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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Introduction

The main objective of the meeting of the MAP Focal Points is to review the progress achieved during the 2010-2011 biennium, in the implementation of the programme of work and activities approved at the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Marrakesh, Morocco, November 2009). It will also review the draft Decisions and Programme of Work and Budget for the 2012-2013 biennium, with a view to their finalisation for submission to the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties in February 2012 for its consideration.

The following annotations to the proposed provisional agenda for the present meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened at 9.00 a.m. on Monday, 28 November 2011 by the Executive Secretary and Coordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan – Barcelona Convention.

Agenda item 2: Organizational matters

a) *Rules of procedure for meeting of the MAP Focal Points*

The rules of procedure 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).

b) *Election of officers*

Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the meeting of the MAP Focal Points shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a President, four Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

c) *Adoption of the Provisional Agenda*

Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/1 and annotated in the present document will be proposed for adoption by the meeting. The meeting will review and adopt the proposed timetable presented in the Annex to the present document (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/2).

The provisional agenda was prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties and the Executive Coordination Panel (ECP).

d) *Organization of work*

The Meeting of the MAP Focal Points may wish to decide to meet from 9.00 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 pm, subject to adjustments as necessary. Ad hoc discussion groups or drafting sub committees may be formed by the meeting, if necessary, in consultation with the Secretariat.

The annotated provisional agenda for the meeting (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/2) identifies issues for discussion and the related documents. Meeting documents also propose possible actions to be taken by the MAP Focal Points meeting.

Interpretation in English and French will be provided during the meeting. At the end, the delegates will be invited to review and adopt the report of the meeting, drafted by the Secretariat.

Agenda item 3: Progress Report on activities carried out during 2010-2011 biennium

The Secretariat will make short presentations highlighting the progress achieved in the implementation of the programme of work for the current biennium. The presentations by the Secretariat and the discussions under this agenda item will be structured as follows:

- 3.1 Governance
 - 3.1.1 Legal Issues
 - 3.1.2 Cooperation and partnerships
 - 3.1.3 Implementation of the ecosystem approach roadmap
 - 3.1.4 Knowledge sharing and information
 - 3.1.5 Financial Implementation and Personal and administrative Matters 2010-2011
- 3.2 Integrated Coastal Zone Management
- 3.3 Biodiversity
- 3.4 Pollution Control and Prevention
- 3.5 Sustainable Consumption and Production
- 3.6 Climate Change

Expected outcome: The meeting of the MAP Focal Points is expected to comment on the work carried out for the implementation of the programme of work adopted by the last Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/3	Progress report by the Secretariat on activities carried out during the 2010-2011 biennium
Information/Background Documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/8	Report of the 16 th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols (Marrakesh, Morocco, 3-5 November 2009)
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/Inf.12	Conclusions of the Meetings 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 held in 2010-2011

Agenda item 4: Specific Matters for consideration and action by the meeting

The meeting of the MAP Focal Points will consider several sub items as they appear in the Provisional Agenda: Document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/1):

4.1 Programme of work and election of the new members and alternate members of the Compliance Committee

The meeting of the MAP Focal Points has before it the draft decision on procedures and mechanisms for the Compliance Committee. The Secretariat will present the relevant draft decision to be followed by discussion.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/4	Draft decision pertaining to the Compliance Committee: amendment to the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms, programme of work for Biennium 2012-2013 and partial renewal of membership

4.2 Reporting on measures taken to implement the Convention and its Protocols and Reporting Format on ICZM Protocol

The meeting of the MAP Focal Points has before it the draft decision on measures taken to implement the Convention and its Protocols and Reporting Format on ICZM Protocol.

The Secretariat will introduce the draft decision to be followed by discussion.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/6	Draft decision on Reporting on measures taken to implement the Convention and its Protocols and Reporting Format on ICZM Protocol
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/Inf.15	Progress report on the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

4.3 Amendments to the Annexes II and III of the Protocol on SPA/Biodiversity

The Secretariat will present the proposals for amending the Annexes II and III of Protocol on SPA/Biodiversity as recommended by the meeting of the Focal Points for SPA/RAC held in Marseilles in May 2011.

The meeting will be invited to examine the proposed amendments.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/8	Draft decision regarding the Amendments of Annexes II and III to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean
Information/Background Documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/Inf.9	Report of the meeting of the Focal Points of SPA/RAC

4.4 Action Plan to implement ICZM Protocol

The secretariat will introduce the draft decision on the Action Plan to implement ICZM Protocol.

