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and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols

Athens, Greece, 19-20 April 2016

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. At the invitation of the Government of Greece and in consultation with the President and members of the Bureau, the 82nd Meeting 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 will be held in Athens, Greece on 19-20 April 2016.
2. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for all sessions. All documentation will be in English and French. As per practice, pre-session documentation will not be distributed on paper. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.
3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda have been prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

4. The meeting will be opened at 09:30 on 19 April 2016 by Ms. Christina Baritaki, President of the Bureau.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work

5. The Rules of Procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply *mutatis mutandis* to this meeting.
6. The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat is contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.82/1.
7. The meeting will review and adopt the Provisional Agenda.
8. It is expected that the Bureau will address all items of the Agenda during its two-day meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 17:30 on 20 April 2016 after adopting its conclusions and recommendations.
9. As per agreed practice and in line with Article VII of the Bureau Terms of Reference, the final edited report of the meeting will be very succinct and will be prepared by the Secretariat and distributed by electronic means to the members of the Bureau no later than one month after the meeting.

Agenda item 3: Progress Report for January-February 2016

10. Mr. Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, will present the document "Progress report by the Secretariat on the activities carried out for the period January-February 2016" (UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.82/3).
11. The Secretariat will also present the updated "Progress report by the Secretariat on the implementation of COP 19 Decisions" (UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.82/4).
12. Bureau members are expected to comment on and take note of the progress achieved on the implementation of the activities carried out and advise the Secretariat in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Bureau.

Agenda item 4: Report by the Secretariat on financial and administrative issues

13. The Deputy Coordinator will present to the Bureau members for their comments and recommendations a financial update, as contained in the "Report by the Secretariat on financial and administrative issues" (UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.82/5) including:

- Status of contributions as of 29 February 2016
- Implications of Umoja implementation
- Invoicing for 2016
- Expenditures
- Working Capital Reserve
- Interim Report with the balance between income and expenditure
- Report on personnel matters

Agenda item 5: Specific Issues

14. The Coordinator will present the “Report by the Secretariat on specific issues” (UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.82/6).

15. The Bureau will be invited to exchange views on the following issues:

5.1. Governance

16. With reference to the operative paragraphs of the Governance Decision IG.21/13, adopted by COP 18 (Istanbul, Turkey, December 2013), and the Programme of Work and Budget 2016-2017 Decision IG.22/17, adopted by COP 19 (Athens, Greece, February 2016), the Coordinator will present an update on issues regarding the status of Ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, development of Host Country Agreements for Regional Activity Centers; revision of the TOR of the Bureau following Decision IG.22/15 of COP 19; and the follow-up plan addressing the shift from RAC’s Focal Points to Thematic Focal Points.

5.2. Reporting and Compliance Issues

17. With reference to the operative paragraphs of the Decision IG.22/15 on Compliance Committee and the Decision IG.22/16 on Reporting Format, adopted by COP 19 (Athens, Greece, February 2016), the Secretariat will provide an update on the status of reporting on implementation of the Barcelona Convention; the programme of work of the Compliance Committee; its membership; and preparation of a simplified reporting format for the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

5.3. Assessment of MAP II

18. At COP 19 (Athens, Greece, February 2016), the Parties decided in favor of the option ii contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.22/23 on the implementation of decision IG.21/16 on Assessment of the Mediterranean Action Plan. Accordingly, the Mediterranean Action Plan Phase II document would be adjusted to reflect the key developments made in the Mediterranean Action Plan system with regard to thematic issues. The Coordinator will present to the Bureau the proposed course of action for the implementation of the COP 19 conclusions on this matter for endorsement.

19. It is proposed also that the Bureau will assign one of its members to lead the work of the open-ended Working Group that may be established for this purpose.

5.4. Cooperation and Partners

20. With reference to the operative paragraphs of the Decision IG.22/18 on Cooperation and Partners, adopted by COP 19 (Athens, Greece, February 2016), the Coordinator will present an overview of cooperation with International and Regional Organizations, and bilateral cooperation agencies, and will update Bureau members on the operationalization of current agreements and progress in development of new ones.

21. The Secretariat will report to the Bureau on the evaluation of the applications by the International Federation for Sustainable Development and Fight to Poverty in the Mediterranean-Black Sea (FISPMED) and the Fondation Mohamed VI pour la Protection de l'Environnement for accreditation as UNEP/MAP Partners, for the Bureau's review and endorsement.

22. The Secretariat will update the Bureau on the update of the MAP Partners list.

5.5. Outreach, Information and Communication

23. The Coordinator will present a brief overview of the information and communication activities related to COP 19 and the plans for the biennium in this area.

24. The Bureau will be invited to provide its views and considerations on this matter.

5.6 Istanbul Environment Friendly City Award

25. With reference to the operative paragraphs of the Decision IG.22/19 entitled "Environment Friendly City Award" adopted by COP 19 (Athens, Greece, February 2016), the Coordinator will present the proposed plan for the finalization of the nomination and selection criteria and process and for granting the first Award at COP 20.

Agenda item 6: Date and Venue of the 83rd meeting of the Bureau

26. The Bureau will be invited to decide on the date and the venue of the 83rd Meeting of the Bureau. It is recalled that document UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG 22/Inf.17 entitled "Indicative Calendar of Main UNEP/MAP Meetings in the Biennium 2016-2017" and reviewed to COP 19 indicates the date of such meeting as 26-27 October 2016 which is also reflected in the document UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.82/Inf.3 entitled "Tentative calendar of UNEP/MAP meetings and major international events".

Agenda item 7: Any Other Matters

27. The Bureau will consider other issues which may be raised by its members.

Agenda item 8: Conclusions and Recommendations

28. The Secretariat will submit for adoption a set of conclusions and recommendations prepared in accordance with Article VII of the Terms of Reference of the Bureau.

Agenda item 9: Closure of the Meeting

29. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President of the Bureau at 17:30 on Wednesday, 20 April 2016.

TIMETABLE

Tuesday, 19 April 2016			
Time	Agenda item		Documents
09:30 – 09:45	1. Opening of the meeting 2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work	President of the Bureau	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.82/1 UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.82/2
09:45 – 10:30	3. Progress report by the Secretariat on the activities carried out for the period January-February 2016	Secretariat	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.82/3 UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.82/4
10:30 – 11:30	4. Update on Financial Situation	Secretariat	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.82/5
11:30 – 12:30	5. Specific Issues	Secretariat	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.82/6
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
14:00 – 17:00	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Secretariat	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.82/6
Wednesday, 20 April 2016			
09:30 – 10:30	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Secretariat	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.82/6
10:30 – 12:30	6. Date and Venue of the 83 rd Meeting of the Bureau 7. Any other Matters	Secretariat	
12:30 – 15:00	<i>Extended Lunch break (preparation of the draft list of conclusions and recommendations for adoption)</i>		
15:00 – 17:00	8. Conclusions and recommendations	Secretariat	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.82/7
17:00 – 17:30	9. Closure of the Meeting	President of the Bureau	