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Agenda Item 5: National Implementation Reports under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention (Status of Reporting)

Status of Reporting of the National Implementation Reports

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Note by the Secretariat

Status of Reporting

1. According to Article 18 (2) of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (Barcelona Convention), it shall be the function of the meetings of the Contracting Parties to keep under review the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and, in particular to consider the reports submitted by the Contracting Parties under Article 26. Under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention, the Contracting Parties shall transmit to the Organization reports on: (a) the legal, administrative and other measures taken by them for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention, its Protocols and the recommendations adopted by their meetings, and (b) the effectiveness of the measures so taken, and problems encountered in the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

2. By submitting their national implementation reports, Contracting Parties not only meet their reporting obligations pursuant to Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention and relevant articles of its Protocols. They also provide to the meetings of the Contracting Parties an essential tool for keeping the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols under review.

3. In its Decision IG.23/1, the 20th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 20) (Tirana, Albania, 17-20 December 2017) requested 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.

4. In response to this request, the Secretariat has prepared this briefing on the General Status of the Progress in submitting the National Implementation Reports for the biennium 2018-2019 and the biennium2020-2021 as mentioned in the **Annex** of this present document.

5. The information contained in this document should be understood within the limitations that arise from the fact that not all Contracting Parties have submitted their national implementation reports for the 2018-2019, 2020-2021, and 2022-2023 biennia, the limited number of Contracting Parties that are parties to some Protocols, and additionally, the difference in the amount of information submitted by Contracting Parties in their national implementation reports.

6. The Contracting Parties through Decision IG.26/1 on "Compliance and Reporting" adopted at COP 23, (Portorož, Slovenia, 5-8 December 2023), "*Urged the Contracting Parties who have not yet submitted their national implementation reports for the biennium 2018-2019 (8 Contracting Parties) and the biennium 2020-2021 (11 Contracting Parties) to do so, as soon as possible by 2nd April 2024 at the latest*".

7. Following this, the Secretariat has communicated to the Contracting Parties, through a letter dated 30.1.2024, to submit their national implementation reports for the period 2022-2023 by December 2024, as per practice, and urged those Contracting Parties who have not yet done so to submit their national implementation reports for the previous reporting periods without further delay, as soon as possible by 2 April 2024. This is the case for Contracting Parties who have not yet submitted any of the 2018-2019 National Implementation Reports (7 Contracting Parties) and any of the 2020-2021 National Implementation Reports (6 Contracting Parties).

Preliminary observations on the submitted National Implementation Reports:

8. The results of the testing criteria carried out are presented in this document, from which the following preliminary observations can be drawn:

(a) the reporting rate for submission corresponding to the biennium 2020-2021 varies across the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, ranging from 55% (12 reporting Parties out of 22) for the BC Protocol to 88% (7 reporting Parties out of 8) for the Offshore Protocol;

(b) the reporting rate for completeness and timelines corresponding to the

biennium 2020-2021 across the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols is high, with rates per legal instrument ranging from 100% for the Hazardous Wastes Protocol to 62% for the SPA/BD Protocol (8 out of 13 reporting Parties);

(c) the reporting rate for implementation corresponding to the biennium 2020-2021 across the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols varies across the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, ranging from 50% (4 reporting Parties out of 8) for the Dumping Protocol to 100% for the Barcelona Convention and Hazardous Wastes Protocols (respectively 12 out 12 and 8 out 8 reporting Parties);

9. The Secretariat will also, bring to the attention of the Compliance Committee, and seek guidance and advice, on ways and means for effectively supporting the Contracting Parties in ensuring and maximizing compliance concerning the following important issues:

1. Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs) which do not have developed management plans
2. Data reporting on the implementation of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP) at the national level.

10. The Secretariat would like to propose to the Committee a general discussion on the legally binding instruments of the Conventions and its Protocols and the Decisions of the Compliance Committee Meetings

11. The Secretariat will provide the Compliance Committee during the Meeting with the relevant information mentioned above.

