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**Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters**

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### Introduction

1. In line with the MAP Programme of Work adopted by COP21 for the biennium 2020-2021, and further to the activities stipulated in the Letter of Agreement (signed on 9 October 2019) with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which hosts the Secretariat for the London Protocol/London Convention, the Secretariat of the Barcelona Convention and the Secretariat of the London Convention/London Protocol will organize the Joint Regional Meeting on Best Practices on Implementation, Compliance and Enforcement related to Dumping Protocol.

2. The main objectives of the meeting are to bring together national experts on dumping activities, permitting and enforcement authorities contributing to the implementation of the MAP/Barcelona Convention Dumping Protocol in order to:

- a) Provide information on recent developments to the Contracting Parties on the dumping at sea of waste issues at global and regional levels;
- b) Provide guidance to the Contracting Parties on compliance monitoring programmes under the Dumping Protocol; and
- c) Identify best practices with regards to national implementation of the Dumping Protocol mainstreaming regional and global good practices

3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the Meeting in its deliberations.

### Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The Meeting will be opened at 10:00 AM (EEST) on Tuesday, 2 March 2021 by the Coordinator of the United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan - Barcelona Convention Secretariat and the Representative of the London Convention/London Protocol.

<i>Working Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.487/1</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.487/2</i>
<i>Information Document</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.487/Inf.1</i>

### Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

#### *a) Rules of Procedure for the Meeting*

1. The Rules of Procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) will apply mutatis mutandis to the present Meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

#### *b) Election of Officers*

2. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meeting will elect a President, three Vice Presidents and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties.

#### *c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda*

3. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.487/1 and annotated in the present document (UNEP/MED WG.487/2) will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the Meeting including the timetable included at the end of the present document.

*d) Organization of Work*

4. The discussions are planned to be held in three plenary sessions from 10:00 to 12:00; 12:30 to 14:30; 15:30 to 17:30 during the one-day Meeting.

5. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for the three sessions. All documentation will be in English and French. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session. The meeting will be recorded for future reference.

6. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 17:30 on 2 March 2021 after adopting its conclusions and recommendations.

**Agenda item 3: Global and regional framework for dumping at sea activities**

- a) Global perspective – London Convention/London Protocol
- b) Regional perspective – UNEP/MAP

*Working Documents*      *UNEP/MED WG.487/Inf 3*

7. Under this agenda item, the London Convention/London Protocol Secretariat will present recent global and regional developments relevant to dumping activities. UNEP/MAP Secretariat will present the latest developments in the Mediterranean and set the scene to showcase the findings from the questionnaires completed by the Countries which are addressed in document UNEP/MED WG.487/inf 3.

**Agenda item 4: Promoting Compliance and Enforcement on Dumping Protocol**

- a) Recent Developments to strengthen Compliance and Enforcement
- b) Methodologies and techniques for the assessment and monitoring of adverse impacts of dumping activities

*Working Documents*      *UNEP/MED WG.487/3*

8. Under agenda item 4(a), the Compliance Committee of the London Convention/London Protocol and the Compliance Committee of Barcelona Convention will present recent developments under compliance and enforcement issues relevant to both Conventions at the global and regional levels.

9. Under agenda item 4(b), the UNEP/MAP Secretariat will present document UNEP/MED WG.487/3 on common methodologies and techniques for the assessment and monitoring of adverse impacts of dumping activities. The Meeting is expected to review and provide its feedback, as appropriate, with the view to have the document finalized and submitted to the MED POL Focal Points Meeting to be held tentatively in May 2021 for their review and approval.

**Agenda item 5: Best practices on technical aspects of Dumping protocol implementation**

- a) Sharing of best practices for management of dumping activities
- b) Best Available Techniques on dredging technologies

**Working Documents**      *UNEP/MED WG.487/4*

10. Under agenda item 5(a), UNEP/MAP Secretariat will present the Compendium of Best Environmental Practices for implementation of the Dumping Protocol (UNEP/MED WG.487/4). The Meeting is expected to review and provide its feedback, as appropriate, with the view to have the document finalized and submitted to the MED POL Focal Points Meeting to be held tentatively in May 2021 for their review and approval.

11. Under the agenda item 5(b), presentation/ intervention on the best available techniques and recent innovative dredging technologies will be delivered by representative(s) of the dredging industry.

**Agenda item 6: Any Other Business**

12. Under this Agenda item, participants may raise any other business related to the subject of the Meeting.

**Agenda item 7; Conclusions and Recommendations**

13. Under this Agenda item, the Meeting will review, amend and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the Meeting discussions as prepared by the Secretariat with the Rapporteur.

**Agenda item 8: Closure of the meeting**

14. The Chair will close the Meeting at 17:30 hours on Tuesday 2 March 2021.

**TIMETABLE<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Tuesday, 2 March 2021</b>		
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Agenda item 1:</b> Opening of the Meeting	
10:15 – 10:30	<b>Agenda item 2:</b> Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.487/1 UNEP/MED WG.487/2 UNEP/MED WG.487/Inf.1
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Agenda item 3:</b> Global and regional framework for dumping at sea activities a) Global perspective - LC/LP b) Regional perspective – UNEP-MAP	UNEP/MED WG.487/Inf.3
11:00 – 12:00	<b>Agenda item 4:</b> Promoting Compliance and Enforcement on Dumping Protocol a) Recent Developments to strengthen Compliance and Enforcement b) Methodologies and techniques for the assessment and monitoring of adverse impacts of dumping activities	UNEP/MED WG.487/3
12:00 – 12:30	Break	
12:30 – 14:30	<b>Agenda item 5:</b> Best practices on technical aspects of Dumping protocol implementation a) Sharing of best practices for management of dumping activities	UNEP/MED WG.487/4
14:30 – 15:30	Break	
15:30 – 16:30	<b>Agenda item 5:</b> Best practices on technical aspects of Dumping protocol implementation ( <i>continued</i> ) b) Best Available Techniques on dredging technologies	UNEP/MED WG.487/4
16:30 – 16:45	<b>Agenda item 6:</b> Any Other Business	
16:45 – 17:30	<b>Agenda item 7:</b> Conclusions and Recommendations	
17:30	<b>Agenda item 8:</b> Closure of the Meeting	

<sup>1</sup> UTC+3 (i.e. Athens time)