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Draft Decision: Revised reporting format for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols; and Operational Section of the Reporting Format for the Protocol on the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) in the Mediterranean

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Note by the Secretariat

The reporting draft decision is mainly about two draft texts: on the one hand, the revised reporting format of the report of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (I) and, on the other, the draft operational section of the reporting format of the Protocol on the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) in the Mediterranean (II).

Based on Decision IG.17/3, the Fifteenth meeting of the Contracting Parties (Almeria 2008) has adopted a new reporting format which was used by the Contracting Parties to submit their biennial reports for the bienniums 2006-2007, 2008-2009, 2010-2011 and 2012-2013. In its activity report presented before the Eighteenth meeting of the Contracting Parties (Istanbul) in December 2013, the President of the Compliance Committee has underlined that the information given by the Contracting Parties, particularly regarding technical aspects, was too incomplete or or completely missing, and that the content of their answers was often inaccurate. In the light of such an observation, the Compliance Committee has proposed to review the reporting format in order to make it simpler and more operational, mainly through a re-definition of the content in a way which is more adapted to some of its headings.

The 18th meeting of the Contracting Parties has asked the Secretariat to prepare a revised reporting format in consultation with the Compliance Committee, by adapting and making the current reporting format simpler, more homogenous and more practical, so that it responds better to the specificities of each Protocol and submit it for consideration and adoption at the Nineteenth meeting of the Contracting Parties. A restructured draft report was submitted by the Secretariat for consideration, first, by the Compliance Committee during its ninth meeting (27-28 November 2014) in? Split. The Committee has asked the Secretariat to proceed with the preparation of the amendment of the reporting format, taking into account the comments of its members during its ninth meeting, as well as the contribution of the Regional Activity Centers for final adoption at its next meeting.

Within the framework of its work on amending the reporting format, the Secretariat has deleted some minor questions and kept only those strictly related to the implementation of the articles of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, in order to make it simpler and more practical. Furthermore, the questions with no legal implication related to the establishment of institutional bodies have been deleted too. Moreover, any reference to the status and the dates of ratifications of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, as well as to Part III of the current reporting format regarding the ratification of international and regional legal instruments which are not directly related to the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, was deleted. However, the Secretariat has kept all the questions related to the implementation of the technical aspects of the Protocols and has taken account of the recent developments introduced within the framework of MAP/Barcelona Convention (amendment of Action Plans, adaptation of regional plans adopted within the framework of Article 15 of LBS Protocol). The amended draft reporting format of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols is not annexed to the current draft decision since it has to undergo a final examination by the Compliance Committee during its 11th meeting, on October 22-23, 2015.

Finally, the draft decision submits for consideration by and adoption of the nineteenth meeting of the Contracting Parties the draft operational section of the reporting format of the Protocol related to the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) in the Mediterranean.

Draft Decision IG.22/16

**Revised reporting format for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;
and Operational Section of the Reporting Format for the Protocol on the Integrated Coastal
Zone Management (ICZM) in the Mediterranean**

The 19th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, hereinafter referred as the Barcelona Convention,

Recalling respectively Articles 26 and 27 of the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, as modified in Barcelona in 1995, hereinafter designed the Barcelona Convention, as well as the relevant articles of the Protocols of the Barcelona Convention stipulating the reporting obligation regarding implementation;

Expressing its deep concern regarding the fact that eleven Contracting Parties haven't submitted to the date of August 06, 2015, their biennial reports about the measures taken to implement the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and that some reports were not received within the set deadlines;

Taking note of the favorable opinion given by the Priority Action Program of the Regional Activity Center during its meeting on May 14, 2015, regarding the draft operational section of the reporting format of the Protocol of Integrated Coastal Zone Management;

Taking also note of the Secretariat report exposing the general status of the progress in the Region, on the legal and institutional level, regarding the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;

Urges the Contracting Parties to officially submit their biennial report to the Secretariat in October 2017 at the latest, regarding the measures taken to implement the Convention and its Protocols for the biennium 2014-2015 by using the online reporting format;

[Adopts the amended draft reporting format about the Convention of Barcelona and its Protocols prepared by the Secretariat (Annex I);]¹

Adopts the operational section of the reporting format of the Protocol of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) in the Mediterranean, prepared by the Secretariat and the RAC/PAP (Annex II);

Requests the Contracting Parties having ratified the ICZM Protocol and invites the signatory Parties to submit, on a voluntary basis, a report of the implementation of the Protocol within the framework of the reporting system of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;

Requests the Secretariat to provide, subject to the availability of funds, advice to the Contracting Parties to submit, within the set deadlines, full reports about the implementation of all MAP legal instruments;

Requests the Secretariat to consult the Contracting Parties about the need to build capacities regarding the preparation of reports and inform the twentieth meeting of the Contracting Parties of the conclusions of this consultation;

Requests the Secretariat to undertake an analysis of the information mentioned in the national reports in order to draft a report addressing the general status of the progress in the region, on the legal, institutional and technical points of view, in the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, if any, and submit this report to the twentieth meeting of the Contracting Parties.

