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93<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the  
Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment  
and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols

Thessaloniki, Greece, 30 November – 1 December 2022

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

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### Introduction

1. In accordance with Article IV.2 of the Terms of Reference of the Bureau and in consultation with the President and members of the Bureau, the 93<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (Barcelona Convention) and its Protocols will be held in Thessaloniki, Greece, on 30 November – 1 December 2022.
2. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda have been prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

### Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

3. The meeting will be opened at 09:30 (UTC+2) on Wednesday, 30 November 2022, by Prof. Mehmet Emin Birpınar, President of the Bureau.

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

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.93/1 UNEP/MED BUR.93/2
<b>Information Document</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.93/Inf.1

4. The Rules of Procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply *mutatis mutandis* to this meeting.
5. The meeting will review and adopt the Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Presidency of the Bureau, as contained in document UNEP/MED BUR.93/1 and annotated in the present document.
6. It is expected that the Bureau will address all items of the Agenda during its two-day meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 18:00 (UTC+3) on 1 December 2022, after adopting its conclusions and recommendations.
7. As per practice and in line with Article VII of the Bureau Terms of Reference, the final edited report of the meeting will be succinct and will be prepared by the Secretariat and distributed by electronic means to the Focal Points of the Contracting Parties no later than one month after the meeting.

### Agenda Item 3: Progress Report for March – October 2022

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.93/3
<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.93/4 UNEP/MED BUR.93/Inf.4 UNEP/MED BUR.93/Inf.5

8. Ms. Tatjana Hema, MAP Coordinator, will present the document “*Progress Report by the Secretariat on the Activities Carried Out for the Period March – October 2022*” (UNEP/MED BUR.93/3) and the “*Progress Report by the Secretariat on the Implementation of COP 22 Decisions*” (UNEP/MED BUR.93/4).
9. The “*Report of the 47<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the Executive Coordination Panel*” and the “*Compilation of Project Fiches*” are presented in documents UNEP/MED BUR.93/Inf.4 and Inf.5 respectively, for the information of the Bureau.
10. Bureau members are expected to comment on and take note of the progress achieved on the implementation of the activities carried out and advise the Secretariat in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Bureau.

#### **Agenda Item 4: Report by the Secretariat on Financial and Administrative Issues**

<b>Working Document</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.93/5
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11. The Coordinator will present to the Bureau members for their comments and recommendations a financial and administrative update, as contained in the “*Report by the Secretariat on Financial and Administrative Issues*” (UNEP/MED BUR.93/5) addressing the status of contributions, personnel, administrative matters and consultancy reporting.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Specific Issues**

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.93/6
<b>Information Document</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.93/Inf.4
	UNEP/MED BUR.93/Inf.6

12. The Coordinator will present the “*Report by the Secretariat on Specific Issues*” (UNEP/MED BUR.93/6). The Bureau will be invited to consider the following issues:

##### **(a) Ratification, Reporting and Compliance**

13. The Secretariat will present an update on the status of ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols. The Bureau is expected to discuss ways to further promote ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

14. The Secretariat will also provide an update on the status of implementation of Decision IG.23/1 on *Revised Reporting Format for the Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols*.

15. The Secretariat will present the progress in relation to the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, including the implementation of Decision IG.25/2 on *Compliance Committee*.

16. The Bureau is expected to discuss these issues and provide its guidance.

##### **(b) COP 22 Key mandates**

- **Antalya Ministerial Declaration**
- **2023 MED QSR**
- **Designation of the Mediterranean Sea as SO<sub>x</sub> Emission Control Area**
- **COP 22 Thematic Regional Strategies’ way forward**
- **MAP Knowledge Management Strategy**
- **MED 2050 Foresight Study**
- **Resource Mobilization Strategy**

17. The Secretariat will inform on the progress in relation to key COP 22 mandates, with a focus on the processes and on the actions taken as well as on the next steps for their efficient delivery.

18. The Bureau members will be invited to discuss, and provide guidance on the way forward, considering also the text of the relevant COP 22 Decisions and of the Antalya Ministerial Declaration.

