

Decision IG.21/2

**on the reporting format to comply with the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols; and,
the new reporting format for the ICZM Protocol**

The 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties,

Recalling respectively Articles 26 and 27 of the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, as amended in Barcelona in 1995, hereinafter referred to as the “Barcelona Convention”, and the relevant articles of the Protocols to the Barcelona Convention providing for the obligation to report on their implementation,

Considering that the 1995 amendments to the Barcelona Convention have not yet been ratified by all the Contracting Parties,

Welcoming in this regard the progress made in the ratification of legal instruments during this biennium (Annex I) and encouraging all Parties that have not yet ratified to do so as soon as possible and, in particular, to adopt without delay amendments to the “Dumping” Protocol, so that they can take effect, such that all legal instruments and MAP amendments will then be in effect,

Considering the links of the 1995 amendments to the Dumping Protocol with some Regional Plans (such as the Marine Litter Regional Plan) and the need to consolidate the Barcelona Convention legal framework in which all legal texts should be in force,

Expressing its concern over the fact that eight Contracting Parties have not still submitted at the date of 5 November 2013 their biennial reports on measures taken to implement the Convention and its Protocols and that some reports were not received on time,

Taking note of the modified report form provided online by the Secretariat in cooperation with INFORAC, enabling the Contracting Parties to report on the implementation of their obligations under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols,

Taking note of the Compliance Committee's proposal to simplify the format of the questionnaire, in order to make it more accessible and practical for the Contracting Parties,

Considering also the Compliance Committee's finding that the biennial frequency of reports by the Contracting Parties on the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols should be maintained,

Noting also the "stock-taking" exercise conducted by the Secretariat in cooperation with PAP/RAC and its partners in the PEGASO project and taking into account its results for 2012, as the basis for assessing future progress in the implementation of the ICZM Protocol,

Noting the report by the Secretariat outlining the general advances made in the region, at the legal and institutional level, in the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols,

Decides to:

urge the Contracting Parties to formally submit their reports on measures taken to implement the Convention and its Protocols for the 2012-2013 biennium to the Coordinating Unit by October 2014 at the latest, using the online form;

ask the Secretariat to provide all information available on the state of progress in the procedure for the adoption of the 1995 amendments to the Barcelona Convention by the two Contracting Parties which have not yet adopted them, in order to achieve universal acceptance of the Convention;

invite the Contracting Parties that have not done so to inform the Secretariat about the state of the development of their internal procedures to ratify 1995 amendments to the Dumping Protocol;

maintain the biennial frequency of the reports which the Contracting Parties are required to submit to the Secretariat under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention;

adopt the institutional and legal sections of the ICZM Protocol report form prepared by the Secretariat and PAP/RAC (Annex II) and ask the Secretariat to prepare the operational section of the Protocol report form for approval by the 19th Meeting of the Contracting Parties;

ask the Contracting Parties which have ratified the ICZM Protocol to submit a report on the implementation of the Protocol and invite Parties which have signed the Protocol to submit a report on a voluntary basis using the overall reporting system for the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;

ask the Secretariat, subject to the availability of funds, to provide advice to the Contracting Parties, to enable them to submit on time comprehensive reports on the implementation of all MAP legal instruments;

request the Secretariat to consult with Contracting Parties on their capacity building needs with regard to preparation of reports and inform COP 19 on its findings;

ask the Secretariat to prepare, in consultation with the Compliance Committee, a simplified and practical draft of the report form for the Barcelona Convention and its protocols which also includes information on concrete implementation measures taken to achieve effective pollution reduction and biodiversity conservation and to submit it for consideration and adoption at the 19th Meeting of the Contracting Parties;

ask the Secretariat to conduct an analysis of the information contained in the national reports, with a view to preparing a report on the general advances made in the region, at legal and institutional level, in implementing the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, to propose further measures if necessary, and to submit this report to the 19th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Annex I

Signatures and Ratifications of the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols as at 30th September 2013

