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A. Status of Ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

1. Tables 1 and 2 reflect the status of ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols as checked on 10 of March 2020 against the link provided for this purpose by the Depository (<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/es/PoliticaExteriorCooperacion/Tratados/Nuevo/Paginas/mediterraneo.aspx>).

Table 1: Summary of Status of Ratification

21 Contracting Parties have accepted the amendments to the Convention, 1995;
15 Contracting Parties have accepted the amendments to the Dumping Protocol, 1995;
17 Contracting Parties have accepted the amendments to the LBS Protocol, 1996;
8 Contracting Parties have ratified the Offshore Protocol, 1994;
17 Contracting Parties have ratified the SPA and Biodiversity Protocol, 1995;
7 Contracting Parties have ratified the Hazardous Waste Protocol, 1996;
17 Contracting Parties have ratified the new Prevention and Emergency Protocol, 2002;
12 Contracting Parties have ratified the ICZM Protocol, 2008.

Table 2: Ratification of Barcelona Convention and Protocols by individual Contracting Parties

Contracting Parties																							
	Albania	Algeria	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Croatia	Cyprus	European Union	Egypt	France	Greece	Israel	Italy	Lebanon	Libya	Malta	Monaco	Montenegro	Morocco	Slovenia	Spain	Syria	Tunisia	Turkey	
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SPA and Biodiversity Protocol																							
Offshore Protocol																							
Hazardous Wastes Protocol																							
ICZM Protocol																							

Instrument of ratification, adhesion approval or accession deposited and Convention or Protocol entered into force	
No instrument of ratification, adhesion, approval or accession deposited	
Instrument of ratification, adhesion, approval or accession deposited but Protocol has not entered into force yet	

2. The latest submission is that of the instrument of ratification of the ICZM Protocol by Malta, dated 10 April 2019; the Protocol entered into force for Malta on 10 May 2019 (i.e. after the issuance of the documents of the 88th Bureau meeting, which took place in Rome, Italy, on 21-22 May 2019).

3. In order to increase ratification rates, the Secretariat will continue to follow-up with those Contracting Parties which have not yet ratified the Barcelona Convention and/or its Protocols. In particular, the following initiatives supporting ratification could be carried out in cooperation with MAP components, where appropriate and taking into account available resources:

- (a) include in the agenda of Secretariat meetings with and/or planned visits to Contracting Parties the identification of national opportunities for pending ratifications. As appropriate, participate to national meetings to advance process of ratification of specific Protocols;
- (b) at planned meetings, including MAP components meetings, opportunities can be created to enhance the exchange of best practices and experiences of ratifying and implementing the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols. In doing so, synergies with other Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and sub-regional initiatives can be explored with the aim of maximizing the effectiveness and efficiency of resources;
- (c) use of communication tools, such as social media, for dissemination of existing information on the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, thus raising the profile of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, including the benefits of ratifying them (i.e. include in news articles and tweets reference to why it is important to ratify the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols or/and prepare a news/communication item on the importance and necessary steps at national level towards ratification).

4. Proposed Recommendations:

(a) The Bureau takes note of the current status of ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and urges the Contracting Parties which have not yet done so to liaise with the Secretariat to facilitate coordination towards ratification of the relevant legal instruments;

(b) The Bureau encourages the President and the Secretariat to continue their efforts to achieve the full ratification of the revised Barcelona Convention and the ratification of its Protocols, and welcomes the proposals by the Secretariat for possible initiatives to support ratifications.

B. Compliance and Reporting

5. At COP 21 (Naples, Italy, 2-5 December 2019), Contracting Parties adopted Decision IG.21/1 entitled "Compliance Committee". By this Decision, Contracting Parties adopted the Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee for the Biennium 2020-2021. The consideration of compliance issues is at the core of the Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee, an activity which notably draws on the information submitted by Contracting Parties in their national implementation reports. Mindful of the instrumental role of the national implementation reports, Decision IG. 21/1 makes a strong call to Contracting Parties, firstly, to finalize the submission of their reports for the biennium 2016-2017 as soon as possible but before December 2019 and, secondly, to proceed with the submission of their reports for the biennium 2018-2019 by December 2020.

6. After COP 21, the Secretariat, in coordination with MAP components, took individual follow-up actions with those Contracting Parties with outstanding national implementation reports for the biennium 2016-2017, as well as for previous biennia, where relevant. As a result, as of 10 March 2020, 13 new national implementational reports for the biennium 2016-2017 have been submitted using the new online Barcelona Convention Reporting System (BCRS). This translates into a total of 17 Contracting Parties having submitted their 2016-2017 national implementation reports, 11 out of which have concluded the process of submission. As to the submission of national implementation reports for the biennium 2018-2019, building on experience from the 2016-2017 biennium, the Secretariat is working with INFO/RAC on the technical part, with the aim of further streamlining the submission of quantitative information. The work is expected to conclude timely so that an official invitation to MAP Focal Points to submit their 2018-2019 national implementation reports is sent by the end of April 2020 at the latest.

7. Decision IG.21/1 made another call to Group II (Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Slovenia, Spain and the European Union) to nominate an expert as an Alternate Member of the

Compliance Committee for a term of four years, subject to the election by the Bureau at their first meeting of the biennium 2020-2021. Following this call, on 9 January 2020, Group II forwarded to the Secretariat its nomination of Ms. Xenia Loizidou, a national of Cyprus, as an Alternate Member of the Compliance Committee.

8. On preparations for the 16th Compliance Committee Meeting, work has started for holding the meeting from 16 to 18 June 2020, in Athens, Greece, at the premises of the UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit.

9. Proposed Recommendations:

(a) The Bureau strongly urges those Contracting Parties who have not yet done so, to submit their national implementation reports for the reporting periods 2012–2013, 2014–2015 and/or 2016-2017 without further delay;

(b) The Bureau requests the Secretariat to finalize the ongoing streamlining work on the BCRC so as to facilitate the timely submission by the Contracting Parties of their national implementation reports for the biennium 2018-2019;

(c) The Bureau elects Ms. Xenia Loizidou, a national of Cyprus, as an Alternate Member of the Compliance Committee for a term of four years, until COP 23.

C. Evaluation of the 2016-2021 Medium-Term Strategy and Preparation of the 2022-2027 Medium-Term Strategy

10. The Contracting Parties, with Decision IG.24/2 (COP 21, Naples, Italy, 2-5 December 2019) “*Approve[ed] the Roadmap for the Evaluation of the 2016-2021 Medium-Term Strategy and the preparation of the 2022-2027 Medium-Term Strategy, as set out in Annex V to the present Decision*” and “*Request[ed] the Secretariat to prepare the UNEP/MAP 2022-2027 Medium-Term Strategy in close cooperation with MAP components and with the full involvement of the Contracting Parties, under the guidance of the Bureau and through a dedicated steering committee that will be composed by the Bureau complemented by a limited group of interested Contracting Parties (3 additional persons, one nominated by each sub-group, to ensure a balanced geographical representation), and to submit a first draft to an open ended working group, for final submission to the Contracting Parties at their 22nd Meeting (COP 22);*”.

11. The Secretariat has initiated the required action for the evaluation of the current MTS and the preparation of the new MTS, in close cooperation with the MAP components. More specifically, the Terms of Reference for two consultants to support this process were prepared and published: one for the independent evaluation of the implementation of the UNEP/MAP MTS 2016-2021, and one to support the Secretariat with the preparation of the UNEP/MAP MTS 2022-2027. The process of selection is currently under finalization. Furthermore, during and after the 40th Meeting of the Executive Coordination Panel (ECP, Rome, Italy, 30-31 January 2020), consultations took place on the development of the new MTS, its format, structure and related timeline. More information is available in the report of the 40th Meeting of the ECP (document UNEP/MED BUR.89/Inf.4).

12. The main points of the discussion during the 40th ECP Meeting on the preparation of the new MTS are summarized below:

(a) MTS PREPARATION PROCESS: On the involvement of MAP components in the preparation of the new MTS, it was decided that the Coordinating Unit will recommend to the Bureau the participation of the members of the ECP in the Steering Committee/Open-Ended Working Group for the preparation of the new MTS. It was also agreed that discussions will be held at technical level within each MAP component and that then the ECP will consolidate these discussions into concrete inputs to the process. The next ECP meeting is planned for May/June 2020, so that it can provide a timely input to the process. It would be desirable that a first draft of the new MTS is disseminated at the RAC/thematic Focal Points meetings of 2021 with the understanding, however, that the MAP Focal Points should conduct the internal consultations within Contracting Parties.