##### **(c) Collaboration and Partners**

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

20. With reference to Decision IG.19/6 on MAP/Civil society cooperation and partnership, the Secretariat will present to the Bureau members the outcome of the evaluation of the applications received by civil society organizations for accreditation, as well as for renewal of accreditation, as MAP Partners, for the Bureau’s review and possible endorsement.

**(d) Outreach, Communication and Advocacy**

21. The Secretariat will report on the information and communication activities conducted and on the plans for the current biennium in this area, in the context of the most important global and regional events. The Bureau will be invited to provide its views and considerations on this matter and to advise on how to further enhance the outreach, visibility and impact of the MAP – Barcelona Convention system including on the outcome of COP 22.

**(e) Ways and Means to Streamline Reporting on Progress and on Implementation of COP Decisions**

22. The Secretariat will present to the Bureau members some considerations on possible ways and means to streamline reporting on progress and on implementation of COP Decisions, including on the implementation of the Programme of Work and Budget.

23. The Bureau members will be invited to discuss, and provide guidance on the way forward.

**(f) Proposal to Strengthen the Institutional Setup of UNEP/MAP on Climate Change**

24. Following the relevant discussions at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Bureau meeting (Istanbul, Türkiye, 24-25 March 2022) the representative of Türkiye will present to the Bureau members a proposal to strengthen the institutional setup of UNEP/MAP on Climate Change, including through the possible establishment of a new Regional Activity Centre (Information Document UNEP/MED BUR.92/Inf.6).

25. The Bureau members will be invited to discuss the proposal, and provide guidance on the way forward.

**Agenda Item 6: Calendar of Meetings and Events**

<b>Information Document</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.92/Inf.3
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26. The Bureau will be informed on the “*Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and Major International Events*” which is presented in document UNEP/MED BUR.93/Inf.3.

**Agenda Item 7: Date and Venue of the 94<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau**

27. The Bureau will be invited to decide on the date and the venue of its 94<sup>th</sup> Meeting, tentatively planned for 20-21 June 2023, in Athens, Greece.

**Agenda Item 8: Any Other Matters**

**a) Outcome of the Audit of UNEP/MAP**

28. The Coordinator will inform the Bureau members on the outcome of the recent Audit of the United Nations Environment Programme Mediterranean Action Plan Secretariat for the Barcelona Convention.

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

**Agenda Item 9: Conclusions and Recommendations**

<b>Working Document</b>	UNEP/MED BUR.93/7
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30. The Secretariat will submit for adoption a set of conclusions and recommendations prepared in accordance with Article VII of the Terms of Reference of the Bureau.

**Agenda Item 10: Closure of the Meeting**

31. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President of the Bureau at 18:00 (UTC+2) on Thursday, 1 December 2022.

## TIMETABLE<sup>1</sup>

Wednesday, 30 November 2022			
Time	Agenda Item		Documents
09:30 – 09:45	1. Opening of the Meeting 2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work	President of the Bureau	UNEP/MED BUR.93/1 UNEP/MED BUR.93/2 UNEP/MED BUR.93/Inf.1
09:45 – 10:45	3. Progress Report for March – October 2022	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.93/3 UNEP/MED BUR.93/4 UNEP/MED BUR.93/Inf.4 UNEP/MED BUR.93/Inf.5
10:45 – 12:00	4. Report by the Secretariat on Financial and Administrative Issues	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.93/5
12:00 – 12:30	5. Specific Issues	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.93/6 UNEP/MED BUR.93/Inf.4 UNEP/MED BUR.93/Inf.6
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
14:00 – 17:00	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.93/6 UNEP/MED BUR.93/Inf.4 UNEP/MED BUR.93/Inf.6
Thursday, 1 December 2022			
09:30 – 11:30	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.93/6 UNEP/MED BUR.93/Inf.4 UNEP/MED BUR.93/Inf.6
11:30 – 12:30	6. Calendar of Meetings and Events 7. Date and Venue of the 94 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau 8. Any other Matters	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.93/Inf.3
12:30 – 15:00	<i>Extended Lunch break (elaboration of the draft list of conclusions and recommendations for adoption)</i>		
15:00 – 17:40	9. Conclusions and Recommendations	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.93/7
17:40 – 18:00	10. Closure of the Meeting	President of the Bureau	

<sup>1</sup> UTC+2 (i.e. Athens time)