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Malta, 17 June 2015

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

In accordance with the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2014-2015 adopted by COP 18, Istanbul 3-6 December 2013, the Secretariat is organizing the meeting of the MED POL Focal Points (FP) from 17-19 June 2015, at the Corinthia Palace Hotel, Attard, Malta. The meeting will have a pre-session on Marine litter on 16 June 2015 and a joint session with the meeting of the REMPEC Focal Points on 17 June 2015.

The main objectives of the meeting are to:

- a) review the progress achieved on the implementation of the pollution assessment, prevention and control component of the UNEP/MAP programme of work 2014-2015 including MedPartnership, SEIS and EcAp projects;
- c) review a number of technical guidelines related to the implementation of the Regional Plans (Mercury and Marine litter) or delivered under the MedPartnership project for key priority NAP sectors such as lube oil, tanneries and *Polychlorinated Biphenyls* (PCB), etc;
- d) review and provide feedback on the proposed major outputs and indicators of the UNEP/MAP Mid Term Strategy (MTS) with regards to pollution assessment prevention and control and related biannual programme of work 2016-2017.

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16 June 2015: *Pre-session on Marine Litter*

The objective of this session is to ensure a preliminary discussion at expert level by the MED POL Focal Points of document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/13 “Guide on best practices for Fishing for Litter in the Mediterranean”.

Based on discussions and comments, the Secretariat will revise the documents as appropriate with the view to submit them to the formal sessions of the MED POL Focal Points meeting in the following day.

UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/13	Guide on best practices for Fishing for Litter in the Mediterranean
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If time allows, the Secretariat would also suggest a preliminary discussion on the proposed list of priority contaminants, assessment thresholds and criteria for eutrophication and contaminants as well as baseline values and environmental marine litter reduction targets.

UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/4	Report on specific issues
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/7	Recommendations of the informal online working groups on contaminants, eutrophication and marine litter

17-19 June 2015

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting will be opened by UNEP/MAP Deputy Coordinator.

Agenda Item 2: Election of Officers

The Meeting shall elect a Chair, three Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur.

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the agenda and organisation of work

The Rules and Procedures for meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the present meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

The Provisional Agenda (UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG.417/1) annotated in the present document (UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG.417/2) will be reviewed, amended as necessary, and adopted by the Meeting. Simultaneous translation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting.

The participants will be invited to review and adopt the meeting conclusions and recommendations, amended as appropriate, drafted by the Rapporteur. The report of the meeting will be prepared and circulated for adoption after the meeting.

Agenda item 4: Progress achieved regarding the implementation of the Programme of work 2014-2015 including the status of the implementation of the technical aspects of the Land Based Sources (LBS), Dumping and Hazardous Waste Protocols (HW), Regional Plans (RP) adopted in 2009, 2012 and 2013 as well as marine pollution monitoring programmes

Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG. 417/3 which summarizes the status of implementation of the main activities carried out by the Secretariat (MED

POL) during the current biennium as well as some technical aspects of the implementation of the LBS, Dumping and HW Protocols and related RP.

The Meeting will be asked to review the document, provide comments as necessary and approve as appropriate the work carried out for the implementation of the programme of work.

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UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/3	Progress report on MED POL activities carried out during 2014-2015 biennium
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Information Documents

UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/Inf.3	Report of the MED POL Focal Points meeting on NAP update, Athens, March 2014
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/Inf.4	Report of the MED POL Focal Points meeting on NAP update, Barcelona, December 2014
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/Inf.5	Report of the Joint H2020 Steering group and MED POL Focal Points meeting, Barcelona, December 2014
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/Inf.7	Report of the regional meeting on PRTR and pollution indicators, Ankara, June 2014
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/Inf.8	Report of the Regional Meeting on environmental inspectorates and training on ELV/EQS, Athens, November 2014
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/Inf.9	Report of the regional joint meeting on environmental sound management and illegal traffic of chemicals and hazardous waste in the Mediterranean, Istanbul, April 2015
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/Inf.10	Report of the regional meeting on applying methodology for programmes of measures and economic analysis in the NAP update, Athens, May 2015
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/Inf.11	Report of the Meeting to review Lead batteries ESM Guidelines, Bratislava, March 2014

Agenda item 5: Proposed monitoring programme for the pollution and litter cluster of the Mediterranean EcAp-based ecological objectives (EO 5, 9 and 10)

Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG. 417/6 that presents the elements of the monitoring programme addressing eutrophication, contaminants and marine litter as approved by the Integrated CorMon Meeting held in Athens in March 2015, as well as document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 417/Inf.22 which contains a number of updated reference methods for contaminant analysis prepared by the IAEA in collaboration with MED POL

The Meeting will be asked to review the documents, provide comments as necessary and approve as appropriate document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/6 for submission to the EcAp Coordination Group and MAP Focal Points meeting. The meeting is also expected to approve the updated reference contaminant methods UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG. 417/Inf.14 and recommend their use as appropriate in case the Contracting Parties do not have national standardized and/or certified methods.