(b) MTS FORMAT AND STRUCTURE: On the format and structure of the new MTS, it was noted that a different approach is needed with emphasis on the overall vision, on objectives/targets (or priority areas/directions), and on the way to reach these objectives/targets. Also, on the means (capacity and instruments) to achieve them. The way the UNEP MTS is structured was mentioned as an example. Some participants considered a structure of the MTS without themes but only with objectives. The need to move towards headings that are integrative/aggregated was highlighted. There was agreement to develop an MTS which addresses strategic outcome level (and not specific output level) and to revisit every biennium the strategic outcomes and their delivery. This would allow enough flexibility to work at output and activity level at a biannual basis which would be more efficient. A more aggregated approach with a reduced number of themes was highlighted as an option. Several participants noted the importance of climate change as a theme. Finally, it was stressed that the MTS is also a communication and visibility tool.

(c) OVERALL QUESTIONS/ISSUES: The meeting noted that global goals exist/are developed (e.g. SDGs, Aichi Targets, Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework) and the ones set in the MTS should at least match them. Emphasis should be put in achieving the existing goals and not setting new ones, since adequate global targets exist. Ambition levels set by Contracting Parties should be based on their needs and on what can be delivered. The need to further strengthen links with the SDGs was mentioned. Enforcement was highlighted as a priority, and especially collaboration with other MEAs and global programmes/initiatives to promote enforcement and implementation. Implementation of activities should be further linked to real impact on the state of the environment. The strength of MAP being a legal and enforcement framework should be used at its best. Emerging forces in the region that can shape the future of the environment in the Mediterranean were discussed in relation to partnerships that would promote the implementation of the MTS: the private sector, cruise sector, shipping industry, fishermen associations, local authorities, and their networks were mentioned. Overall it was agreed that a wider audience of actors should be involved for an effective implementation of the new MTS and to achieve tangible results on the ground. Branding and marketing of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system is needed to mobilize other partners, donors, sectors, etc.; new ways of work should be explored, based on a clear vision. Links and work with the south Mediterranean countries provide a significant added value that should be further enhanced. Complementarities with the work of the EU in the north of the Mediterranean are also important in this respect. It is important to include in the new MTS guiding principles related to the work at the sub-regional level, since implementation at sub-regional level is valuable when it contributes to the regional targets. The meeting also discussed the structure and resources required for the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention system to effectively implement the new MTS. One question raised was if RACs should become centres of expertise or should focus on delivery of projects. It was noted that RACs were established as thematic centres to provide expertise in line with their mandates and that, over the time, there was a trend to shift more towards project management. The participants noted that a balance should be kept between expertise at sectorial level and capacity to integrate and have an overall systemic approach. The importance was also noted of creating networks as well as closer links with centers of excellence in academia, science, research, innovation, and any other sources of knowledge. The need was also mentioned to build trust with researchers and to bring young researchers into policy/decision making. It was highlighted that new models of cooperation should be explored in this respect, such as long-term partnerships/agreements with universities. The fact that universities are creating spin-off companies to better interact with society and its needs is also of relevance. On financial resources, it was noted that (a) there is a need to increase assessed contribution so that more MTF resources are used for implementation, and (b) that it is important to enlarge the donor basis, since MAP depends mainly on two external donors, namely EU and GEF. The recent involvement of donors, such as Italy/IMELS was showcased as a positive development in this respect. Overall, there is a need to identify elements that make MAP unique and to integrate them in the MTS. While global MEAs have expertise in one issue, MAP integrates several issues related to the sea and

coastal areas. The enforcement of SDGs and the capacity to integrate is a strength of MAP. Enforcement, visibility, integration and links with science and research are key points for the new MTS. All three levels are important, namely regional, sub-regional and national.

13. On 6 March 2020, the Secretariat sent to the Contracting Parties a letter informing them on the above progress and inviting them to nominate the three additional persons who, together with the members of the Bureau, will form the dedicated steering committee. The Contracting Parties were asked to send the nominations of the three additional members through the sub-groups (possibly through the respective Bureau members) by 27 March 2020; it is therefore expected that the nominations are received before the Bureau meeting.

14. Finally, based on Annex V of Decision IG.24/2, the Secretariat prepared a more refined timeline of the actions for the evaluation of the current MTS and the preparation of the new MTS, which is presented in Annex I to the present document.

15. Proposed Recommendations:

(a) The Bureau takes note of the timeline for the evaluation of the current MTS and the preparation of the new MTS, as presented in Annex I to the Report on Specific Issues, and of the progress achieved and requests the Secretariat to continue implementing Decision IG.24/2 in an inclusive manner;

(b) The Bureau welcomes the discussion held at the ECP on the preparation of the new MTS, and agrees with the participation of the members of the ECP in the Steering Committee/Open-Ended Working Group for the preparation of the new MTS. Furthermore, in relation to the substantial discussions held at the MTS, the Bureau....;

(c) The Bureau takes note with appreciation of the three additional members of the Steering Committee nominated by the sub-groups, and requests the Secretariat to prepare the first meeting of the Steering Committee as per the timeline of actions of Annex I to the Report on Specific Issues.

D. Major Processes and Strategic Documents:

- Data Management Policy

16. The Contracting Parties, with Decision IG.24/2 (COP 21, Naples, Italy, 2-5 December 2019), “*Endorse[d] the Main Elements and Roadmap for the Preparation of a UNEP/MAP Data Management Policy, as set out in Annex II to the present Decision, and request[ed] the Secretariat (INFO/RAC) to develop such Policy, in close cooperation with the other MAP components and with the full involvement of the Contracting Parties, and to submit it to the Contracting Parties at their 22nd Meeting (COP 22);*”.

17. Following this, INFO/RAC has started to prepare a questionnaire to collect basic information from the Contracting Parties on possible existing policies at Contracting Party level. The responses to the questionnaire will also facilitate the bilateral discussions with the Contracting Parties that will follow later in the year (see paragraph below). The questionnaire will be distributed by April 2020, in order to draw up a priority list of bilateral meetings. Priority will be given to the Contracting Parties which are not EU Member States, since for Contracting Parties which are EU Member States there is already a general agreement on data policy based on the adopted EU regulation.

18. The bilateral meetings may be organized from May 2020 to September 2020 to fill the first version of the data policy matrix table for each of the official data streams. A discussion on the common level of aggregation has already started at INFO/RAC Focal Points level and a preliminary report will be prepared for November/December 2020. A draft Data Management Policy will be ready within the first semester of 2021, for discussion initially by the INFO/RAC Focal Points and the by the MAP Focal Points.

- Mid-Term Evaluation of the MSSD and of the SCP Action Plan

19. The Contracting Parties, with Decision IG.24/3 (COP 21, Naples, Italy, 2-5 December 2019), “*Request[ed] the Secretariat to undertake the mid-term evaluation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025;*” and “*Also request the Secretariat to undertake the mid-term evaluation of the Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean;*”. As per their approved roadmaps, these mid-term evaluations provide an opportunity to make the MSSD and the SCP Regional Action Plan implementation, at their respective second phase, more efficient and focusing on gaps, shortcomings and opportunities.

20. The mid-term evaluations of the MSSD and SCP Regional Action Plan will be conducted in parallel by the Secretariat, with joint efforts from the Coordinating Unit, Plan Bleu/RAC and SCP/RAC. The mid-term evaluation of the SCP Regional Action Plan will feed the mid-term evaluation of the MSSD under its Objective 5 “Transition towards a green and blue economy”, and the two processes will follow a converging approach, with a common launch, consolidated results, and strong coordination along the way. The outputs of these evaluations are also expected to inform the preparation of the UNEP/MAP MTS 2022-2027.

21. Based on a concept note on the mid-term evaluations of the MSSD and SCP Regional Action Plan, the Secretariat has prepared specific Terms of Reference for mobilizing consultant services, in line with Activity 1.1.2.5 of the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work and Budget for 2020-2021 (Decision IG.23/14). For the MSSD mid-term evaluation, the job opening for consultancy assignments has been published in INSPIRA on 11 March 2020. For the SCP Regional Action Plan evaluation, the Terms of Reference were finalized and the call for an international expert opened in mid-March 2020.

22. The Contracting Parties, with Decision IG.24/3 (COP 21, Naples, Italy, 2-5 December 2019), also “*Welcome[d] the work done, taking note of the updated List of Indicators of the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard for monitoring the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016–2025, set out in Annex I to the present Decision, and request[ed] the Secretariat to populate the indicators, using existing sources of information and data, giving priority to those addressing coast-related and sea-related issues*”. Plan Bleu/RAC will produce in 2021 an updated populated version of the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard for monitoring the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016–2025. This version will present more recent and comprehensive data, aligned with the SDG indicators, and will integrate Sustainable Consumption and Production Indicators. To the extent possible, it will also further develop coast-related and sea-related indicators. Mobilization of the Contracting Parties to improve dashboard coverage and population is expected during the second semester of 2020. Activities in synergy are currently planned to be implemented during the second semester of 2020, including a workshop to exchange good practices on monitoring SDG 14 (October 2020, *tbc*). The populated dashboard will feed in the mid-term evaluation of the MSSD 2016-2025.