The meeting will be invited to examine the proposed draft decision.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/5	Draft decision on the adoption of the Action Plan for the implementation of the ICZM Protocol for the Mediterranean (2012-2019)
Information/Background Documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/Inf.10	Report of the Joint Focal Points meeting of BP/RAC, INFO/RAC and PAP/RAC

4.5 MAP initial integrated assessment, ecological and operational objectives, indicators and roadmap implementation timetable, update on policies including MAP data management and sharing policy

The Secretariat will introduce the draft decision on the Ecosystem Approach and the meeting will be invited to examine it.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/7	Draft decision on the Ecosystem Approach: MAP initial integrated assessment, ecological and operational objectives, indicators and roadmap implementation timetable, update on policies including MAP data management and sharing policy
Information/Background Documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG .363/Inf.14	Reports of ecosystem approach meetings (3 technical meetings and one GDE meeting)

4.6 Conservation of sites of particular ecological interest

The Secretariat will introduce the draft decision on the conservation of sites of particular ecological interest in the Mediterranean and the meeting will be invited to examine it. The inclusion of six new sites in the SPAMI List and the evaluation of three SPAMIs are among the elements to be examined under this agenda item.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/10	Draft decision on the conservation of sites of particular ecological interest in the Mediterranean
Information/Background Documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/Inf.9	Report of the meeting of the Focal Points of SPA/RAC
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/Inf.18	Approach regarding the joint preparation of SPAMI proposal in accordance with Article 9 of the SPA and Biodiversity protocol

4.7 New programme of work for the Action Plan for the conservation of marine vegetation

The Secretariat will introduce the draft decision on the adoption of the Work Programme and Implementation Timetable of the Action Plan for the conservation of marine vegetation in the Mediterranean Sea for the period 2012-2017.

The meeting will be invited to examine the proposed draft decision and the Work Programme and Timetable proposed by the meeting of the Focal Points for SPA/RAC (Marseilles, May 2011).

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG .363/9	Draft decision on the adoption of the Work Programme and Implementation Timetable of the Action Plan for the conservation of marine vegetation in the Mediterranean Sea for the period 2012-2017
Information/Background Documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/Inf.9	Report of the meeting of the Focal Points of SPA/RAC

4.8 Regional Plans on Mercury, POPs and BOD in the food sector in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources and Activities Protocol of the Barcelona Convention

The Secretariat will introduce the draft decision on Regional Plans on Mercury, POPs and BOD in the food sector in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources and Activities Protocol of the Barcelona Convention.

The meeting will be invited to examine the proposed draft decision and the three Regional Action Plans as approved by the meeting of the MED POL Focal Points held in Rhodes in May 2011

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/11	Draft decision on Regional Plans on Mercury, POPs and BOD in the food sector in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources and Activities Protocol of the Barcelona Convention
Information/Background Documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/Inf.7	Report of the Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points

4.9 Criteria and standards for bathing water quality in the Mediterranean

The Secretariat will introduce the draft decision on Criteria and standards for bathing water quality in the Mediterranean.

The meeting will be invited to examine the proposed draft decision and the Criteria and standards annexed to it and approved by the meeting of the MED POL Focal Points held in Rhodes in May 2011

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/12	Draft decision on Criteria and standards for bathing water quality in the Mediterranean
Information/Background Documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/Inf.7	Report of the Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points

4.10 Marine litter Strategy

The Secretariat will introduce the draft decision on the Marine litter Strategy and the meeting will be invited to examine the proposed decision and the strategy annexed to it as approved by the meeting of the MED POL Focal Points held in Rhodes in May 2011.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/13	Draft decision on the adoption of the strategic framework for marine litter management
Information/Background Documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/Inf.7	Report of the Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points

4.11 Regional strategy addressing ship's ballast water management and invasive species

The Secretariat will introduce the draft decision on the Regional strategy addressing ship's ballast water management and invasive species and the meeting will be invited to examine the proposed decision and the regional strategy annexed to it as approved by the meeting of the REMPEC Focal Points held in Malta in May 2011

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/14	Draft Regional strategy addressing ship's ballast water management and invasive species
Information/Background Documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/Inf.8	Report of the Meeting of the REMPC Focal Points

4.12 Action Plan to implement the Offshore Protocol

The Secretariat will introduce the draft decision on the Action Plan to implement the Protocol of the Barcelona Convention concerning the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil.

The meeting will be invited to examine the proposed decision.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/15	Draft decision on the Action Plan to implement the Protocol of the Barcelona Convention concerning the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil (Offshore Protocol)

4.13 Governance

The Secretariat will introduce the draft decision on Governance and the meeting will be invited to examine the proposed decision and its annexes.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/16	Draft decision on governance
Information document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/Inf.22	Measures to improve fund management and enhance delivery of the Programme of Work
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/Inf.23	The roles and modalities of the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/Inf.13	Reports of the 14th MCSD and its steering committee meetings
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/Inf.24	Example of Memorandum of Understanding concerning the role of UNEP in providing Secretariat services to and Support of a Convention: Memorandum of Understanding between the Standing Committee of the COP of CITES and UNEP Executive Director

Agenda item 5: Programme of Work and Budget 2012-2013

The works of the meeting under this Agenda item will be structured as follows:

- 5.1 Programme of Work for 2012-2013
- 5.2 Budget of the Coordinating Unit and MAP components and staffing
- 5.3 Ordinary and Voluntary contributions to the MTF

Agenda items 5.2 and 5.3 are restricted to only heads of delegations. They may be accompanied by a member of their delegation.