Working documents

UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/6	Main elements of a draft Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme, parts EO 5, 9, 10
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UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/7	Recommendations of the informal online working groups on contaminants, eutrophication and marine litter
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Information documents

UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/Inf.12	Report of the Meeting of the Integrated Monitoring Correspondence Group, Athens, March 2015
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/Inf.15	Report of the online groups on eutrophication, contaminants and marine litter
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/Inf.14	10 Reference Methods on Contaminant monitoring in the marine environment

Agenda item 6: General review of the draft Action Plan to implement the Offshore Protocol of the Barcelona Convention

Under this agenda item, REMPEC will introduce the draft Action Plan to implement the Offshore Protocol of the Barcelona Convention; document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 417/5. The Meeting will be asked to review, provide comments as necessary and exchange views on potential synergies of the work for its implementation at regional and national levels.

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UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/5	Reviewed Draft Offshore Protocol Action Plan
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Agenda item 7: Specific issues

Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present a number of documents for the consideration of the meeting.

a) Proposed updated list of priority contaminants in the Mediterranean

With regards to point (a) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG.417/4. (Chapter 1).

The meeting is expected to review the proposal and approve it as appropriate with the view to its submission for the consideration of the MAP Focal Points meeting and eventually of the COP 19.

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UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/4	Report on specific issues (Chapter 1)
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Information document

UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/Inf.13	An updated list of priority contaminants for the Mediterranean. Background document
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b) Proposed environmental targets, assessment criteria and thresholds for the pollution and litter cluster of the Mediterranean EcAp-based ecological objectives (EO 5, 9 and 10)

With regards to point (b) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG.417/7.

The meeting is expected to review the proposed baseline values and environmental targets and approve them as appropriate for further consideration by the EcAp Coordination Group and MAP Focal Points meetings and eventual submission to COP 19 as appropriate.

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UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/7	Recommendations of the informal online working groups on eutrophication, contaminants and marine litter
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Information document

UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/Inf.15	Report of the online groups on eutrophication, contaminants and marine litter
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c) Guide on fishing for litter best practices

With regards to point (c) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG.417/13. The meeting is expected to review the proposed Fishing for Litter guidelines and approve them as appropriate for further consideration by the MAP Focal Points meeting and consequent submission to COP 19 as appropriate..

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UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/13	An update list of priority contaminants for the Mediterra
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d) Updated Marine litter Assessment Report

With regards to point (d) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/14. The meeting is expected to review the proposed draft and provide feedback as appropriate with the view to have the report finalized and submitted to MAP Focal Points meeting and to COP 19 as appropriate.

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UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/14	Updated MED POL Marine Litter Assessment Report
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e) Mercury decontamination best practices and guidelines

With regards to point (e) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/8. The meeting is expected to review the proposed draft and approve it as appropriate for further consideration by MAP Focal Points meeting and consequent submission to COP 19 as appropriate.

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UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/8	Guidelines on best environmental practices for the management of mercury contaminated sites
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Information document

UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/Inf.4	Report of the second MED POL Focal Points meeting on the NAP update, Barcelona, December 2014
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*f) Guide for the Environmental Sound Management (ESM) of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) in the Mediterranean**g) Guidelines for environmentally sound management of used lead batteries in the Mediterranean*

With regards to points (f) and (g) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce documents UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG.417/ 9 and 12. The meeting is expected to review the proposed Guide on PCB and Guidelines on Lead batteries and approve them as appropriate, as common regional technical guidance and best practices for implementation as appropriate by the Contracting Parties and in accordance with relevant national legal and regulatory framework.

Working documents

UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/9	Guide for environmental sound management of PCB in the Mediterranean Background documents.
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/12	Guidelines for environmentally sound management of used lead batteries in the Mediterranean

Information documents

UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/Inf.9	Report of the Regional joint meeting on environmental sound management and illegal traffic of chemicals and hazardous waste in the Mediterranean, Istanbul, April 2015
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/Inf.20	Report of the Meeting to review Lead batteries ESM Guidelines, Bratislava, March 2014

h) Lube oil ESM Guidelines based on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP), Best Available Technology (BAT), and Best Environmental Practice (BEP)

i) Guide towards a more sustainable tannery sector in the Mediterranean

With regards to point (h) and (i) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce documents UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG.417/ 10 and 11.

The meeting is expected to review the proposed drafts, provide comments and inputs as appropriate for further discussion at the forthcoming expert meetings to be organised jointly with SCP/RAC and H2020 in Barcelona in July 2015.

