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**Intergovernmental Review Meeting on the  
Implementation of the Global Programme of Action  
for the Protection of the Marine Environment  
from Land-based Activities**

**Fifth session**

Online, 15 February 2022

Item 2 of the provisional agenda\*

**Organizational matters**

**Annotated provisional agenda**

**Item 1**

**Opening of the session**

1. The Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is convening the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities to review the progress of the Programme and to consider the way forward, especially in terms of the intergovernmental review mechanism.
2. The fifth session of the Intergovernmental Review Meeting will be held online and will be opened at 2 p.m.<sup>1</sup> on Tuesday, 15 February 2022 by the Executive Director of the UNEP or her representative.
3. A representative of the secretariat will outline progress achieved in meeting the commitments made in the Bali Declaration on the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities,<sup>2</sup> adopted at the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Review Meeting.

**Item 2**

**Organizational matters**

4. As the session is convened under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Assembly of UNEP, the rules of procedure of the Assembly will apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the proceedings.
  - (a) **Election of officers**
    5. In accordance with the rules of procedure, a chair and four vice-chairs, one of whom will serve as rapporteur, will be elected from among the representatives of Governments. The principle of equal geographical representation from the five United Nations regions will be duly followed when electing those officers, who will constitute the Bureau of the session.

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\* UNEP/GPA/IGR.5/1.

<sup>1</sup> All time references are to Nairobi time (UTC + 3).

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/GPA/IGR.4/5, annex.

**(b) Adoption of the agenda**

6. Subject to the rules of procedure, the representatives may wish to adopt the agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda set out in document UNEP/GPA/IGR.5/1.

**(c) Organization of work**

7. It is proposed that discussions take the form of a plenary meeting to be held from 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 15 February 2022. For that meeting, simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the six official languages of the United Nations.

8. The list of documents for the session will be circulated as document UNEP/GPA/IGR.5/INF/1. The working documents for the session will be available in the six official languages of the United Nations, and information documents will be available in English only.

**Item 3**

**Review of the implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities at the international, regional and national levels during the period 2019–2021**

9. In accordance with paragraph 77 (a) of the Global Programme of Action, the secretariat will present a progress report on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action at the international, regional and national levels during the period 2019–2021 (UNEP/GPA/IGR.5/2).

**Item 4**

**Draft decision on the intergovernmental review mechanism of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities**

10. The secretariat will introduce the draft decision on the intergovernmental review mechanism of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities (UNEP/GPA/IGR.5/3).

11. Governments are requested to consider the draft decision and discuss the approach proposed therein with a view to agreeing on the future direction of the intergovernmental review mechanism and on how to keep the implementation of the Programme at the forefront of the attention of policymakers, utilizing the United Nations Environment Assembly as a platform.

**Item 5**

**Closure of the session**

12. It is expected that the session will be closed by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 15 February 2022.

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