23. The main expected outputs and deliverables of the MSSD mid-term evaluation are summarized below:

- State of play report, including synthesis table and literature review, based on collected evidence on the SDGs and MSSD implementation at regional and national levels;
- Gap analysis report on the MSSD/SDGs implementation in the Mediterranean;
- Consultation document, including results of the gap analysis and recommendations for necessary actions to fill the gaps;
- Stakeholder consultation (questionnaires, interviews) aiming to prepare a draft report and its summary for decision-makers;
- Second draft reports following the review of draft reports by relevant MAP bodies;
- The second draft and final reports, integrating the results of the MSSD and SCP Regional Action Plan mid-term evaluations, will be respectively submitted to the 19th Meeting of the

MCSO (June 2021), the MAP Focal Points Meeting (September 2021), and COP 22 (December 2021).

- SAP BIO

24. The Contracting Parties, with Decision IG.24/7 (COP 21, Naples, Italy, 2-5 December 2019) *“Request[ed] the Secretariat to prepare in 2020-2021 the “Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region” (Post-2020 SAP BIO), aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, harmonised with the CBD Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework through the optic of the Mediterranean context, and following the recommendations and roadmap proposed in the evaluation document, as set out in the Annex I to the present Decision, and submit it for consideration by the Contracting Parties at their 22nd Meeting (COP 22).”*.

25. In this framework, SPA/RAC will (i) carry out a bottom-up participatory process at national level in the Mediterranean countries to identify their needs and priorities, (ii) identify the sub-regional priorities and orientations based on the diagnosis made at national level, and (iii) develop the draft document of the Post-2020 SAP BIO and drive the process of its adoption.

26. The SAP BIO, adopted at COP 13 (Catania, Italy, 11-14 November 2003), established at that time an Advisory Committee to ensure co-ordination with the relevant regional organizations and provide SPA/RAC with technical and scientific advice in the process of the SAP BIO elaboration and implementation. It is proposed to update this Committee in view of the preparation of the Post-2020 SAP BIO, by adding the MAP components as well as relevant Mediterranean bodies, in consultation with the SPA/BD Focal Points.

27. The activities to be undertaken for the elaboration of the Post-2020 SAP BIO, in accordance with Decision IG.24/7 (Annex I), will be implemented in three steps:

1- Identification of priorities and orientations based on needs and priorities identified in a participatory way during a bottom-up process with the Mediterranean Countries at national and sub regional level.

2- Elaboration of the draft post-2020 SAP BIO from the results of national reports and sub-regional documents and those that will be decided at global level in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework expected to be adopted in October 2020 by the UN CBD.

3- Adoption of the Post-2020 SAP BIO: Meetings of Post-2020 SAP BIO Advisory Committee and National Correspondents for the Post-2020 SAP BIO will be convened shortly before the 15th SPA/BD Focal Point Meeting to review the pre-final draft of the Post-2020 SAP BIO document and amend it as necessary before submission to the MAP Focal Points and then to COP 22 for possible adoption.

- MED SO_x ECA

28. The Contracting Parties, with Decision IG.24/8 (COP 21, Naples, Italy, 2-5 December 2019) *“Adopt[ed] the road map for a proposal for the possible designation of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an emission control area for sulphur oxides pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI, within the framework of the Barcelona Convention, set out in the Annex to the present Decision...”* and agreed on concrete steps for *“the development of a mutually agreed joint and coordinated proposal for the possible designation by the IMO of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an Emission Control Area for sulphur oxides pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI;”*.

29. To this end, REMPEC prepared, in consultation with the Secretariat, IMO, Plan Bleu/RAC and MED POL, a plan for the implementation of Decision IG.24/8, defining roles and responsibilities, identifying challenges and opportunities, as well as agreeing on the process related to the drafting of the required studies. REMPEC, MED POL and Plan Bleu/RAC launched a joint call for Expressions of Interest to provide consultancy services for the implementation of the road map, and drafted five (5)

ToRs related to the: submission to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and synopsis of the assessment (ToR 1); Quantification of the impacts associated with deposition of PM_{2.5} and air toxics (ToR 2); Land-based emissions controls (ToR 3); Additional economic impact evaluation (ToR 4), and; Fuel supply and technology (ToR 5).

30. REMPEC invited the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) sulfur oxides (SO_x) Emission Control Area (ECA)(s) Technical Committee of Experts to oversee the completion of the knowledge gathering and the preparations of further studies by providing comments on the above-mentioned ToRs prior to the launch of the related tenders scheduled in April 2020. The Secretariat has been in contact with potential donors to mobilize the necessary resources for the full implementation of Decision IG.24/8.

31. REMPEC submitted an information document related to the adoption of Decision IG.24/8 to the IMO Secretariat in view of the 75th session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC). Considering that MEPC 75 has been postponed due to the current outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the document will be further updated with the progress made on the implementation of Decision IG.24/8.

32. An ad-hoc inter-ministerial meeting attended by the Secretariat of the MAP-Barcelona Convention System and REMPEC was held with the Tunisian competent authorities (Tunis, Tunisia, 11 March 2020) to address Decision IG.24/8. REMPEC was to organize a National Workshop on Ratification and Effective Implementation of Annex VI to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) for Lebanon (Beirut, Lebanon, 17-18 March 2020) but this was postponed to a later date due to the current outbreak of COVID-19 in Lebanon. Similar event will be organized in Algeria and Egypt before the end of July 2020, subject to the confirmation of the dates and venues by the relevant competent authorities.

- 2023 MED QSR

33. The Contracting Parties through Decision IG.23/6 (COP 20, Tirana, Albania, 17-20 December 2017), acknowledged the achievements, lessons learnt and knowledge gaps identified in the 2017 Mediterranean Quality Status Report, and requested the Secretariat *"to prepare in cooperation with the Contracting Parties through the Ecosystem Approach governance structure, in the first year of the biennium 2018-2019, a roadmap accompanied with a Needs Assessment on how to improve data collection to address knowledge gaps and strengthen the capacities of the system"* (2023 MED QSR Roadmap and Needs Assessment). The draft 2023 MED QSR Roadmap and Needs Assessment prepared in 2018 was considered and welcomed by the 87th Meeting of the Bureau, presented to the members of the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) Coordination Group for written consultation at the end of 2018, and subsequently reviewed and endorsed at the 7th Meeting of the EcAp Coordination Group (Athens, Greece, 9 September 2019) and, through Decision IG.24/4, adopted by COP 21 (Naples, Italy, 2-5 December 2019).

34. Significant progress was made by the MAP – Barcelona Convention System, in particular through the Correspondence Groups on Monitoring (CORMONs), during the second year of the 2018-2019 biennium to advance on several outputs included in the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap and in line with its timeline, in relation to IMAP implementation, scales of monitoring and assessment and cross-cutting issues related to the integrated assessment of Good Environmental Status (GES). This progress was presented at the 7th Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group (Athens, Greece, 9 September 2019). Building on this work, an important number of 2023 MED QSR-related activities has been mainstreamed in the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work for 2020-2021, as well as in ongoing and new projects currently under development to support the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) and Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast (IMAP), in line with the timeline indicated in the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap. Through its Programme of Work and new EcAp-related projects, the Secretariat will ensure coordinated and complementary action to support the implementation of the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap.

35. In line with Decision IG.24/4, during the first semester of 2020, the Secretariat, working with the support of the MAP components, is developing further concrete proposals for output delivery as

part of the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap at the level of common indicators, including an analysis of related gaps, concrete requirements and deadlines for consideration by the Contracting Parties, which will be subsequently submitted to the Bureau at its next, 90th meeting for its review and guidance. Further activities related to the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap implementation will be undertaken as part of ongoing projects (GEF-funded “Mediterranean Sea Programme (MedProgramme) - Enhancing Environmental Security” and EC-funded Green MED III “Towards achieving the Good Environmental Status of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast through an Ecologically Representative and Efficiently Managed and Monitored Network of Marine Protected Areas” projects), as well as under new projects to be launched during the course of 2020 (EU-funded “Efficient Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach-based Integrated Monitoring and Assessment of the Mediterranean Sea and Coasts in synergy with the EU MSFD” (EcAp-MED III) and “Marine Litter MED II” projects, under development).

