



**MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN (MAP)
REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE FOR THE
MEDITERRANEAN SEA (REMPEC)**

10th Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional
Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre
for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)

REMPEC/WG.32/3/2
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Agenda Item 3

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Executive Summary: This document provides brief information on the action to be taken by the Meeting.

Action to be taken: As indicated under each agenda item.

Related documents: REMPEC/WG.32/3/1 and REMPEC/WG.32/3/3.

Introduction

1. The 10th Meeting of Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) has been convened in Malta between the 3 and 5 May 2011, pursuant to the decision of the 16th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention which agreed that a meeting of REMPEC Focal Points be organised during the 2010–2011 biennium (UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/8, Marrakesh, Morocco, 3-5 November 2009).

2. The principal objectives of the 10th Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points are:

- a) to examine the implementation of the programme of work of REMPEC since the 9th Focal Points Meeting; and
- b) to discuss and approve a proposed programme of work of REMPEC for the biennium 2012-2013 which will be submitted for adoption by the 17th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.

3. All REMPEC Governmental Focal Points have been invited to nominate jointly and in consultation with all national authorities concerned their representatives in the Meeting. The participation in national delegations of observers representing the oil, chemical, port and shipping industries has been strongly encouraged. The invitation to attend the Meeting was also extended to the specialized agencies of the United Nations, other governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as to the international professional organizations and associations whose activities are relevant for the work of REMPEC.

4. In order to assist the Meeting in its work, REMPEC prepared the following annotations to the proposed provisional agenda of the Meeting.

Agenda Item 1 **Opening of the Meeting**

5. The 10th Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points will open on Tuesday, 3rd May 2011 at 09.00 hours and is expected to close on Thursday, 5th May 2011 at 17.00hrs.

Agenda Item 2 **Organization of the Meeting**

2.1 **Rules of Procedure**

6. The Rules of procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its related Protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the deliberations of this Meeting.

2.2 **Election of Officers**

The Meeting of Focal Points will be invited to elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Rapporteur.

2.3 **Working Languages**

7. The working languages of the Meeting will be English and French. Simultaneous English/French/English interpretation will be provided during the Meeting. All working documents will be available in both official languages of the Centre, i.e. in English and in French. Information documents will be available in their original language unless a translation has been provided in the second working language.

Agenda Item 3 **Adoption of the Agenda**

8. The agenda, as proposed in document REMPEC/WG.32/3/1 and annotated in the present document, will be proposed for adoption by the Meeting of Focal Points. The Meeting will also be invited to agree on a timetable to carry out its work. A draft timetable is proposed in document REMPEC/WG.32/3/3.

Agenda Item 4 **REMPEC's activities carried out since the 9th Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points**

9. The Director of REMPEC will introduce document REMPEC/WG.32/4/1 entitled "Progress report on REMPEC's activities since the 9th Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points", which contains an outline of the activities carried out by the Centre since the last Meeting of the Focal Points held in Malta in April 2009. Montenegro will also introduce document REMPEC/WG.32/4/2.

10. Contracting Parties will be invited to inform the Meeting of any relevant activities carried out in their respective countries or within the European Union since the 9th Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points.

The Meeting of Focal Points will be invited to comment and take note of the progress made in the implementation of REMPEC's activities.

Agenda Item 5 **Updating the Regional Information System (RIS) and reporting under the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) Information System**

11. The Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.32/5 which summarizes the developments made in the field of information sharing by the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) and by REMPEC in their respective field of competences.

The Meeting of Focal Points will be invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat, to provide comments on the use of the new website and its eventual improvement and to discuss other related matters addressed in the document.

Agenda Item 6 **Developments related to the EU-funded MEDA Regional Project “Euromed cooperation on maritime safety and prevention of pollution from ships – SAFEMED”**

12. The Meeting will be informed of the status of implementation of the EU-funded MEDA Regional Project entitled “Euromed Cooperation on Maritime Safety and Prevention of Pollution from Ships – SAFEMED II” (MED 2007/147-568) which the Centre is implementing in the Mediterranean region. The Secretariat will present document REMPEC/WG.32/6 which provides information on the implementation of the SAFEMED II Project between January 2009 and February 2011.

The Meeting of Focal Points will be invited to take note of the information provided and to take it into consideration during the deliberations on Agenda Item 10 (Proposed programme of work of REMPEC for biennium 2012/2013) as well as to comment as deemed appropriate.

Agenda Item 7 **Activities related to ships’ ballast water management and invasive species**

13. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present document REMPEC/WG.32/7 which provides an update on the status of implementation of the GloBallast Partnerships Project (2008-2012) in the Mediterranean region including the finalisation of the draft Mediterranean Strategy on Ships’ Ballast Water Management and Invasive Species.

The Meeting of Focal Points will be invited to take note of the information provided, endorse and recommend for adoption by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention the Draft Mediterranean Strategy on Ship’s Ballast Water Management and Invasive Species and the draft “General Guidance on the Voluntary Interim Application of the D1 Ballast Water Exchange Standard by Vessels Operating between the Mediterranean Sea and the North-East Atlantic and/or the Baltic Sea”, and agree to the joint submission with the other concerned Regional Seas Agreements of the General Guidance document to the Secretary-General of IMO.

Agenda Item 8 **Developments in the field of preparedness for and response to marine pollution**

14. The Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.32/8/1 entitled “Developments in the field of preparedness for and response to marine pollution – Lessons learnt from Deepwater Horizon Incident and entry into force of the Offshore Protocol” which provides a summary of the latest developments in the field of preparedness for and response to marine pollution including the recent Deepwater Horizon incident, the entry into force of the Offshore Protocol to the Barcelona Convention and the situation regarding cooperation with the industry. Document REMPEC/WG.32/8/2 will also be introduced by Israel.

15. Several presentations by representatives of the oil and offshore industries are scheduled in order to foster a preliminary discussion between Focal Points on possible activities that could be considered relevant in the context of the Offshore Protocol.

The Meeting of Focal Points will be invited to take note of the information provided and to provide views and comments on the relevant subjects highlighted in documents REMPEC/WG.32/8/1 and REMPEC/WG.32/8/2 as well as during the discussion on this Agenda Item.

Agenda Item 9 **Mediterranean Technical Working Group (MTWG)**

16. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present two documents related to the work of the Mediterranean Technical Working Group (MTWG). Document REMPEC/WG.32/9/1 provides an update on the progress made by the MTWG since the 9th Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points. Document REMPEC/WG.32/9/2 focuses on some activities which are proposed to be considered for inclusion in the programme of work of the MTWG during the up-coming biennium.

The Meeting of Focal Points will be invited to take note of the information provided and to consider the proposals put forward by the Secretariat in the abovementioned documents.

Agenda Item 10 **Proposed programme of work of REMPEC for biennium 2012-2013**

17. The Director of REMPEC will present document REMPEC/WG.32/10 containing a proposed programme of work to be implemented by the Centre during the biennium 2012-2013.

The Meeting of Focal Points will be invited to consider, discuss, and agree upon a programme of work of REMPEC for the biennium 2012-2013, to be submitted for adoption by the next Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.

Agenda Item 11 **Other business**

18. The Meeting of Focal Points will be invited to consider any other matters that may be raised under this agenda item.

19. Under this agenda item, organizations wishing to provide brief information on some of their activities which may be of interest to the Meeting will be given the opportunity to do so.

Agenda Item 12 **Consideration and adoption of the Report of the Meeting**

20. A draft report of the Meeting will be submitted to the participants for consideration and adoption.

Agenda Item 13 **Closure of the Meeting**

21. The Meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairperson at 17.00 hours on Thursday, 5 May 2011.