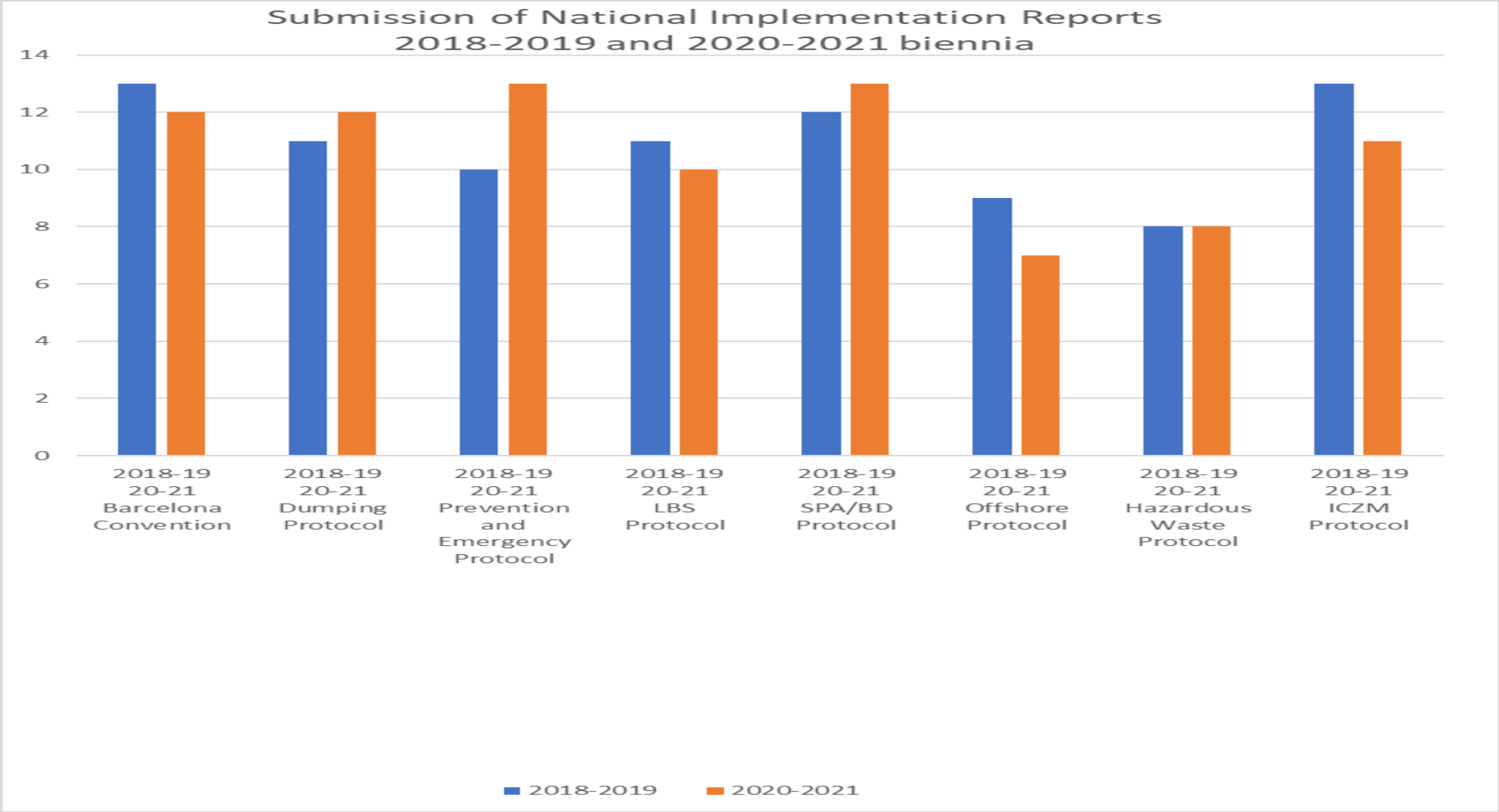
Annex

BCRS 2020-2021 Reporting Biennium

CP	Barcelona Convention	Dumping Protocol	Prevention and Emergency Protocol	LBS Protocol	SPA/BD Protocol	Offshore Protocol	Hazardous Waste Protocol	ICZM Protocol	Progress
Albania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Algeria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Bosnia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Croatia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Cyprus	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	60%
Egypt	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	30%
EU	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
France	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	20%
Greece	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	80%
Israel	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	60%
Italy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lebanon	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	10%
Libya	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Montenegro	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	20%
Morocco	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	80%
Slovenia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	80%
Spain	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Syria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Tunisia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Türkiye	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	80%
Malta	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	80%
Monaco	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Percentage base	30%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	

BCRS 2028-2019 Reporting Biennium

CP	Barcelona Convention	Dumping Protocol	Prevention and Emergency Protocol	LBS Protocol	SPA/BD Protocol	Offshore Protocol	Hazardous Waste Protocol	ICZM Protocol	Progress
Albania	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	30%
Algeria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Bosnia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Croatia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Cyprus	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	70%
Egypt	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
EU	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
France	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	60%
Greece	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	90%
Israel	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	30%
Italy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lebanon	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Libya	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Montenegro	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	80%
Morocco	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	10%
Slovenia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	80%
Spain	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Syria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Tunisia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Türkiye	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	80%
Malta	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	90%
Monaco	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Percentage base	30%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	


Submission of National Implementation Reports
2018-2019 and 2020-2021 biennia
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2018-19 20-21 Dumping Protocol
2018-19 20-21 Prevention and Emergency Protocol
2018-19 20-21 LBS Protocol
2018-19 20-21 SPA/BD Protocol
2018-19 20-21 Offshore Protocol
2018-19 20-21 Hazardous Waste Protocol
2018-19 20-21 ICZM Protocol
2018-2019
2020-2021

7 CPs who have not yet submitted any of the 2018-2019 NIRs

- Algeria
- Egypt
- Lebanon
- Libya
- Monaco
- Syria
- Tunisia

6 CPs who have not yet submitted any of the 2020-2021 NIRs

- Albania
- Algeria
- Libya
- Monaco
- Syria
- Tunisia

5 CPs who have not yet submitted any of the 2018-2019 and 2020-2021 NIRs

- Algeria
- Libya
- Monaco
- Syria
- Tunisia