Contracting Parties	1976 Barcelona Convention 1/				1976 Dumping Protocol 2/			1976 Emergency Protocol 3/		
	Signature	Ratification	Acceptance of 1995 Amendments	Entered into force	Signature	Ratification	Acceptance of 1995 Amendments	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force
Albania		30.05.90/AC	26.07.01	09.07.04	-	30.05.90/AC	26.07.01	-	30.05.90/AC	29.06.90
Algeria		16.02.81/AC	09.06-04	09.07.04	-	16.03.81/AC	-	-	16.03.81/AC	15.04.81
Bosnia and Herzegovina		22.10.94(SUC)	-	-	-	22.10.94/SUC	-	-	22.10.94/SUC	01.03.92
Croatia		12.06.92(SUC)	03.05.99	09.07.04	-	12.06.92/SUC	03.05.99	-	12.06.92/SUC	08.10.91
Cyprus	16.02.76	19.11.79	18.07.03	09.07.04	16.02.76	19.11.79	18.07.03	16.02.76	19.11.79	19.12.79
European Union	13.09.76	16.03.78/AP	12.11.99	09.07.04	13.09.76	16.03.78/AP	12.11.99	13.09.76	12.08.81/AP	11.09.81
Egypt	16.02.76	24.08.78/AP	11.02.00	09.07.04	16.02.76	24.08.78/AP	11.02.00	16.02.76	24.08.78/AC	23.09.78
France	16.02.76	11.03.78/AP	29.03.01	09.07.04	16.02.76	11.03.78/AP	29.03.01	16.02.76	11.03.78/AP	10.04.78
Greece	16.02.76	03.01.79	10.03.03	09.07.04	11.02.77	03.01.79	-	16.02.76	03.01.79	02.02.79
Israel	16.02.76	03.03.78	29.09.05	29.10.05	16.02.76	01.03.84	-	16.02.76	03.03.78	02.04.78
Italy	16.02.76	03.02.79	07.09.99	09.07.04	16.02.76	03.02.79	07.09.99	16.02.76	03.02.79	05.03.79
Lebanon	-	08.11.77/AC	*	*	-	08.11.77/AC	-	-	08.11.77/AC	12.02.78
Libya	31.01.77	31.01.79	12.01.09	11.02.09	31.01.77	31.01.79	-	31.01.77	31.01.79	02.03.79
Malta	16.02.76	30.12.77	28.10.99	09.07.04	16.02.76	30.12.77	28.10.99	16.02.76	30.12.77	12.02.78
Monaco	16.02.76	20.09.77	11.04.97	09.07.04	16.02.76	20.09.77	11.04.97	16.02.76	20.09.77	12.02.78
Montenegro	-	19.11.07	19.11.07	19.12.07	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morocco	16.02.76	15.01.80	07.12.04	06.01.05	16.02.76	15.01.80	05.12.97	16.02.76	15.01.80	15.02.80
Slovenia	-	16.09.93/AC	08.01.03	09.07.04	-	16.09.93/AC	08.01.03	-	16.09.93/AC	15.03.94
Spain	16.02.76	17.12.76	17.02.99	09.07.04	16.02.76	17.12.76	17.02.99	16.02.76	17.12.76	12.02.78
Syria	-	26.12.78/AC	10.10.03	09.07.04	-	26.12.78/AC	11.04.08	-	26.12.78/AC	25.01.79
Tunisia	25.05.76	30.07.77	01.06.98	09.07.04	25.05.76	30.07.77	01.06.98	25.05.76	30.07.77	12.02.78
Turkey	16.02.76	06.04.81	18.09.02	09.07.04	16.02.76	06.04.81	18.09.02	16.02.76	06.04.81	06.05.81