- MED 2050 Foresight Study

36. The Contracting Parties through Decision IG.23/4 (COP 20, Tirana, Albania, 17-20 December 2017), “*Welcome[d] the MED 2050 road map, and endorse its phase I as set out in annex II to the present decision, and request[ed] the Secretariat and the Plan Bleu Regional Activity Centre to undertake a participatory process for the elaboration of a foresight study on the 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*”. Furthermore, the Contracting Parties, with Decision IG.24/4 (COP 21, Naples, Italy, 2-5 December 2019), “*Endorse[ed] the proposed revised roadmap for the MED 2050 foresight study, as contained in Annex III of the present Decision, and request[ed] the Secretariat to implement the proposed roadmap;*”; moreover, they “*Encourage[d] the Contracting Parties to participate in the phase II of MED 2050 foresight study, organise on a voluntary basis national or sub-regional workshops, and nominate relevant experts or interested national stakeholders including youth representatives to contribute to the study;*”.

37. The second phase of the preparation of the MED 2050 Foresight Study is under implementation and detailed programming as decided at COP 21. A junior staff member has been hired for this purpose on a temporary basis in Plan Bleu/RAC, until the process of recruitment of a more senior expert is finalized. Furthermore, under a science-policy approach, a partnership with a political science doctoral programme is in preparation, for a MED 2050 dedicated PhD thesis (September 2020-2022). The first foresight group meeting is planned for April 2020 (to be organised through teleconference, if public health concerns so require). The first “comité d’orientation” meeting is tentatively planned for late June 2020 / early July 2020. A consultation on trends and weak signals is under preparation. Three publications on long term trends are under revision for publication: (i) a publication on demographic trends (200 pages; summary to be prepared); (ii) a publication comparing the projected trends as in the 2005 Plan Bleu/RAC foresight report and the actual trends, and; (iii) a dashboard of long-term trends. The first edition of the MED 2050 newsletter, including interviews by interested stakeholders, is also under review to be disseminated through the MED 2050 network in the first semester of 2020.

- MedECC Assessment Report (MAR1)

38. The Contracting Parties, with Decision IG.24/4 (COP 21, Naples, Italy, 2-5 December 2019), “*Approve[d] the elements of the Roadmap for the Consultation of Decision-Makers and Stakeholders on the First Assessment Report on the Current State and Risks of Climate and Environmental Changes in the Mediterranean (MAR 1) as set out in Annex IV of the present Decision, involving the Mediterranean Action Plan Focal Points, the Mediterranean Action Plan Components’ Focal Points, and the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development;*”.

39. To implement the decision, the consultation of decision-makers and stakeholders is expected to be launched in April 2020 for a period of one month (30 days) through a joint letter from the Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) and the MAP Coordinator. The consultation

process will be managed by the MedECC Steering Committee and Scientific Secretariat, the UfM Secretariat, and Plan Bleu/RAC. Following this wide online consultation, a plenary discussion on the MAR1 summary for policymakers is planned to take place during a face-to-face meeting in June 2020, which will involve members of relevant UfM expert groups, Plan Bleu/RAC Focal Points, and the MCSD Steering Committee. During this plenary discussion, findings reported in the summary for policymakers will be discussed to ensure that the results are communicated in a clear and understandable way. The report will also be presented and discussed in a dedicated side event at the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020, as well as during the science policy conference organized in Marseille, France, on 2-4 September 2020.

40. In line with the Activity 1.4.1.2 of the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work and Budget for 2020-2021, the summary for policymakers and the MAR1 full report will be submitted to COP 22, where they may also support legally binding decisions by the Contracting Parties, including the UNEP/MAP MTS 2022-2027 whose climate change-related dimensions will be informed and supported by MAR1.

- Update of Annexes to Pollution Protocols

41. The Contracting Parties, through Decision IG.24/10 (COP 21, Naples, Italy, 2-5 December 2019), “*Request[ed] the Secretariat to launch the formal process for updating the annexes of the LBS and Dumping Protocols, for consideration at the 22nd Meeting of the Contracting Parties;*” and “*Establish[ed] Working Groups composed of experts designated by the Contracting Parties to review the annexes and make proposals for consideration of the 22nd Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 22), on the basis of Terms of Reference and timeline prepared by the Secretariat and endorsed by the Bureau at its first meeting of the biennium 2020-2021;*”

42. Following the request to the Secretariat to prepare the terms of reference and timeline for updating the annexes of the LBS and Dumping Protocols for endorsement by the Bureau at its first meeting of the biennium 2020-2021, the Secretariat initiated the aforementioned process and developed the terms of reference and timeline presented below:

- a. Letters to the Contracting Parties will be sent by the end of March 2020 to nominate experts for two Working Groups to be mandated to discuss and review proposed draft updates of the annexes for the LBS and Dumping Protocols, respectively. It is expected that the Working Groups are established by June 2020.
- b. The Secretariat will undertake a review of the work presented in document UNEP/MED WG.473/5/Rev.1 “Proposals for updating the Annexes of the Land Based Sources, Hazardous Waste and Dumping Protocols”, which was submitted and considered by the Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points (Istanbul, Turkey, 29-31 May 2019). The outcome of the review will be the basis upon which the updated annexes will be further elaborated for discussions by the Working Groups.
- c. Discussions of the proposed updates of the annexes for the LBS Protocol will be held within the Working Group (of experts designated by the Contracting Parties) in February 2021. Initial discussions of proposed updates of the annexes for the Dumping Protocol will be held within the corresponding Working Group in December 2020. These discussions will provide the Secretariat with the necessary feedback and comments to further develop the final draft updates of the annexes for the two protocols.
- d. Review of the final draft updates of the annexes for the LBS and Dumping Protocols will be held at the MED POL Focal Points Meeting, in May 2021.
- e. Further to the consideration of the MED POL Focal Points, the final draft updates of the annexes of the LBS and Dumping Protocols will be provided to the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points for discussion and approval before final submission to COP 22 for adoption.

- Regional Pollution Plans

43. The Contracting Parties, through Decision IG.24/10 (COP 21, Naples, Italy, 2-5 December 2019) “*Endorse[ed] the main elements and the timeline for the development of six Regional Plans to reduce/prevent marine pollution from land-based sources as set out in Annex I to the present Decision;*” and “*Establish[ed] Working Groups composed of experts designated by the Contracting Parties to develop the following, on the basis of the main elements described above, and report to the 22nd Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 22), on the basis of Terms of Reference and timeline prepared by the Secretariat and endorsed by the Bureau at its first meeting of the biennium 2020-2021:*

a) To upgrade the Regional plan on the reduction of BOD5 from urban wastewater in the framework of the implementation of article 15 of the Land-based Sources Protocol (Decision IG.19/7); UNEP/MED IG.24/22

b) To develop a new Regional Plan for Sewage Sludge Management and its technical annexes; and,

c) To upgrade the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean (Decision IG.21/7).”

44. Following the request to the Secretariat to prepare the terms of reference and timeline for developing the Regional Plans for endorsement by the Bureau at its first meeting of the biennium 2020-2021, the Secretariat initiated the process on the basis of Annex I of Decision IG.24/10 and elaborated the terms of reference and timeline presented below:

- a. Letters to the Contracting Parties will be sent by the end of March 2020 to nominate experts for three Working Groups with the aim to discuss and agree on drafts to be developed/updated for the Regional Plans on Wastewater Treatment; Sewage Sludge Management, and; Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean, respectively.
- b. The Secretariat will undertake a review of the main elements of the aforementioned Regional Plans, presented in the Annex to Decision IG.24/10, and provide additional annotations to the main elements to be shared with other MAP Components for their feedback and comments. The outcome of this review will be considered in the process and will form the basis upon which the three Regional Plans will be further developed/upgraded.
- c. The draft text of the Regional Plans and their technical annexes (guidelines and standards) will be discussed within the Working Groups (of experts designated by the Contracting Parties), at two different meetings, with the aim of providing feedback and comments to the Secretariat in order to prepare the final drafts.
- d. The First Meeting to discuss the draft Regional Plans for Urban Wastewater Treatment and Sewage Sludge Management and their technical annexes will be held in October 2020. The First Meeting to discuss the updated draft Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management will be convened in March 2021.
- e. The Second Meeting to review the final draft for all three Regional Plans will be held in May/June 2021 with the aim to submit these final drafts for the consideration of the Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points, to be convened back-to-back with this Second Meeting on the Regional Plans.
- f. Further to the consideration by the MED POL Focal Points, the final draft Regional Plans will be submitted to the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points for discussion and approval before final submission to COP 22 for adoption.

- Other processes

45. Other processes mandated by COP 21 decisions, such as the Mediterranean Green Business Award (Decision IG.24/3), the Post-2020 Strategic Document on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (Decision IG.24/6), the Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards (Decision IG.24/9), the Development of a Set of Regional Measures to

Support the Development of Green and Circular Businesses and to Strengthen the Demand for more Sustainable Products (Decision IG.24/13), and the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships [post-2021] (Decision IG.24/14), are proceeding as per the relevant COP decisions and the respective timelines.