For each of these three Agenda items, the Secretariat will present the relevant working documents. The Secretariat will also introduce the draft decision on Programme of Work and Budget.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed draft decision and agree to submit it for the consideration of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.363/17	Draft decision on Programme of work and budget 2012-2013.

Agenda item 6: Provisional Agenda of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties

The Secretariat will introduce the draft Provisional Agenda of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties as agreed by the Bureau Meetings held in Rome and Athens in November 2011. The meeting will be invited to decide on the provisional agenda of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

The French delegation will introduce the draft Paris Declaration. The meeting is expected to have a general discussion on the draft Paris Declaration and the process for its finalization.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to review and approve the proposed provisional agenda of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties. The meeting is also expected to agree on the main elements of the draft Paris Declaration.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 363/18	Draft Provisional agenda for the 17 th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols
	Draft Paris Declaration (To be submitted by the French Delegation)

Agenda Item 7: Any other business

Other issues relevant to the Mediterranean Action Plan which might be brought to the attention of the meeting under this Agenda item by the meeting or by the Secretariat will be discussed under this agenda item. Any proposal with regard to this agenda items is expected to be made during the session when the provisional agenda and its annotations, including the timetable will be considered for adoption.

At the time of the preparation of the annotated provisional agenda, the Secretariat had no issues to raise under this item.

Agenda Item 8: Adoption of the report of the meeting

At its last session the meeting of the MAP Focal Points will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report on its work prepared by the Secretariat.

Agenda Item 9: Closure of the meeting

It is expected that the meeting will be closed by the President at 18.00 p.m. on Thursday 1 December 2011.

ANNEX

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DATE	PLENARY
Monday 28 November 2011	
08.00 – 09.00 a.m.	Registration
09.00.– 9.30 a.m.	Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting Agenda item 2: Organizational matters a) <i>Rules and Procedures</i> b) <i>Election of officers</i> c) <i>Adoption of the agenda</i> d) <i>Organization of work</i>
09.30 a.m. – 13.00 p.m.	Agenda item 3: Progress Report on activities carried out during 2010-2011 biennium
11.00.– 11.30 a.m.	Coffee Break
13.00 – 14.30 p.m.	Lunch Break
14.30 – 18.00 p.m.	Agenda item 4: Specific Matters for consideration and action by the meeting 4.1 Work and election of the new members and alternate members of the Compliance Committee 4.2 Reporting on measures taken to implement the Convention and its Protocols and Reporting Format on ICZM Protocol 4.3 Amendments to the Annexes II and III of the Protocol on SPA/Biodiversity 4.4 Action Plan to implement ICZM Protocol 4.5 MAP initial integrated assessment, ecological and operational objectives, indicators and roadmap implementation timetable, update on policies including MAP data management and sharing policy 4.6 Conservation of sites of particular ecological interest 4.7 New programme of work for the Action Plan for the conservation of marine vegetation
16.00 – 16.30 p.m.	Coffee Break
Tuesday 29 November 2011	
09.00 – 13.00 a.m.	Agenda item 4: Specific Matters for consideration and action by the meeting (continued) 4.8 Regional Plans on Mercury, POPs and BOD in the food sector in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources and Activities Protocol of the Barcelona Convention 4.9 Criteria and standards for bathing water quality in the Mediterranean 4.10 Marine litter Strategy 4.11 Regional strategy addressing ship's ballast water management and invasive species 4.12 Action Plan to implement the Offshore Protocol
11.00 – 11.30 a.m.	Coffee Break

13.00 – 14.30 p.m.	Lunch Break
14.30 – 16.00 p.m.	Agenda item 4: Specific Matters for consideration and action by the meeting (continued) 4.13 Governance
16.00 – 16.30 p.m.	Coffee Break
16.30 – 18.00 p.m.	Agenda item 5. Programme of Work and Budget 2012-2013
Wednesday 30 November 2011	
09.00 – 13.00 a.m.	Agenda item 5. Programme of Work and Budget 2012-2013 (continued)
11.00 – 11.30 a.m.	Coffee Break
13.00 – 14.30 p.m.	Lunch Break
14.30 – 16.00 p.m.	Agenda item 5. Programme of Work and Budget 2012-2013 (continued)
16.00 – 16.30 p.m.	Coffee Break
16.30 – 18.00 p.m.	Agenda item 6. Provisional Agenda of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties Agenda item 7. Any other business
Thursday 1 December 2011	
	No session in the morning (The Secretariat will prepare the report of the meeting)
14.30 – 18.00 p.m.	Agenda item 8: Adoption of the report Agenda item 9: Closure of the meeting
16.00 – 16.30 p.m.	Coffee Break