¹ The simplified draft reporting format is subject to ongoing consultation with the Compliance Committee.

Annex I
**Draft revised reporting format for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and
its Protocols**

Currently under validation by the Compliance Committee

Annex II

Draft reporting format for the Protocol on the Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean (Operational Section)

**Reporting Format (institutional, legal and operational sections) for reporting on the implementation
of the Protocol on integrated Coastal Management in the Mediterranean**

I – Information on Contracting Party completing the Report	
1.1 Contracting Party	Reply :
1.2 Period covered by the Report	Reply :
Full name of national body responsible	Reply :
1.3 Name and functions of official completing the report	Reply :
1.4 Mailing address	Reply :
1.5 Telephone	Reply :
1.6 Email	Reply :

1.7 Validation by MAP Focal Point	Reply :
1.8 Date of dispatch of report	Reply :
II - Preparation of Report	
2.1 Public authorities consulted	Reply :
2.2 Stakeholders consulted	Reply :
III – Ratification and general legal transposition into national law Articles 37, 5 and 6	
3.1 Date of signature of Protocol	Reply :

3.2 Date of ratification or approval of Protocol	Reply :
3.3 Date of filing with the Spanish Government	Reply :
3.4 Date of publication in the country	Reply :
3.5 Date of entry into force in national law	Reply :
3.6 In the absence of ratification, status of the process for ratification	Reply :
3.7 Have the provisions of the Protocol been transposed into one or more general legal acts?	Reply :

<p>Please specify titles and dates of such general legal acts?</p> <p>Which provisions of the Protocol have been transposed into the country's general legal acts?</p> <p>Please give a synthetic description of each of them</p> <p>Please provide brief comparison between the requirements of the Protocol and Contracting Party legislation</p>	
<p>3.8 Are any such acts being prepared?</p>	<p>Reply :</p>

<p>Anticipated adoption date ?</p>	
<p>3.9 Are the objectives and general principles of Article 5 and 6 of the Protocol included in such acts?</p>	<p>Reply :</p>
<p>3.10 In case not, can you please explain why?</p>	<p>Reply :</p>
<p>IV - Informations on geographical coverage Article 3-3</p>	
<p>4.1 – How was Article 3-3 implemented at national and/ or local level in relation to the obligation to inform the public and stakeholders?</p>	<p>Reply :</p>

V – Institutional measures Article 7	
5.1 Which department is responsible at central level for ICZM?	<i>Reply:</i>
5.2 Is there an interministerial/ national body for ICZM? Please, give a short description of name, establishment, competencies and process If there is no such body, is there an intention to create it?	<i>Reply:</i>
5.3 Is there coordination between maritime and land authorities (Art.7-1-b) ? How and at what level ?	<i>Reply :</i>
5.4 Is there coordination between the national level and the local level : . on strategies, plans and programs?	<i>Reply :</i>

<p>on permissions for activities?</p> <p>How (article 7-1-c) ?</p>	
<p>5.5 – What measures contribute to the coherence and effectiveness referred to under Article 7-2?</p>	<p><i>Reply :</i></p>
<p>5.6 What difficulties have been encountered?</p>	<p><i>Reply :</i></p>
<p>5.7 How the application of the Protocol has supported the implementation of the provisions of other Protocols of the Barcelona Convention?</p>	<p><i>Reply :</i></p>

VI – Operational measures Article 8	
8.2 a Has a zone not less than 100 meters in width where construction is not allowed been legally established?	<i>Reply :</i>
8.2.b – Have other existing measures have been adapted in a manner consistent with this article ?	<i>Reply :</i>
8.3.a – Has the national legislation identified and delimited areas in which urban development and other activities are restricted or, where necessary, prohibited ?	<i>Reply :</i>
8.3.b – Do national Legislation limit the linear extension of urban development and the creation of new transport infrastructure along the coast ?	<i>Reply :</i>