46. Proposed Recommendations:

(a) The Bureau expresses appreciation of the efforts made so far regarding the major processes and strategic documents implementing the relevant COP 21 Decisions, requests the Secretariat to further progress in this direction, and calls upon the Contracting Parties to fully commit to and support these important processes;

(b) The Bureau endorses the terms of reference and timeline prepared by the Secretariat and enclosed in Paragraphs 42 and 44 of this report in relation to (i) the process for updating the annexes of the LBS and Dumping Protocols, and (ii) the process for the development of the Regional Plans to reduce/prevent marine pollution from land-based sources, respectively. The Bureau requests the Secretariat to further progress in the implementation of COP Decision IG.24/10.

E. Cooperation and Partners

47. The development process of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)-funded “Mediterranean Sea Programme (MedProgramme): Enhancing Environmental Security” has been concluded. This ambitious programme has mobilized approximately 37 million USD for the MAP-Barcelona Convention system, its partners and the GEF eligible countries in the Mediterranean (Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Montenegro, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey). The Coordinating Unit is setting the legal framework for the use of the funds, and proceeds with the organization of the MedProgramme’s kickoff meeting. These steps will allow to kickstart the execution of the activities at both regional and national level.

48. In relation to the request to the “*Secretariat to continue to identify, promote and strengthen the synergies with other Secretariats in spatial-based protection and management measures for marine biodiversity in the Mediterranean Area, by building on existing work at the relevant levels and foster cooperation with the objectives to ensure the conservation and the sustainable use of the marine biodiversity in the Mediterranean through the application of the Ecosystem Approach*” (Decision IG.24/2, COP 21, Naples, Italy, 2-5 December 2019), as a first step the Secretariat is exploring ways to identify, promote and strengthen the synergies with the other Secretariats. To this end, a teleconference took place in March 2020 with the OSPAR Commission for the latter to provide information on the ‘Collective Arrangement between competent international organizations on cooperation and coordination regarding selected areas in areas beyond national jurisdiction in the North-East Atlantic’ (adopted by OSPAR and the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission - NEAFC). The essential aim of this “collective arrangement” is to become a collective and multilateral forum composed of all competent entities addressing the management of human activities in this region and therefore, it differs significantly from the bilateral MoU agreed between OSPAR and NEAFC. Such informal forms of wider participation of competent organizations and bodies for multilateral dialogue and collaborative work may be an option to explore in relation to such cooperation. As a next step, the UNEP/MAP Secretariat will contact, in April 2020, the Secretariats of the partner organizations on the follow-up to Decision IG.24/2 and the possible way forward. One of the options to be explored with the partner organizations is that of convening a meeting between the Secretariats, possibly in the last quarter of 2020 through teleconference, to discuss proposals for cooperation and to identify actions. Such a meeting may also serve as the kick-off meeting of the joint cooperation between Secretariats, that will initiate a process of regular (possibly annual or biannual) meetings/exchanges with the other Secretariats on synergies in spatial-based protection and management measures for marine biodiversity in the Mediterranean Area.

49. The Secretariat continues the close collaboration with the European Union’s Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) Working Groups (WG) - in particular, WG on Data, Information and

Knowledge Exchange and WG on Good Environmental Status - to ensure synergies and complementarities between the MSFD and Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP) implementation.

50. The Secretariat is working together with the Secretariat of the Union of the Mediterranean to update the Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) between the two Organizations, which was signed in 2013. More specifically possible updates are considered regarding Appendix I of the MoU, on the “Indicative List of Activities relating to the envisaged areas of cooperation within the framework of this MoU”, in order to better reflect the recent regional and global evolutions related to the environmental and sustainable development, in line with the mandates of the two organizations and in order to make use of their complementarities most effectively.

51. In consultation with the UNEP/MAP Secretariat and IMO, REMPEC liaised with IOGP - the global oil and gas industry trade association for the drafting of the required agreement related to a part-time secondment to REMPEC from the oil and gas industry to support the implementation of 2020-2021 activities related to offshore. Furthermore, REMPEC renewed its agreements with FEDERCHIMICA and Sea Alarm within the Mediterranean Assistance Unit (MAU).

52. As follow-up to a previous Memorandum of Cooperation concluded between SPA/RAC and the Network of Marine Protected Areas managers in the Mediterranean (MedPAN) for the period 2014-2019, SPA/RAC and MedPAN are discussing the possibility of renewing this MoC for the forthcoming 6 years (2020-2025). SPA/RAC and MedPAN would collaborate mainly on: (a) organization of the 2020 and 2024 Forum on MPAs in the Mediterranean; (b) elaboration of the 2020 and 2024 Status Report on MPAs in the Mediterranean; (c) co-management of the Database of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean (MAPAMED); and (d) other topics, like capacity-building, experience exchange, communication and outreach in regional and international fora and events. In this regard, it is planned to conclude a specific Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) related to the MAPAMED database, specifying the modalities and conditions and of management of the joint database and related data, by both parties. The partner has been informed that the framework for consultation among RACs, the Coordinating Unit and the Bureau as regards the development and conclusion of MoUs and other legal instruments will be followed.

53. The Forum of MPAs in the Mediterranean is a joint initiative of MedPAN and SPA/RAC. The 2020 MPA Forum is co-organized by SPA/RAC, MedPAN, WWF and the host country. It will take place on 30 November - 2 December 2020 in Monaco (*tbc*). The first meeting of the forum steering committee took place in Marseille, France, on 6-7 February 2020. The meeting discussed the forum organization process, themes, format, venue, logistics and budget. A save-the-date and a call of expression of interest for participation was circulated in March. An MoU is being prepared and should be concluded among the three organizations co-organizing the 2020 forum (SPA/RAC, MedPAN and WWF). The main objective of the MoU is to set the obligations and role of each co-organizer. The partners have been informed that the framework for consultation among RACs, the Coordinating Unit and the Bureau as regards the development and conclusion of MoUs and other legal instruments will be followed.

54. Following the call for new MAP Partners issued by the Secretariat during the previous biennium, and its promotion by the Coordinating Unit and MAP Components through a series of activities, the Secretariat has received three new applications from non-governmental organizations for accreditation as MAP Partners, as follows:

- Association Sawa for Development
- Blue World Institute of Marine Research and Conservation (BWI)
- Fédération des Coopératives des Pays de Mayoko (FECOPAM)

55. The Secretariat has reviewed the documentation submitted in line with Decision IG.19/6 on “MAP/Civil Society cooperation and partnership” and found that the organizations “Association Sawa for Development” and “Blue World Institute of Marine Research and Conservation” (BWI) meet the criteria for such accreditation. However, the organization “Fédération des Coopératives des Pays de Mayoko” (FECOPAM) fails or partly fails to the general condition: “*a) be representative in the*

field(s) of their competence and fields of action by the Mediterranean Action Plan Barcelona Convention and its Protocols”, the criterion: “*e) to have their regional office or headquarters in a Mediterranean country*”; and the specific criterion for national/local NGOs: “*a) NGO objectives genuinely related to the marine environment and coastal zones*”. The results of the evaluation of the applications are presented in Annex II to the present report for the Bureau’s consideration. The table of Annex II includes some specific comments/clarifications by the Secretariat regarding FECOPAM, that the Bureau may wish to consider.

56. The Secretariat recommends that the Bureau approves “Association Sawa for Development” and “Blue World Institute of Marine Research and Conservation” (BWI) to be admitted as MAP Partners.

57. Proposed Recommendations:

(a) The Bureau welcomes the work of the Secretariat on mobilizing financial resources under the GEF MedProgramme and encourages the Secretariat to kickstart the innovative and ambitious activities of the MedProgramme as soon as the legal framework for the use of funds is set;

(b) In relation to synergies with other Secretariats in spatial-based protection and management measures for marine biodiversity in the Mediterranean Area, the Bureau takes note of the initial work of the Secretariat and encourages the Secretariat to further explore and discuss with the partners informal forms of participation of competent organizations and bodies for multilateral dialogue and collaborative work;

(c) The Bureau endorses the results of the evaluation conducted by the Secretariat of the new applications submitted by “Association Sawa for Development” and “Blue World Institute of Marine Research and Conservation” (BWI) for accreditation as MAP Partners and requests that the Secretariat submits them to the MAP Focal Points and to COP 21 for consideration and endorsement. Regarding “Fédération des Coopératives des Pays de Mayoko” (FECOPAM), the Bureau agrees that not all conditions and criteria are fulfilled for its accreditation as MAP Partner.