Accession = AC

Approval = AP

Succession = SUC

* pending notification from Depository country

Contracting Parties	2002 Emergency Protocol 4/			1980 Land-Based Sources Protocol 5/				1982 Specially Protected Areas Protocol 6/		
	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force	Signature	Ratification	Acceptance of 1996 Amendments	Entered into force	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force
Albania	-	-	-	-	30.05.90/AC	26.07.01	11.05.08	-	30.05.90/AC	29.06.90
Algeria	25.01.02	-	-	-	02.05.83/AC	-	-	-	16.05.85/AC	23.03.86
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	-	-	22.10.94/SUC	-	-	-	22.10.94/SUC	01.03.92
Croatia	25.01.02	01.10.03	17.03.04	-	12.06.92/SUC	11.10.06	11.05.08	-	12.06.92/SUC	08.10.91
Cyprus	25.01.02	19.12.07	18.01.08	17.05.80	28.06.88	18.07.03	11.05.08	-	28.06.88/AC	28.07.88
European Union	25.01.02	26.05.04	25.06.04	17.05.80	07.10.83/AP	12.11.99	11.05.08	30.03.83	30.06.84/AP	23.03.86
Egypt	-	-	-	-	18.05.83/AC	-	-	16.02.83	08.07.83	23.03.86
France	25.01.02	02.07.03	17.03.04	17.05.80	13.07.82/AP	29.03.01(AP)	11.05.08	03.04.82	02.09.86/AP	02.10.86
Greece	25.01.02	27.11.06	27.12.06	17.05.80	26.01.87	10.03.03	11.05.08	03.04.82	26.01.87	25.02.87
Israel	22.01.03	-	-	17.05.80	21.02.91	19.06.09	19.07.09	03.04.82	28.10.87	27.11.87
Italy	25.01.02	-	-	17.05.80	04.07.85	07.09.99	11.05.08	03.04.82	04.07.85	23.03.86
Lebanon	-	-	-	17.05.80	27.12.94	-	-	-	27.12.94/AC	26.01.95
Libya	25.01.02	-	-	17.05.80	06.06.89/AP	-	-	-	06.06.89/AC	06.07.89
Malta	25.01.02	18.02.03	17.03.04	17.05.80	02.03.89	28.10.99	11.05.08	03.04.82	11.01.88	10.02.88
Monaco	25.01.02	03.04.02	17.03.04	17.05.80	12.01.83	26.11.96	11.05.08	03.04.82	29.05.89	28.06.89
Montenegro	-	19.11.07	19.12.07	-	19.11.07(AC)	19.11.07	11.05.08	-	-	-
Morocco	25.01.02	26.04.11	26.05.11	17.05.80	09.02.87	02.10.96	11.05.08	02.04.83	22.06.90	22.07.90
Slovenia	25.01.02	16.02.04	17.03.04	-	16.09.93/AC	08.01.03	11.05.08	-	16.09.93/AC	15.03.94
Spain	25.01.02	10.07.07	09.08.07	17.05.80	06.06.84	17.02.99	11.05.08	03.04.82	22.12.87	21.01.88
Syria	25.01.02	11.04.08	11.05.08	-	01.12.93/AC	11.04.08	11.05.08	-	11.09.92/AC	11.10.92
Tunisia	25.01.02	-	-	17.05.80	29.10.81	01.06.98	11.05.08	03.04.82	26.05.83	23.03.86
Turkey	-	03.06.03	17.03.04	-	21.02.83/AC	18.09.02	11.05.08	-	06.11.86/AC	06.12.86

