda item, the Compliance Committee will **review** and **approve** a set of draft conclusions and recommendations prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee.

26. The report of the meeting will be prepared at a later stage for approval by electronic means.

Agenda Item 13: Other Matters

27. The Compliance Committee will be invited to raise any other items of interest to the Compliance Committee under this point of the Agenda.

Agenda Item 14: Closing of the Meeting

28. The Meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee, Ms. Odeta Cato, at 17:00 on Wednesday, 26 June 2019.