F. Outreach, Information and Communication, including MAP visibility in major global events

58. The Secretariat built on a draft prepared by Plan Bleu/RAC and shared with the MAP Communication Taskforce to prepare a system-wide communication plan on the 2019 SoED. The plan includes a set of communication products, including posters and flyers, to be prepared by Plan Bleu/RAC with support from the MAP Communication Taskforce and sets out key events where the SoED will be showcased. The objective is threefold: ensure a broad dissemination of the report’s findings with priority given to target audience groups, articulate and convey advocacy messages for consideration in environmental and developmental policies in the Mediterranean based on these findings, and position SoED 2019 as a substantial contribution by the MAP-Barcelona Convention system to bolstering the knowledge base for informed policy-making in the region.

59. The Coordinating Unit is working with SPA/RAC, Plan Bleu/RAC and the MAP Communication Taskforce to ensure a consistent and adequately branded MAP—Barcelona Convention system presence at the IUCN World Conservation Congress (Marseille, France, 11-19 June 2020) where several institutions will take part in a Mediterranean Stand coordinated by IUCN-MED.

60. The UNEP/MAP Secretariat is preparing its participation in the UN Ocean Conference (Lisbon, Portugal, 2-6 June 2020). In the framework of the successful cooperation with IOC/UNESCO and its Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) Programme, PAP/RAC was invited to propose a side event together with the European Commission Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE), WestMED and potentially the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfMS), in order to present the synergetic work between the organizations on MSP.

61. The Coordinating Unit and PAP/RAC are preparing the programme of the main observance event of 2020 Coast Day, which is scheduled to take place in Malta on 25 September 2020. Opportunities for organizing a roundtable with speakers and media representatives from the Mediterranean region on topical issues, such as biodiversity, the proposed ECA-MED and a sustainable and inclusive blue economy are being considered.
62. Plan Bleu/RAC is supporting the organisation of a science-policy event with a strong focus on climate and environmental change (Marseille, France, 2-4 September 2020). The three-day event will provide a unique opportunity for an extensive exchange between scientists and policymakers/practitioners. Substantial discussion will contribute to pave the way towards filling knowledge gaps identified in SoED 2019, as encouraged by Contracting Parties at COP 21.
63. On 25 February 2020, the Secretariat submitted a proposal to the organizers of the European Development Days (Brussels, Belgium, 9-10 June 2020) for a “Lab debate on decoupling development from air pollution from ships in the Mediterranean”. The proposed session aims to be a multi-stakeholder dialogue on game-changing measures and solutions to address air quality degradation caused by maritime transport in the Mediterranean, one of the world’s busiest shipping lanes.
64. Following the recent change of the UNEP visual identity, the Coordinating Unit is working with the UNEP Graphic Design Unit on an updated version of the UNEP/MAP emblem. The Coordinating Unit is also preparing guidelines on the use of the UNEP/MAP emblem by the Regional Activity Centres with the aim of safeguarding the visual integrity of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system and ensuring consistency in the branding of relevant activities and products. The guidelines will be released by end of May 2020 after due consultations with UNEP Headquarters.
65. A revamped UNEP/MAP website that was launched in April 2020 offers an optimized browsing experience with a revised structure and faster page-loading time. The new layout provides a visually pleasing experience, thus encouraging visitors to remain on the website and to browse its content. The new website will run on a stable version of the content management system Drupal, thus ensuring a robust platform that minimizes vulnerability and technical issues encountered recently.
66. The original content generated and published on the UNEP/MAP website aims to highlight specific achievements and to focus attention on priority themes, including the themes highlighted in the Naples Ministerial Declaration and those pertaining to 2021 as a “super year for nature and biodiversity”. Content created for the website is promoted on social media, including the UNEP/MAP twitter account, and on RACs platforms. Incremental improvements will continue, including by creating thematic pages that offer entry points into the MAP’s work on cross-cutting issues. The Coordinating Unit will lead this effort with the support of the MAP Communication Taskforce. Ten news articles were published on the website in the period from 1 January-12 March 2020.
67. The Coordinating Unit will initiate informal consultations with institutions (including IUCN-MED and WWF-MED) working on themes pertaining to the environment and sustainable development in the Mediterranean region with a view to gauging interest in strategic collaborations in communication, outreach and advocacy. Such collaborations would be centered around specific priority themes that the participating institutions share, including advocacy for action-oriented policies informed by assessment reports on the state of Mediterranean ecosystems, and concerted efforts for awareness-raising conducive to lifestyle changes for sustainable consumption and production.
68. The Secretariat and MAP components worked together to prepare communication material to highlight the work done by the MAP-Barcelona Convention system in the framework of the celebration of the International Women’s Day (8 March). A feature was produced and published on the MAP website: <http://bit.ly/39tRbXX>. A meeting on promoting UN interagency synergies in the area of gender in the Mediterranean was planned for 18 March 2020 but had to be postponed due to public health concerns linked to the COVID-19 outbreak.
69. REMPEC launched its news website REMPEC.2.0, the revamped Waste Management Decision Support Tool and the Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL within the framework of the Barcelona Convention’s (MENELAS) website, hosted on INFO/RAC’s server together with the Preparedness for Oil-polluted Shoreline clean-up and Oiled Wildlife

interventions' (POSOW) and Mediterranean Integrated Geographical Information System on Marine Pollution Risk Assessment and Response (MEDGIS-MAR) websites, which were transferred in 2019. Plan Bleu/RAC's new website is under finalization and should be completed by April 2020.

70. Plan Bleu/RAC is looking at ways to ensure a broad consultation on MedECC report, strongly coordinated with Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat. To this end, the support by Contracting Parties is encouraged in order to mobilize the necessary funding to allow for a face-to-face (plenary) discussion on the MedECC Summary for Policy Makers, as recommended in the roadmap adopted at COP 21.

71. Plan Bleu/RAC, in collaboration with other MAP components and partners, is considering a methodology focused on assessing the potential and necessary conditions for replication and mainstreaming of project-based innovations, in particular, but not exclusively in the context of blue economy and sustainable tourism (follows-up on methodological development on the 2018-2019 Blue Economy report).

72. Further details on outreach, information and communication are provided in the Progress Report by the Secretariat on the Activities Carried Out for the Period January-March 2020 (document UNEP/MED BUR.89/3).

73. Proposed Recommendations:

(a) The Bureau expresses appreciation for the efforts and results of the work on information, communication and outreach, and requests the Secretariat to further progress in this direction;

(b) The Bureau encourages the Secretariat to pursue its communication efforts on the assessment reports according to a system-wide approach, and to this end ensure the dissemination of the 2019 SoED at all levels, as a major product of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system. The Bureau encourages Contracting Parties to identify media and non-media multipliers to disseminate the 2019 SoED findings and conclusions at Contracting Party level.

Annex I

**Timeline of actions for the evaluation of the UNEP/MAP Mid-Term Strategy (MTS) 2016-2021
and the preparation of the new MTS**

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Date	Event/Occasion	Comments
30-31 January 2020	40 th ECP Meeting	Strategic Input from MAP system to preparation of new MTS
Mid-February 2020	Finalization of consultant ToRs (1- evaluation of current MTS)	Consultant ToRs for evaluation of current MTS (definition of process details)
Mid-February 2020	Finalization of consultant ToRs (2- preparation of new MTS - substance)	Finalization of ToRs for the preparation of the new MTS-substance (based on the guidance provided by the Ministerial declaration of COP 21; by the Governance Decision; links with the evaluation of the MTS 2016-2021; Bureau guidance). <i>Also linked to the evaluation of the MSSD and of the SCP Action Plan</i>
April 2020	Finalization of consultant ToRs (3- preparation of new MTS –systemic analysis/MAP)	Finalization of ToRs for the preparation of the new MTS - systemic analysis/MAP (based on the guidance provided by the by the Governance Decision; by the PoW and Budget 2020-2021 Decision; links with work on the substance of new MTS; Bureau guidance)
April 2020	89 th Meeting of the Bureau (focus on the main outlines of both MTS evaluation and new MTS preparation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inputs by the Bureau on the evaluation of the current MTS - Feedback from the Bureau on the outcome of the ECP strategic discussion on the MTS and the initial work on the MTS preparation - Guidance of the Bureau on the process of MTS preparation (SC composition, role of SC OEWS, consultation process, etc)
June / July 2020	Zero draft of MTS evaluation report	Zero draft prepared and disseminated for consultation with Contracting Parties and stakeholders (<i>2-3 weeks online consultation, possibly in English only due to strict deadlines</i>)
August / September 2020	Current situation (for new MTS preparation)	Evaluation of the current situation/state of play (global and regional processes, as well as evaluation of current MTS)
October 2020	Distribution of 90 th Bureau meeting documents	- First draft evaluation report (including financial implementation) and set of recommendations addressing gaps and future orientations (from an evaluation perspective)
November 2020	90 th Meeting of the Bureau and meeting of the Steering Committee on the MTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultation of first draft MTS evaluation report with the Bureau - Elaboration of main directions of new MTS during the meeting of the Steering Committee

