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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

Rabat, Morocco, 5-6 May 2010

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Introduction

1. At the invitation of the President of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties and in agreement with the Bureau members, it was decided that the meeting of the Bureau will be held on 5 and 6 May 2010, at the Golden Tulip Farah Hotel, Makhlouf 10, 10.000 Rabat, Morocco (Tel: +212 537 734747).
2. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 5 MAY 2010

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting (09:00 – 10:00)

3. The meeting will be opened at 09.00 hrs on Wednesday, 5 May 2010, by the President of the Bureau.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work

4. The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat, was distributed as document UNEP/BUR/70/1.
5. The meeting will review and adopt the Provisional Agenda. Simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, English and French will be available for all sessions.
6. It is expected that the Bureau will tackle all items of the Provisional Agenda during its one and a half day meeting including the adoption of a list of decisions. It is envisaged to close the meeting of the Bureau at mid-day on 6 May 2010. The report of the meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat and distributed to the members of the Bureau for comments and adoption through circulation.

Agenda item 3: Progress Report by the Secretariat on activities carried out during the period November 2009 – March 2010 (10:00 – 13:00)

7. The Officer in Charge and Deputy Coordinator of MAP will present document UNEP/BUR/70/3 "*Progress Report by the Secretariat on activities carried out during the period November 2009 – March 2010*".
8. The meeting is expected to comment on and take note of the progress achieved on the implementation of the activities carried out and their achievements.

Agenda item 4: Report by the Secretariat on Specific issues (14:30 – 18:00)

9. The Officer in Charge and Deputy Coordinator of MAP will present Document UNEP/BUR/70/4 on Specific Issues.
10. The Bureau will be invited to embark on an exchange of views on a number of important issues related to:

a) Implementation of Programme of Work 2010-2011 in relation to the Five-Year Strategic Programme of Work

11. The Secretariat will present to the Bureau a comprehensive picture of proposed key priorities around which the whole MAP programme of work will be implemented during the biennium; including the major key map meetings to be organized by the Coordinating Unit and or Components. It will also present issues related to planning and harmonization of reporting, definition of who does what within the MAP system concerning the implementation of the programme of work outputs and the tasks of the leading and other MAP Components. The Secretariat will also make some proposals with regard to the implementation of financial and budgetary aspects of IG 19/17 for Bureau consideration and guidance.

12. The Bureau is expected to have an exchange of views and provide recommendations as appropriate and take decisions.

b) Draft Template Country Agreement for MAP Regional Activity Centres

13. The Secretariat will inform the Bureau about the progress achieved on the negotiation process and the added value of this exercise with regard to opportunities to enhance MAP overall system coherence.

14. The Secretariat also expects to inform the Bureau of any feedback from the countries following the letter sent by the Secretariat to Ministers on the subject in caption.

15. The Bureau is expected to provide support and guidance on ways and means for ensuring a successful negotiation with a view to concluding the process as early as possible, where appropriate.

c) Information Communication Strategy

16. The Secretariat will share with the Bureau the first findings of the assessment report and some ideas on the way forward, in particular on the process with the view to successfully finalizing the assessment and implementing the new communication and information strategy.

17. The Bureau will be invited to share its views and make recommendations, as appropriate and take decisions.

d) Implementation of Decision IG 17/6 on Ecosystem Approach

18. The Secretariat will present the progress achieved during the First Meeting of Technical Experts on the Application of the Ecosystem Approach by MAP, held in Rome on 8-9 April 2010 and share with the Bureau its vision for finalizing step 3 and 4 of the ecosystem approach roadmap adopted in Almeria in 2008 (assessment of marine environment and definition of ecological objectives), together with a proposed process, activities and timetable. The Secretariat also has the intention to suggest, as appropriate and based on ECP meeting discussions, how to make use of the outcome of the ecosystem approach assessment process in preparing the future state of the environment report.

19. The Bureau will be invited to support the process, provide feedback and guidance as appropriate and take decisions.

e) *Specially Protected Areas of a Mediterranean importance (SPAMI) beyond national jurisdiction*

20. The Secretariat will inform the Bureau on progress achieved with regard to identification of 13 areas beyond national jurisdiction that may satisfy SPAMI criteria and in this context will request the Bureau to authorize the organization by SPA/RAC of an extraordinary meeting of SPA/RAC focal points with the view to reviewing the outcome of the first phase of the EU-funded SPAMI project and plan the second implementation phase that is expected to focus on a restricted number of potential SPAMIs.

21. The Bureau is expected to discuss the matter, support the request and provide guidance as appropriate and take decisions.

f) *CBD 2010*

22. In view of 2010 as the year of Biodiversity, the Marrakech Declaration and MAP programme of work on Biodiversity and the governance of the high seas, the Secretariat would like to make a proposal to the Bureau with regard to the need to ensure a strong participation by MAP at the Nagoya CBD COP through a political statement by the President of the Bureau and or MAP Coordinator, as well as the organization of a side event concerning the establishment of marine protected areas.

23. The Bureau is expected to embark on a discussion and provide guidance as appropriate, and take decisions.

g) *Climate change adaptation planning process*

24. The Secretariat will share with the Bureau its news on a possible process for preparing the regional framework on adaptation to climate change in the framework of the MAP programme of work on climate change, GEF Project on climate variability and MSSD assessment.

25. The Bureau is expected to embark on a discussion and provide its guidance as appropriate, and take decisions.

h) *Regional Governance*

26. The Secretariat will share with the Bureau progress in cooperating with relevant regional actors as well as some ideas, in the spirit of the Marrakech Declaration, regarding the synergy and cooperation that could be established with them, in particular the UfM and EU processes at policy/institutional/programmatic and project levels, with a view to ensuring synergy, enhancing complementarity and coherence and sharing of responsibilities, as appropriate, based on comparative advantages.

27. The Bureau is expected to embark on a discussion and provide its guidance as appropriate and take decisions.

DAY 2: THURSDAY, 6 MAY 2010 (09:00 – 11:00)

- i) MCSD/MSSD assessment
 - j) Legally binding Measures and programmes to combat pollution
 - k) Med Globallast Strategy
28. The Secretariat will share with the Bureau the following issues:
- a) A proposed process and timetable for assessing the MSSD implementation
 - b) Elements and a timetable for preparing the new legally binding measures/regional plans in the framework of the LBS protocol
 - c) A process and timetable for preparing the Mediterranean Strategy on Ballast water.
29. The Bureau, following discussions, is expected to provide the Secretariat with guidance, as appropriate and take decisions.

Agenda item 5: Any other business

30. The meeting will consider other issues which may be raised during the meeting. At the time of formulating the annotated agenda, the Secretariat has not any issue to propose for discussion under this agenda item.

Agenda item 6: Conclusions and decisions (11:15 – 13:00)

31. The Secretariat will submit for adoption a set of decisions. The report of the meeting will be circulated to the members of the Bureau at a later stage for adoption.

Agenda item 7: Closure of the meeting

32. The meeting will be closed by the President of the Bureau at 13.00 hrs on Thursday 6 May 2010.

TIMETABLE

Wednesday, 5 May 2010			
09:00	1) Opening of the meeting 2) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work	President of the Bureau	Working Document/s UNEP/BUR/70/1 UNEP/BUR/70/2
10:00 – 13:00	3) Progress Report by the Secretariat on activities carried out during the period November 2009 – March 2010	Officer-in-Charge, Bureau	Working Document/s UNEP/BUR/70/3
14:30 – 18:00	4) Report by the Secretariat on Specific Issues (points a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h)	Officer-in-Charge, Bureau	Working Document/s UNEP/BUR/70/4
Thursday, 6 May 2010			
09:00 – 11:00	4) Report by the Secretariat on Specific Issues (continued, points i, j, k) Date and place of the next meeting of the Bureau 5) Any other business	Officer-in-Charge, Bureau Bureau Bureau	Working Document/s UNEP/BUR/70/4
11:15 – 13:00	6) Conclusions and decisions 7) Closure of the Meeting	President of the Bureau and Secretariat President of the Bureau	Draft decisions (in session)

Note:

Coffee breaks: 11:00 – 11:15 and 16:00 – 16:15 hrs

Lunch breaks: 13:00-14:30 hrs