Working documents

UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/10	Guide for the environmentally sound management of used lube oils in the Mediterranean
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/11	Guide towards a more sustainable tannery sector in the Mediterranean

j) National Action Plan (NAP) update roadmap until COP 19 and implementation of respective guidelines

With regards to point (j) of this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG.417/4 (Chapter 2). The meeting is expected to review the proposed roadmap of NAP update activities and timetables until the COP 19. The meeting is also expected to formally approve the NAP update Guidelines and its annexes already discussed in depth and agreed by two previous MED POL Focal Points thematic meetings held respectively in March and December 2014 in Athens and Barcelona.

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UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/4	Report on specific issues (Chapter 2)
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Information documents

UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/Inf.3	Report of the MED POL Focal Points meeting on NAP update, Athens, March 2014
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/Inf.4	Report of MED POL Focal Points meeting on NAP update, Barcelona, December 2014
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/Inf.6	Consolidated NAP update Guidelines including costing and economic analysis aspects

Agenda item 8: Mid-Term Strategy (MTS) 2016-2021 with particular focus on pollution prevention and control as well as the respective assessment and environmental governance aspects

Under this Agenda item, the Secretariat will present the proposed MTS of UNEP/MAP for the period 2016-2021 (MTS); Document UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG.417/15.

The Meeting will be asked to provide feedback as appropriate on the main strategic directions and priorities envisaged in the MTS with a particular focus on Pollution Prevention and Control and exchange views on potential 6-year respective targets.

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UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/15	UNEP/MAP Mid-Term Strategy 2016-2021
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Agenda item 9: MED POL Programme of work 2016-2017

Under this Agenda item, the Secretariat will present document UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG.417/16 that lists and briefly describes the proposed MED POL programme of work for the biennium 2016-2017. The proposed outputs are built based on the proposed MTS.

The Meeting will be asked to review and approve as appropriate the proposed programme of work and mandate the Secretariat to integrate it in the UNEP/MAP programme of work proposal for submission to the MAP Focal Points meeting.

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UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.417/16	MED POL Programme of work 2016-2017
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Agenda item 10: Any other business

Under this Agenda item, the participants and the Secretariat will be able to raise any other business related to the subject of the Meeting.

Agenda item 11: Conclusions and recommendations

Under this Agenda item, the meeting will review, amend and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the meeting discussions as prepared by the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 12: Closure of the Meeting

The Chair will close the Meeting at 17:00 hours on 19 June 2015.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Tuesday, 16 June 2015: Specific session on Marine litter (1500-1800)	
15:00 – 16:00	Review of the guide on fishing for litter best practices
16:00– 16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00:– 18:00	a) Continued Review of the guide on fishing for litter best practices b) Review of the updated Marine Litter Assessment report c) Review of proposed list of contaminants, environmental targets, assessment criteria and thresholds
Wednesday, 17 June 2015	
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Registration</i>
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting
09:45	Agenda item 2: Election of Officers
09:45 – 11:00	Agenda item 3: Adoption of the agenda and organisation of work
	Agenda item 4: Progress report: UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.417/3
11:00 – 11:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:20 – 12:30	Agenda item 4: Continued
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 15:00	Agenda item 5: UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.417/5
15:00-16:00	Agenda item 6 UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.417/6
16:00 – 16:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:20 – 17:00	Agenda item 7 (a) Specific Issues: UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.417/4 (chapter 1);
Side event	Demonstration of PERSEUS Marine Policy Tool Box by Plan Bleu
Thursday, 18 June 2015	
09:30 – 11:00	Agenda item 7 continued (<i>b and c</i>):UNEP(DEPI)MED WG. 417/7 ; UNEP (DEPI) MED WG.417/13
11:00 – 11:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:20 – 12:30	Agenda item 7 continued (<i>d</i>) UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.417/14
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 15:00	Agenda item 7 continued (<i>e</i>) and (<i>f</i>): UNEP(DEPI) MED WG.417/8 and UNEP (DEPI) MED WG.417/9
15:00 – 16:00	Agenda item 7 continued (<i>g</i>): UNEP(DEPI) MED WG.417/12
16:00– 16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30:– 17:00	Agenda item 7 continued (<i>h</i>), (<i>i</i>), and (<i>j</i>) UNEP (DEPI) MED WG.417/10; UNEP(DEPI) MED WG. 417/11 and UNEP (DEPI) MED WG.417/4 (Chapter 2)
Side event	Demonstration and Training on NBB info system by INFO/RAC
Friday 19 June 2015	
09:30 – 11:00	Agenda item 8: Midterm Strategy UNEP (DEPI)MEDWG 417.15
11:00 – 11:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:20 – 12:30	Agenda items 9 and 10: MED POL Programme of work 2016-2017: UNEP(DEPI) MED WG.417/16; Any other business
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 15:10	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30 - 17:00	Agenda item 11: Conclusions and recommendations
17:00	Agenda item 12: Closure of the Meeting