<p>8.3.c – Do national Legislation provide for freedom of access by the public to the sea and along the shore ?</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p>8 .3.d – Do national Legislation restrict or, where necessary, prohibit the movement and parking of land vehicles, as well as the movement and anchoring of marine vessels, in fragile natural areas on land or at sea, including beaches and dunes ?</p>	<p><i>Reply :</i></p>

Article 9– Economic Activities	
Are there any specific economic indicators relating to the sustainable use of the coastal zone?	<i>Reply :</i>
Article 10 – Specific coastal ecosystems, landscapes & cultural heritage	
1. Wetlands Are measures in place to regulate or, if necessary, prohibit activities that may have adverse effects on wetlands and estuaries?	<i>Reply:</i>
2.- Marine Habitats a - Have measures to ensure the protection and conservation, through legislation, planning and management of marine and coastal areas been adopted?	<i>Reply :</i>

b – Are they any international cooperation programmes, agreements or activities to protect marine habitats?	
Article 11 – Coastal landscapes	
Have measures been adopted to ensure the protection of the specific aesthetic, natural and cultural value of coastal landscapes through legislation, planning and management?	<i>Reply:</i>
Article 12 - Islands	
Are the specificities of Islands taken into account in coastal strategies, plans and programmes ?	<i>Reply:</i>
Article 13 – Cultural Heritage	
Have appropriate measures to preserve and protect the coastal cultural heritage including the underwater heritage been taken?	<i>Reply:</i>

Article 15 – Awareness raising, Training, Education & Research	
<p>Have awareness-raising activities, educational programmes, training and public education on ICZM been undertaken at the following levels? :</p> <p>National</p> <p>Régional</p> <p>local</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
Article 16 – Monitoring & Review	
<p>Has a national coastal inventory been prepared covering the following informations:</p> <p>Resources & activities</p> <p>Institutions</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>

Legislation and Planning	
Article 18 – National coastal strategies, Plans & Programmes, Tranboundary coopretaion	
1. Has a national strategy for integrated coastal zone management been prepared?	<i>Reply:</i>
2 . Are there up-to-date assessments of the use and management of coastal zone	<i>Reply:</i>
3. Are appropriate indicators defined in order to evaluate the effectiveness of integrated coastal zone management strategies, plans & programmes, as well as the progress of implementation of the Protocol?	<i>Reply:</i>

Article 19 - Environnemental assessment	
1. Have your Country formulate, as appropriate, a strategic environmental assessment of plans and programmes affecting the costal zone?	<i>Reply:</i>
2. Are appropriate EIAs required for public and private projects likely to have significant environmental effects on the coastal zones?	<i>Reply:</i>
Article 20 - Land Policy	
1. Have appropriate land policy instruments and measures, including the process of planning	<i>Reply:</i>
2. Are there mechanisms for the acquisition, cession, donation or transfer of land to the public domain and institute easements on properties in the coastal zone?	<i>Reply:</i>
3. What is the area or percentage of land acquired in the Country?	

Article 22 – Natural hazards & coastal erosion	
1. Have vulnerability and hazard assessments of coastal zones been undertaken?	Reply:
2. Have prevention, mitigation and adaptation measures to address the effects of natural disasters, in particular of climate change, been implemented in coastal areas?	Reply: :
3. Have measures to maintain or restore the natural capacity by the rise in sea levels, been adopted?	Reply:
Article 24 – Response to natural disasters	
Do you have a national contingency plan for natural disasters affecting the coastal zone and responsible organization?	Reply:

Article 27– Exchange of information and activities of common interest	
1. Have coastal management indicators been defined, established or carried out?	<i>Reply:</i> :
2. Have up-to-date assessments of the use and management of coastal zones been defined, established or carried out?	<i>Reply:</i>
3 : Have activities of common interest, such as demonstration projects of integrated zone management been defined, established or carried out ?	<i>Reply:</i>
4. Have Centres of specific ICZM scientific capacity been defined, established or carried out in your country?	<i>Reply:</i>
Article 28– Transboundary cooperation	
In contiguous coastal zones are bilateral or multilateral national coastal strategies,	<i>Reply:</i>

plans and programmes coordinated?	
Article 29– Transboundary environmental assessment	
Is there cooperation by means of notification, exchange of information and consultation in assessing the environmental impacts of plans, programmes and projects?	<i>Reply:</i>