		- Guidance of the Bureau on the consultation process on the new MTS preparation (for the first semester of 2021)
December 2020 / January 2021	Second draft MTS evaluation report	Second draft MTS evaluation report prepared and disseminated for consultation with Contracting Parties/OEWG (<i>2 weeks online consultation, possibly in English only due to strict deadlines</i>)
February 2021	Main directions of the new MTS distributed	Online consultation with Contracting Parties and stakeholders on the main directions of the new MTS (<i>tbc, depending on timeline</i>)
March 2021	Distribution of documents for MAP FP Meeting on MTS	- Finalized evaluation report delivered and submitted to the first MAP Focal Points Meeting of the 2020-2021 biennium - Main directions and strategic outcomes of new MTS delivered and submitted to the first MAP Focal Points Meeting (following the inputs of the online consultation)
April 2021	MAP Focal Points Meeting on MTS	Dedicated MAP Focal Points meeting on the MTS, to discuss and endorse (a) the evaluation report, as well as (b) the main directions and strategic outcomes of new MTS
May / June 2021	Last Bureau meeting of the biennium & meeting of the Steering Committee or the Open-Ended Working Group	Working meeting to review the document for submission to the second MAP Focal Points Meeting of the Biennium (<i>based on the guidance of the Bureau, it may be a meeting either of the SC or the OEWG</i>)
July 2021	Distribution of documents for MAP Focal Points Meeting	Finalization of draft MTS and submission to the MAP Focal Points
September 2021	MAP Focal Points Meeting (second of the biennium)	Examination of draft MTS at the second MAP Focal Points Meeting of the biennium
September / October 2021	Distribution of documents for COP 22	MTS finalized to reflect inputs by the MAP Focal Points and submitted to COP 22
December 2021	COP 22	Endorsement of new MTS by COP 22

Annex II

MAP Partner Applications Evaluation Table

INFORMATION ON THE APPLICANTS / INFORMATIONS SUR LES CANDIDATS

ACRONYM/ ACRONYME	FULL NAME/NOM COMPLET	COUNTRY/ PAYS	AIMS/OBJECTIFS
	Sawa Association for Development	Lebanon	The goals of Sawa are to raise awareness for waste management which include how to sort out wastes, recycling, reducing the use of plastics sacs, how to reuse the plastics cans and sacs through recycling. Save the nature and the environment through awareness campaigns in Villages
	L'Association Sawa pour le development	Liban	Les objectifs de Sawa sont de sensibiliser à la gestion des déchets, notamment comment trier les déchets, recycler, réduire en utilisant des sacs en plastique, comment réutiliser les boîtes et sacs en plastique grâce au recyclage, sauver la nature et l'environnement grâce à des campagnes de sensibilisation dans les villages

EVALUATION / ÉVALUATION

Part I: General conditions for accreditation / Partie I : Conditions générales pour l'accréditation

Two categories of NGOs are eligible for observer status / Deux catégories d'ONG sont éligibles pour le statut d'observateur

Sawa Association for Development/L'Association Sawa pour le development	
International and regional NGOs / ONG internationales et régionales	
National and local NGOs from Mediterranean riparian states / ONG nationales et locales des États riverains de la Méditerranée	√

Both categories of NGOs should satisfy the following general conditions:

Sawa Association for Development/L'Association Sawa pour le development	
be representative in the field(s) of their competence and fields of action by the Mediterranean Action Plan Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / être représentatives dans leur(s) domaine(s) de compétence et leurs champs d'action dans le cadre du Plan d'action pour la Méditerranée (PAM) / Convention de Barcelone et de ses Protocoles ;	√
be able, through their work, to support the achievement of the objectives of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / être capables, au travers de son travail, d'appuyer la réalisation des objectifs du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	√
be able to make known the work of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols in the region and/or their respective countries / être capables de faire connaître le travail du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles dans la région et / ou dans leurs pays respectifs ;	√
be able to contribute, through a specific project or programme, to the implementation of MAP/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols programme of activities / être capables de contribuer, au travers d'un projet ou d'un programme spécifique, à la mise en œuvre du programme d'activités du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	√
be able to contribute, through a specific event or manifestation linked to a Mediterranean Action Plan field of activity, to public awareness-raising / être capables de contribuer, au travers d'un événement ou d'une manifestation spécifique associée à un champ d'activité du PAM, à la sensibilisation du public ;	√
be able to provide, through their specific activity or experience, expert advice on the definition of Mediterranean Action Plan policies, programmes and actions / être capables de fournir, au travers de leur activité spécifique ou de leur expérience, un avis d'expert sur la définition de politiques, programmes et actions pour le PAM ;	√

be able regularly to disseminate information to their members, where applicable, on the standards, activities and achievements of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention in their own field(s) of competence / être capables de diffuser régulièrement des informations à leurs membres, le cas échéant, sur les normes, activités et réalisations du PAM / Convention de Barcelone dans leur(s) propre(s) domaine(s) de compétence ;	√
be able to furnish, either spontaneously or at the request of the Mediterranean Action Plan's different bodies, information, documents or opinions relating to their own field(s) of competence / être capables de fournir, spontanément ou à la demande des différents organes du PAM, des informations, documents ou opinions relatifs à leur(s) propre(s) domaine(s) de compétence.	√

Part II: Specific accreditation criteria and procedures / Partie II : Critères et procédures d'accréditation spécifiques

Accreditation / Accréditation

The following criteria apply to international and national/local NGOs:

Les critères suivants s'appliquent aux ONG internationales et nationales / locales :

Sawa Association for Development/L'Association Sawa pour le development	
to have legal status; terms of reference, objectives and scope of activities related to one or more of MAP's areas of activity and to the scope of the Convention and its Protocols / disposer d'un statut légal ; le mandat, les objectifs et le champ d'application des activités du candidat doivent être en rapport avec un ou plusieurs domaines d'activité du PAM et avec le champ d'application de la Convention et ses Protocoles ;	√
to have existed for at least 4 years / exister depuis au moins 4 ans;	√
to submit financial and activity reports from the last two years / soumettre les états financiers et rapports d'activité des deux dernières années ;	√
to operate democratically / avoir un fonctionnement démocratique ;	√
to have their regional office or headquarters in a Mediterranean country / disposer d'un bureau ou d'un siège régional dans un pays méditerranéen ;	√
to demonstrate proof of general or specialised, technical or scientific competence on issues related to the activities of MAP, the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / justifier sa compétence générale ou spécialisée, technique ou scientifique sur des questions associées aux activités du PAM, de la Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	√
to demonstrate what contributions the NGO could make to MAP and the Convention and its Protocols / démontrer quelles contributions serait à même d'apporter l'ONG au PAM ainsi qu'à la Convention et ses Protocoles.	√

The following specific criteria apply to national/local NGOs:

Les critères suivants s'appliquent aux ONG nationales / locales :

Sawa Association for Development/L'Association Sawa pour le development	
NGO objectives genuinely related to the marine environment and coastal zones / Les objectifs de l'ONG sont véritablement associés à l'environnement marin et aux zones côtières ;	√
NGOs participating or wishing to participate in specific national or local programmes or projects on the implementation of the objectives of the MAP/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / ONG participant ou souhaitant participer à des programmes ou projets nationaux ou locaux sur la mise en œuvre des objectifs du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles.	√

INFORMATION ON THE APPLICANTS / INFORMATIONS SUR LES CANDIDATS

ACRONYM/ ACRONYME	FULL NAME/NOM COMPLET	COUNTRY/ PAYS	AIMS/OBJECTIFS
BWI	Blue World Institute of Marine Research and Conservation (BWI)	Croatia	<input type="checkbox"/> Use research and professional knowledge to assist the development and implementation of marine conservation measures in the Adriatic and the region. <input type="checkbox"/> Achieve and maintain a favourable conservation status for large marine vertebrates and reach a Good Environmental Status generally in the Adriatic Sea. <input type="checkbox"/> Empower local communities to become effective agents of change by providing resources, support and know-how. <input type="checkbox"/> Cultivate the next generation of environmental stewards by developing and delivering diverse educational programmes that increase marine conservation literacy and actions. <input type="checkbox"/> Continuously expand and improve the interdisciplinary regional centre of excellence – the Marine Science Centre – in Lošinj. <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain an adaptive organisational capacity allowing appropriate response to new environmental challenges and opportunities.
BWI	Institut Blue World pour la recherche et la conservation marine	Croatie	<input type="checkbox"/> Utiliser la recherche et les connaissances professionnelles pour aider à l'élaboration et à la mise en œuvre de mesures de conservation marine dans l'Adriatique et la région. <input type="checkbox"/> Atteindre et maintenir un état de conservation favorable pour les grands vertébrés marins et atteindre un bon état environnemental généralement dans la mer Adriatique. <input type="checkbox"/> Habilitier les communautés locales à devenir des agents de changement efficaces en fournissant des ressources, un soutien et un savoir-faire. <input type="checkbox"/> Cultiver la prochaine génération de gardiens de l'environnement en développant et en offrant divers programmes éducatifs qui augmentent la littératie et les actions de conservation marine. <input type="checkbox"/> Développer et améliorer en permanence le centre régional d'excellence interdisciplinaire - le Centre des sciences de la mer - à Lošinj. <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenir une capacité organisationnelle adaptative permettant une réponse appropriée aux nouveaux défis et opportunités environnementaux.

