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Greece, 6-7 April 2017

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2016-2017 adopted by COP 19, