





## Legal Component

Promoting implementation and Compliance

### Objective:

**To promote implementation and compliance with the obligations under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols [including the effectiveness of measures taken for their implementation].**

With the adoption of the decision on Compliance Procedures and mechanisms by the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties and the constitution of the Compliance Committee in July 2008, the Compliance committee is becoming a formal subsidiary body of the Barcelona Convention and its related Protocols and of the Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

A lump sum of 70 thousand euros per year is proposed to support the following types of activities of the Compliance committee:

- a) convening of at least one meeting per year of the Compliance Committee;
- b) participation of the members of the Compliance committee and its alternates members, of the representatives of the concerned Contracting Parties at the meetings of the Compliance committee as well as of observers, as appropriate;
- c) participation of members and alternate members, concerned Contracting Parties and experts as appropriate on missions related to the accomplishment by the Committee of its functions as described in Decision IG 17/2 of the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties and Rules of procedure for the Compliance committee;
- d) assistance to the concerned Contracting Parties to implement the recommendations of the Committee and or Contracting Parties meeting related to non-compliance situations;
- e) preparation of studies, assessments, criteria, analysis and any other working and/or information documents for the purpose of enabling the committee to carry out its functions and to suggest recommendations and means to the concerned Contracting Parties and the meetings of the Contracting Parties;
- f) awareness activities.

With regard to the necessary working and information documents, the Secretariat would like to suggest that the following subjects be considered by the Compliance committee during the next biennium:

- Preparation of the checklist to identify possible cases of non-compliance in view of implementing paragraph 23 of compliance procedures and mechanisms under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.
- Analysis of the effectiveness of the implementation of the Barcelona Convention compliance procedure and mechanisms taking into consideration the feedback by the Parties on how the supportive role of the Compliance committee could be improved.
- Analysis of general issues of compliance reports submitted by the Contracting Parties during 2006-2007 and 2008-2009 biennia.
- Specific submission by the Contracting Parties, if any.
- Referrals by the Secretariat on possible non-compliance situations on the basis of 2006-2007 reports.
- Publication of the draft guide brochure on compliance procedures in Arabic, English and French.
- Preparation and adoption of the report and the recommendations of the Compliance committee for submission to the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties.
- preparation of criteria and procedures in view of implementing Rules of procedure for the Compliance committee meetings and the committee's work.



**Recommendations by the Secretariat**

*The Compliance Committee is invited to discuss the draft programme of work of the Compliance committee for 2010-2011 biennium proposed by the Secretariat and take decisions, as appropriate.*