EVALUATION / ÉVALUATION

Part I: General conditions for accreditation / Partie I : Conditions générales pour l'accréditation

Two categories of NGOs are eligible for observer status / Deux catégories d'ONG sont éligibles pour le statut d'observateur

BWI	
International and regional NGOs / ONG internationales et régionales	√
National and local NGOs from Mediterranean riparian states / ONG nationales et locales des États riverains de la Méditerranée	

Both categories of NGOs should satisfy the following general conditions:

BWI	
be representative in the field(s) of their competence and fields of action by the Mediterranean Action Plan Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / être représentatives dans leur(s) domaine(s) de compétence et leurs champs d'action dans le cadre du Plan d'action pour la Méditerranée (PAM) / Convention de Barcelone et de ses Protocoles ;	√

be able, through their work, to support the achievement of the objectives of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / être capables, au travers de son travail, d'appuyer la réalisation des objectifs du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	√
be able to make known the work of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols in the region and/or their respective countries / être capables de faire connaître le travail du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles dans la région et / ou dans leurs pays respectifs ;	√
be able to contribute, through a specific project or programme, to the implementation of MAP/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols programme of activities / être capables de contribuer, au travers d'un projet ou d'un programme spécifique, à la mise en œuvre du programme d'activités du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	√
be able to contribute, through a specific event or manifestation linked to a Mediterranean Action Plan field of activity, to public awareness-raising / être capables de contribuer, au travers d'un événement ou d'une manifestation spécifique associée à un champ d'activité du PAM, à la sensibilisation du public ;	√
be able to provide, through their specific activity or experience, expert advice on the definition of Mediterranean Action Plan policies, programmes and actions / être capables de fournir, au travers de leur activité spécifique ou de leur expérience, un avis d'expert sur la définition de politiques, programmes et actions pour le PAM ;	√
be able regularly to disseminate information to their members, where applicable, on the standards, activities and achievements of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention in their own field(s) of competence / être capables de diffuser régulièrement des informations à leurs membres, le cas échéant, sur les normes, activités et réalisations du PAM / Convention de Barcelone dans leur(s) propre(s) domaine(s) de compétence ;	√
be able to furnish, either spontaneously or at the request of the Mediterranean Action Plan's different bodies, information, documents or opinions relating to their own field(s) of competence / être capables de fournir, spontanément ou à la demande des différents organes du PAM, des informations, documents ou opinions relatifs à leur(s) propre(s) domaine(s) de compétence.	√

Part II: Specific accreditation criteria and procedures / Partie II : Critères et procédures d'accréditation spécifiques

Accreditation / Accréditation

The following criteria apply to international and national/local NGOs:

Les critères suivants s'appliquent aux ONG internationales et nationales / locales :

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to have existed for at least 4 years / exister depuis au moins 4 ans;	√
to submit financial and activity reports from the last two years / soumettre les états financiers et rapports d'activité des deux dernières années ;	√
to operate democratically / avoir un fonctionnement démocratique ;	√
to have their regional office or headquarters in a Mediterranean country / disposer d'un bureau ou d'un siège régional dans un pays méditerranéen ;	√

to demonstrate proof of general or specialised, technical or scientific competence on issues related to the activities of MAP, the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / justifier sa compétence générale ou spécialisée, technique ou scientifique sur des questions associées aux activités du PAM, de la Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	√
to demonstrate what contributions the NGO could make to MAP and the Convention and its Protocols / démontrer quelles contributions serait à même d'apporter l'ONG au PAM ainsi qu'à la Convention et ses Protocoles.	√

The following specific criteria apply to national/local NGOs:

Les critères suivants s'appliquent aux ONG nationales / locales :

BWI	
NGO objectives genuinely related to the marine environment and coastal zones / Les objectifs de l'ONG sont véritablement associés à l'environnement marin et aux zones côtières ;	
NGOs participating or wishing to participate in specific national or local programmes or projects on the implementation of the objectives of the MAP/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / ONG participant ou souhaitant participer à des programmes ou projets nationaux ou locaux sur la mise en œuvre des objectifs du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles.	

INFORMATION ON THE APPLICANTS / INFORMATIONS SUR LES CANDIDATS

ACRONYM/ ACRONYME	FULL NAME/NOM COMPLET	COUNTRY/P AYS	AIMS/OBJECTIFS
FECOPAM	Fédération des Coopératives des Pays de Mayoko « FECOPAM »	Republic of Congo	Fédération des Coopératives des Pays de Mayoko « FECOPAM »
FECOPAM	Fédération des Coopératives des Pays de Mayoko « FECOPAM »	République du Congo/	Fédération des Coopératives des Pays de Mayoko « FECOPAM »

EVALUATION / ÉVALUATION

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FECOPAM	
International and regional NGOs / ONG internationales et régionales	
National and local NGOs from Mediterranean riparian states / ONG nationales et locales des États riverains de la Méditerranée	√

Both categories of NGOs should satisfy the following general conditions:

FECOPAM	
be representative in the field(s) of their competence and fields of action by the Mediterranean Action Plan Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / être représentatives dans leur(s) domaine(s) de compétence et leurs champs d'action dans le cadre du Plan d'action pour la Méditerranée (PAM) / Convention de Barcelone et de ses Protocoles ;	x [The field of competence and action of FECOPAM is mainly humanitarian and only marginally related to the protection of the marine and coastal environment]
be able, through their work, to support the achievement of the objectives of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / être capables, au travers de son travail, d'appuyer la réalisation des objectifs du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	√
be able to make known the work of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols in the region and/or their respective countries / être capables de faire connaître le travail du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles dans la région et / ou dans leurs pays respectifs ;	√
be able to contribute, through a specific project or programme, to the implementation of MAP/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols programme of activities / être capables de contribuer, au travers d'un projet ou d'un programme spécifique, à la mise en œuvre du programme d'activités du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	√
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be able to provide, through their specific activity or experience, expert advice on the definition of Mediterranean Action Plan policies, programmes and actions / être capables de fournir, au travers de leur activité spécifique ou de leur expérience, un avis d'expert sur la définition de politiques, programmes et actions pour le PAM ;	√
be able regularly to disseminate information to their members, where applicable, on the standards, activities and achievements of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention in their own field(s) of competence / être capables de diffuser régulièrement des informations à leurs membres, le cas échéant, sur les normes, activités et réalisations du PAM / Convention de Barcelone dans leur(s) propre(s) domaine(s) de compétence ;	√
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The following criteria apply to international and national/local NGOs:

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to have existed for at least 4 years / exister depuis au moins 4 ans;	√
to submit financial and activity reports from the last two years / soumettre les états financiers et rapports d'activité des deux dernières années ;	√
to operate democratically / avoir un fonctionnement démocratique ;	√
to have their regional office or headquarters in a Mediterranean country / disposer d'un bureau ou d'un siège régional dans un pays méditerranéen ;	x [The Headquarters of FECOPAM are in the Republic of Congo; FECOPAM does not have any regional office in a Mediterranean Country]
to demonstrate proof of general or specialised, technical or scientific competence on issues related to the activities of MAP, the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / justifier sa compétence générale ou spécialisée, technique ou scientifique sur des questions associées aux activités du PAM, de la Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	√
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**The following specific criteria apply to national/local NGOs:
Les critères suivants s'appliquent aux ONG nationales / locales :**

FECOPAM	
<p>NGO objectives genuinely related to the marine environment and coastal zones / Les objectifs de l'ONG sont véritablement associés à l'environnement marin et aux zones côtières ;</p>	<p>x</p> <p>[The objective of FECOPAM is mainly humanitarian and very marginally related to the protection of the marine and coastal environment]</p>
<p>NGOs participating or wishing to participate in specific national or local programmes or projects on the implementation of the objectives of the MAP/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / ONG participant ou souhaitant participer à des programmes ou projets nationaux ou locaux sur la mise en œuvre des objectifs du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles.</p>	<p>√</p>