Accession = AC

Approval = AP

Succession = SUC

Contracting Parties	1995 SPA & Biodiversity Protocol* 7/			1994 Offshore Protocol 8/			1996 Hazardous Wastes Protocol 9/		
	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force
Albania	10.06.95	26.07.01	25.08.01	-	26.07.01	24.03.11	-	26.07.01	18.01.08
Algeria	10.06.95	14.03.07	13.04.07	-	-	-	01.10.96	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Croatia	10.06.95	12.04.02	12.05.02	14.10.94	-	-	-	-	-
Cyprus	10.06.95	18.07.03	17.08.03	14.10.94	16.05.06	24.03.11	-	-	-
European Union	10.06.95	12.11.99	12.12.99	17.12.12/AC.	27.02.13	29.03.13	-	-	-
Egypt	10.06.95	11.02.00	12.03.00	-	-	-	01.10.96	-	-
France	10.06.95	16.04.01	16.05.01	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greece	10.06.95	-	-	14.10.94	-	-	01.10.96	-	-
Israel	10.06.95	-	-	14.10.94	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	10.06.95	07.09.99	12.12.99	14.10.94	-	-	01.10.96	-	-
Lebanon	-	22.04.09	22.05.09	-	-	-	-	-	-
Libya	-	-	-	-	16.06.05	24.03.11	01.10.96	-	-
Malta	10.06.95	28.10.99	12.12.99	14.10.94	-	-	01.10.96	28.10.99	18.01.08
Monaco	10.06.95	03.06.97	12.12.99	14.10.94	-	-	01.10.96	-	-
Montenegro	-	19.11.07	19.12.07	-	-	-	-	19.11.07	18.01.08
Morocco	10.06.95	24.04.09	25.05.09	-	01.07.99	24.03.11	20.03.97	01.07.99	18.01.08
Slovenia	-	08.01.03	07.02.03	10.10.95	-	-	-	-	-
Spain	10.06.95	23.12.98	12.12.99	14.10.94	-	-	01.10.96	-	-
Syria	-	10.10.03	09.11.03	20.09.95	22.02.11	24.03.11	-	22.02.11	24.03.11
Tunisia	10.06.95	01.06.98	12.12.99	14.10.94	01.06.98	24.03.11	01.10.96	01.06.98	18.01.08
Turkey	-	18.09.02	18.10.02	-	-	-	01.10.96	03.04.04	18.01.08

* Annex II (List of endangered or threatened species) and Annex III (List of species whose exploitation is regulated) of the SPA & Biodiversity Protocol were adopted in 1996 and amended by Decision IG.19/12 "Amendments of the list of Annexes II and III of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean" of the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties, Marrakesh, Morocco, 2009. The amendments entered into force on 13 February 2011.

Contracting Parties	2008 Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Protocol 10/		
	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force
Albania		04.05.2010/AD	24.03.11
Algeria	21.01.08	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	-
Croatia	21.01.08	29.01.2013/R	28.02.2013
Cyprus	-	-	-
European Union	16.01.2009	29.09.10/AP	24.03.11
Egypt.	-	-	-
France	21.01.08	29.10.09/AP	24.03.11
Greece	21.01.08	-	-
Israel	21.01.08	-	-
Italy	21.01.08	-	-
Lebanon	-	-	-
Libya	-	-	-
Malta	21.01.08	-	-
Monaco	21.01.08	-	-
Montenegro	21.01.08	09.01.12/R	08.02.12
Morocco	21.01.08	21.09.12/R	21.10.12
Slovenia	21.01.08	01.12.09/R	24.03.11
Spain	21.01.08	22.06.10/R	24.03.11
Syria	21.01.08	22.02.2011	24.03.11
Tunisia	21.01.08	-	-
Turkey	-	-	-

Adhesion = AD

Approval = AP

Ratification = R

STATUS OF ENTRY INTO FORCE

Legal instruments	Place and date of Adoption	Entry into force date	Place and date of adoption of amendment	Entry into force of amendments
Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, <i>amended as</i> Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (Barcelona Convention)	16 February 1976, Barcelona	12 February 1978	—	—
	—	—	10 June 1995, Barcelona	9 July 2004
The Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft (Dumping Protocol), <i>amended as</i> The Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft or Incineration at Sea (Dumping Protocol)	16 February 1976, Barcelona	12 February 1978	—	—
	—	—	10 June 1995, Barcelona	Not yet in force
The Protocol concerning Co-operation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency (Emergency Protocol)	16 February 1976, Barcelona	12 February 1978	—	—
The Protocol concerning Co-operation in Preventing Pollution from Ships and, in Cases of Emergency, Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea (Prevention and Emergency Protocol)*	25 January 2002, Malta	17 March 2004	—	—

* According to paragraph 2 of Article 25, this Protocol as from the date of its entry into force (17 March 2004) shall replace the Emergency Protocol (of 1976) in the relations between the Parties to both instruments.

