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89<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

Rome, Italy, 22-23 April 2020

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

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### Introduction

1. At the invitation of the Government of Italy and in consultation with the President and members of the Bureau, the 89<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 (Barcelona Convention) and its Protocols will be held in Rome, Italy, on 22-23 April 2020.
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 Wednesday, 22 April 2020, by Mr. Giuseppe Italiano, President of the Bureau.

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

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<b>Information Document</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.89/Inf.1

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 Presidency of the Bureau, as contained in document UNEP/MED BUR.89/1 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 23 April 2020, 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 2020

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<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.89/Inf.4 UNEP/MED BUR.89/Inf.5

9. Mr. Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, will present the document “*Progress Report by the Secretariat on the Activities Carried Out for the Period January-March 2020*” (UNEP/MED BUR.89/3) and the “*Progress Report by the Secretariat on the Implementation of COP 21 Decisions*” (UNEP/MED BUR.89/4).
10. The “*Reports of the 39<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the Executive Coordination Panel*” and the “*Compilation of Project Fiches*” are presented in documents UNEP/MED BUR.89/Inf.4 and Inf.5 respectively, 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/MED BUR.89/5) 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/MED BUR.89/6).

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) Compliance and Reporting**

16. 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.24/1 on *Compliance Committee*. The Bureau is expected to discuss the progress made and provide its guidance.

**(c) Evaluation of the 2016-2021 Medium-Term Strategy and Preparation of the 2022-2027 Medium-Term Strategy**

17. The Coordinator will update the Bureau on the process of the evaluation of the 2016-2021 Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) and the preparation of the 2022-2027 MTS, including on the relevant discussions in the Executive Coordination Panel. He will then present the timeline of the future steps, including consultations with Contracting Parties and stakeholders.

18. The Bureau members will be invited to discuss the progress achieved and provide guidance on the way forward and future steps, including on the composition of the Steering Committee mandated through Decision IG. 24/2.

**(d) Major Processes and Strategic Documents:**

- **Data Management Policy**
- **Mid-Term Evaluation of the MSSD and of the SCP Action Plan**
- **SAP BIO**
- **MED SO<sub>x</sub> ECA**
- **2023 MED QSR**
- **MED 2050 Foresight Study**
- **MedECC Assessment Report (MAR1)**
- **Update of Annexes to Pollution Protocols**
- **Regional Pollution Plans**

19. The Coordinator will introduce this Agenda Item, with reference to the major processes and strategic documents and the relevant tasks mandated through COP 21 Decisions (especially Decisions IG. 24/2, 24/3, 24/4, 24/7, 24/8 and 24/10). He will refer to the progress and actions taken until now, as well as to the next steps and relevant roadmap of actions to be taken, with emphasis to the period until the next Bureau meeting.

20. The Bureau members will be invited to discuss the relevant processes, the actions taken and the next steps, and provide guidance on the way forward, considering also the relevant text of the COP 21 Decisions.

**(e) Cooperation and Partners**

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

22. With reference to Decision IG.19/6 on *MAP/Civil society cooperation and partnership*, the Coordinator will update the Bureau members on the evaluation of the applications received by civil society organizations for accreditation as MAP Partners, for the Bureau's review and possible endorsement.

**(f) Outreach, Information and Communication, including MAP visibility in major global events**

23. The Coordinator will present a brief update on the information and communication activities and on the plans for the 2020-2021 biennium in this area.

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

**Agenda Item 6: Calendar of Meetings and Events, including Date and Venue of the 90<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau**

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25. The Bureau will be invited to decide on the date and the venue of its 90<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

26. The “*Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and Major International Events*” has been updated and is presented in document UNEP/MED BUR.89/Inf.3.

**Agenda Item 7: Any Other Matters**

27. The Bureau will consider other issues that may be raised by its members.

**Agenda Item 8: Conclusions and Recommendations**

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28. 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**

29. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President of the Bureau at 18:00 on Thursday, 23 April 2020.

**TIMETABLE**

<b>Wednesday, 22 April 2020</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/MED BUR.89/1 UNEP/MED BUR.89/2 UNEP/MED BUR.89/Inf.1
09:45 – 10:30	3. Progress Report for January-March 2020	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.89/3 UNEP/MED BUR.89/4 UNEP/MED BUR.89/Inf.4 UNEP/MED BUR.89/Inf.5
10:30 – 11:45	4. Report by the Secretariat on Financial and Administrative Issues	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.89/5
11:45 – 12:30	5. Specific Issues	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.89/6
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
14:00 – 17:00	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.89/6
<b>Thursday, 23 April 2020</b>			
09:30 – 12:00	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.89/6
12:00 – 12:30	6. Calendar of Meetings and Events, including Date and Venue of the 90 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau 7. Any other Matters	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.89/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/MED BUR.89/7
17:30 – 18:00	9. Closure of the Meeting	President of the Bureau	