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Agenda item 3: Thematic Decisions

**Draft Decision: Reporting on 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 proposed draft decision addresses general issues related to reporting as well as the draft operational section of the reporting format of the Protocol on the Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean.

Based on Decision IG.17/3, the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Almeria, Spain, 2008) adopted a new reporting format which was used by the Contracting Parties to submit their reports for the biennia 2006-2007, 2008-2009, 2010-2011 and 2012-2013.

The 18th meeting of the Contracting Parties (Istanbul, Turkey, 2013) 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 to submit it for consideration and adoption at the 19th Meeting of the Contracting Parties. A restructured draft format was submitted by the Secretariat for consideration, first, by the Compliance Committee during its 9th and 11th meetings. The Compliance Committee agreed that more work is needed from the Secretariat on the proposed draft of the revised MAP reporting format. It was recommended that, in consultation with the MAP components and the Contracting Parties, the Secretariat should further work with the view to submit a revised version to a future Compliance Committee meeting for its advice.

The Compliance Committee also recommended for the time being, to draft guidelines during the next biennium for using the current reporting format in the form of an explanatory note for the Contracting Parties to enhance the quality of submitted reports.

The Secretariat will work over the next biennium in consultation with the Compliance Committee to support the preparation of guidelines for using the current reporting as well as to refine the current reporting format.

Finally, the draft decision submits for consideration and adoption by the 19th Meeting of the Contracting Parties the draft operational section of the reporting format of the Protocol related to the Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean.

Draft Decision IG.22/16

**Reporting on 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 in the Mediterranean**

The 19th 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 referred to as 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 6 August 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 report of the Focal Points of the Priority Action Program of the Regional Activity Center during their meeting on 14 May 2015;

Taking also note of the Progress Report as contained in document UNEP/DEPI MED/IG.22/3;

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 operational section of the reporting format of the Protocol of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean, as contained in the Annex to this Decision;

Requests the Contracting Parties having ratified the 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.

Annex
**Reporting Format for the Protocol on the Integrated Coastal Zone
Management in the Mediterranean (Operational Section)**

Reporting Format for the Protocol on the Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean (Operational Section)

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 :

<p>3.7 Have the provisions of the Protocol been transposed into one or more general legal acts?</p> <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>Reply :</p>
<p>3.8 Are any such acts being prepared?</p> <p>Anticipated adoption date ?</p>	<p>Reply :</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>
<p>V – Institutional measures Article 7</p>	
<p>5.1 Which department is responsible at central level for ICZM?</p>	<p>Reply:</p>

<p>5.2 Is there an interministerial/ national body for ICZM ?</p> <p>Please, give a short description of name, establishment, competencies and process</p> <p>If there is no such body, is there an intention to create it?</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p>5.3 Is there coordination between maritime and land authorities (Art.7-1-b)?</p> <p>How and at what level?</p>	<p><i>Reply :</i></p>
<p>5.4 Is there coordination between the national level and the local level :</p> <p>on strategies, plans and programs?</p> <p>on permissions for activities?</p> <p>How (article 7-1-c)?</p>	<p><i>Reply :</i></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>
<p>VI – Operational measures Article 8</p>	
<p>8.2 .a Has a zone not less than 100 meters in width where construction is not allowed been legally established?</p>	<p><i>Reply :</i></p>
<p>8.2.b – Have other existing measures been adapted in a manner consistent with this article ?</p>	<p><i>Reply :</i></p>
<p>8.3.a – Has the national legislation identified and delimited areas in which urban development and other activities are restricted or, where necessary, prohibited ?</p>	<p><i>Reply :</i></p>
<p>8.3.b – Does national legislation limit the linear extension of urban development and the creation of new transport infrastructure along the coast ?</p>	<p><i>Reply :</i></p>

<p>8.3.c – Does 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 – Does 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>
<p>Article 9– Economic Activities</p>	
<p>Are there any specific economic indicators relating to the sustainable use of the coastal zone defined in national legislation?</p>	<p><i>Reply :</i></p>
<p>Article 10 – Specific coastal ecosystems, landscapes & cultural heritage</p>	
<p><i>1. Wetlands</i> Are measures in place by national legislation to regulate or, if necessary, prohibit activities that may have adverse effects on wetlands and estuaries?</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>

<p>2.- Marine Habitats a - Have measures to ensure the protection and conservation, through legislation, planning and management of marine and coastal areas been adopted?</p> <p>b – Does your country participate in international cooperation programmes, agreements or activities to protect marine habitats?</p>	<p><i>Reply :</i></p>
<p>Article 11 – Coastal landscapes</p>	
<p>Does national legislation include planning and management measures to ensure the protection of coastal landscapes?</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p>Article 12 - Islands</p>	
<p>Are the specificities of islands taken into account in coastal strategies, plans and programmes?</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p>Article 13 – Cultural Heritage</p>	

<p>Have appropriate measures to preserve and protect coastal cultural, archaeological and historic heritage including the underwater heritage been included in national legislation?</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p>Article 15 – Awareness raising, Training, Education & Research</p>	
<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>
<p>Article 16 – Monitoring & Review</p>	
<p>Has a national coastal inventory been prepared covering the following informations:</p> <p>Resources & activities</p> <p>Institutions</p> <p>Legislation and Planning</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>

<p>That may influence coastal zones?</p>	
<p>Article 18 – National coastal strategies, Plans & Programmes, Tranboundary cooperation</p>	
<p>1. Has a national strategy for integrated coastal zone management been formulated or strengthened?</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p>2 . Are there up-to-date assessments of the use and management of coastal zones?</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p>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?</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p>Article 19 - Environnemental Assessment</p>	
<p>1. Are appropriate EIAs required by national legislation for public and private</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>

<p>projects likely to have significant environmental effects on the coastal zones?</p>	
<p>2. Does national legislation require a strategic environmental assessment of plans and programmes affecting the coastal zone?</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p>Article 20 - Land Policy</p>	
<p>1. Have appropriate land policy instruments and measures been envisaged by national legislation for the purpose of promoting integrated coastal zone management?</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p>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?</p> <p>3. What is the area or percentage of land acquired in the Country?</p> <p>4. Who is responsible for the management of the land?</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>

<p>3. Have measures been adopted to maintain or restore the natural capacity of the coast to adapt to changes, including those caused by the rise in sea levels?</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p>Article 24 – Response to natural disasters</p>	
<p>1. Do you have a national contingency plan for natural disasters affecting the coastal zone and responsible organization?</p> <p>2. Which national authorities are competent to act in the case of natural disaster?</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p>Article 27– Exchange of information and activities of common interest</p>	
<p>1. Have coastal management indicators been defined?</p> <p>2. Have up-to-date assessments of the use and management of coastal zones been carried out and updated?</p> <p>3. Have activities of common interest, such as demonstration projects of integrated zone management been carried out?</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p> <p><i>Reply:</i></p> <p><i>Reply:</i></p>

<p>4. Have Centres of specific ICZM scientific capacity been established in your country?</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p>Article 28– Transboundary cooperation</p>	
<p>In contiguous coastal zones are bilateral or multilateral national coastal strategies, plans and programmes coordinated?</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p>Article 29– Transboundary environmental assessment</p>	
<p>Is there cooperation by means of notification, exchange of information and consultation in assessing the environmental impacts of plans, programmes and projects?</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>