Legal instruments	Place and date of Adoption	Entry into force date	Place and date of adoption of amendment, if any	Entry into force of amendments
The Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution from Land-based Sources, amended as The Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution from Land-based Sources and Activities (LBS Protocol)	17 May 1980, Athens	17 June 1983	—	—
	—	—	7 March 1996, Syracuse	11 May 2008
The Protocol Concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas (SPA Protocol)	3 April 1982, Geneva		Not applicable	Not applicable
The Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (SPA & Biodiversity Protocol)**	10 June 1995, Barcelona	12 December 1999	Not applicable	Not applicable
Protocol for 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)	14 October 1994, Madrid	24 March 2011	Not applicable	Not applicable
Protocol on the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (Hazardous Wastes Protocol)	1 October 1996, Izmir	18 January 2008	Not applicable	Not applicable
Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM Protocol)	21 January 2008, Madrid	24 March 2011	Not applicable	Not applicable

** According to paragraph 2 of Article 32, this Protocol as from the date of its entry into force (12 December 1999) shall replace the SPA Protocol (of 1982) in the relations between the Parties to both instruments.

Annex II

Form (institutional and legal sections) for reporting on the implementation of the Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean

I - Information on Contracting Party completing the report	
1.1 Contracting Party	
1.2 Period covered by the report	
Full name of national body responsible	
1.3 Name and Function of official completing the report	
1.4 Mailing address	
1.5 Telephone	
1.6 Email	
1.7 Validation by MAP Focal Point	
Date of dispatch of report	

II - Preparation of report	
2.1 Public authorities consulted	
2.2 Stakeholders consulted	

III - Ratification and general legal transposition into national law Articles 37, 5 and 6	
3.1 Date of signature of Protocol	
3.2 Date of ratification or approval	
3.3 Date of filing with the Spanish Government	
3.4 Date of publication in the country	
3.5 Date of entry into force in national law	
3.6 In the absence of ratification, status of the process for ratification	
<p>3.7 Have the provisions of the Protocol been transposed into one or more general legal acts?</p> <p>Please specify titles and dates of such general legal acts.</p> <p>Which provisions of the Protocol have been transposed into the country's general legal acts?</p> <p>Please give a synthetic description of each of them.</p> <p>Please provide brief comparison between the requirements of the Protocol and Contracting Party legislation</p>	
<p>3.8 Are any such acts being prepared?</p> <p>Anticipated adoption date?</p>	

<p>3.9 Are the objectives and general principles of Articles 5 and 6 of the Protocol included in such acts?</p>	
<p>3.10 In case not, can you please explain why?</p>	

<p>IV - Information on territorial scope Article 3-3</p>	
<p>4.1 How was Article 3-3 implemented at national and/or local level in relation to the obligation to inform the public and stakeholders?</p>	

<p>V - Institutional measures Article 7</p>	
<p>5.1 Which department is responsible at central level for ICZM?</p>	
<p>5.2 Is there an interinstitutional/national body for ICZM?</p> <p>Please, give a short description of name, establishment, competencies and process</p> <p>If there is no such body, is there an intention to create it?</p>	

<p>5.3 Is there coordination between maritime and land authorities (Art. 7-1-b)? How and at what level?</p>	
<p>5.4 Is there coordination between the national level and the local level: - on strategies, plans and programs? - on permissions for activities? How (Article 7-1-c)?</p>	
<p>5.5 What measures contribute to the coherence and effectiveness referred to under Article 7-2?</p>	
<p>5.6 What difficulties have been encountered?</p>	
<p>5.7 How the application of the Protocol has supported the implementation of the provisions of other Protocols of the Barcelona Convention?</p>	