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and its Protocols

Athens, Greece, 21-22 May 2015

Agenda Item 6: Review of Reports submitted by contracting Parties (Biennium 2012-2013)

Reports submitted by the Contracting parties for the Biennium 2012-2013/

Reminder letters addressed by the Secretariat to Contracting Parties on 11 December 2014 and 16 April 2015

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Reference: GL/DG/ic

Athens, 11 December 2014

Subject: Submission of report for the Biennium 2012-2013

Dear MAP Focal Point,

I take the liberty of writing again to remind you that, pursuant to article 26 of the Barcelona Convention for the protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, the Contracting Parties have committed to report to the Secretariat on legal, administrative, or other measures undertaken to implement the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

Reporting is a major obligation that enables the Contracting Parties to share information and experience. Thus, it is of primary importance for all Contracting Parties to report in a timely fashion. At its Ninth Meeting (Split, Croatia, 27-28 November 2014) the Compliance Committee has again strongly recalled that complying with this obligation is a basic requirement for the effectiveness of the compliance mechanism of the Convention.

By decision IG.21/1, the Eighteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention urged the Parties to submit their reports on line for examination by the Compliance Committee by October 2014. The Compliance Committee has requested the Secretariat to send a reminder letter to Contracting Parties who have not yet submitted their report for the 2012-2013 biennium to send it without delay, in order to facilitate the Committee's task of evaluating any difficulties in implementing the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

In that regard, the Secretariat would very much appreciate if your Government could submit its report for the 2012-2013 biennium on line on the BCRS portal by 31 January 2015 at the latest.

I will be grateful for your personal attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gaetano Leone'.

Gaetano Leone
Coordinator

cc: President of the Compliance Committee



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Reference: GL/DG/ic

Athènes, le 11 décembre 2014

Objet: Soumission de rapports pour le Biennium 2012-2013

Cher Point Focal du PAM,

Je vous écris une nouvelle fois pour vous rappeler qu'en application de l'article 26 de la Convention de Barcelone sur la protection du milieu marin et du littoral de la Méditerranée, les Parties contractantes ont l'obligation de soumettre au Secrétariat un rapport sur les mesures prises sur le plan juridique, administratif ou autres pour appliquer la Convention de Barcelone ou ses protocoles.

La soumission de rapports est une obligation primordiale qui permet aux Parties contractantes de partager l'information et leur expérience sur les efforts faits en matière d'application. Pour cette raison, il est de la première importance pour toutes les Parties contractantes de soumettre leurs rapports dans un délai raisonnable. Lors de sa neuvième réunion tenue à Split, Croatie (27-28 novembre 2014), le Comité de respect des obligations a rappelé avec force que le respect de cette obligation est une exigence de base pour l'efficacité du mécanisme de respect des obligations.

Par sa Décision IG. 21/ 1 relative au Comité de respect des obligations, la dix-huitième Réunion des Parties contractantes a exhorté les Parties contractantes concernées à soumettre à l'examen du Comité de respect des obligations leur rapports pour octobre 2014. Le Comité de respect des obligations a demandé au Secrétariat d'adresser une lettre de rappel aux Parties contractantes n'ayant pas encore soumis leur rapport pour le Biennium 2012-2013 afin qu'elles l'envoient sans délais afin de faciliter la tâche du Comité dans l'évaluation des éventuelles difficultés d'application de la Convention de Barcelone et de ses protocoles.

Le Secrétariat apprécierait beaucoup que votre Gouvernement puisse soumettre son rapport pour le Biennium 2012-2013 en ligne sur le portail BCRS avant le 31 janvier 2015 au plus tard.

Je vous serais reconnaissant d'apporter votre attention personnelle à ce sujet.

Cordialement,

Gaetano Leone
Coordinateur

cc : Présidente du Comité de respect des obligations



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Reference: GL/ DG

Athens, 16 April 2015

Subject: Submission of report for the Biennium 2012-2013

Dear MAP Focal Point,

I refer to my letter on 11 December 2014 by which I reminded you that pursuant to article 26 of the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, the Contracting Parties have committed to report to the Secretariat on legal, administrative, or other measures undertaken to implement the Convention and its Protocols. We regret that at this stage, the Secretariat has not received from your Country its Report for the Biennium 2012-2013.

Reporting is a major obligation that enables the Contracting Parties to share information and experience. Thus it is of primary importance for all Contracting Parties to report in a timely fashion. At its Seventy-Ninth Meeting (Antalya, Turkey, 3-4 February 2015), the Bureau of the Barcelona Convention agreed to send a reminder letter to all Contracting Parties that have not yet done so, to officially submit their pending reports on measures taken to implement the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols as soon as possible in compliance with the obligations of Article 26 of the Convention and with a view to facilitate the work of the Compliance Committee.

In that regard, the Secretariat would very much appreciate if your Government could submit its report for the 2012-2013 Biennium on line on the BCRS portal by 31 May 2015.

I will be grateful for your personal attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Gaetano Leone
Coordinator

CC: Chairperson of the Compliance Committee

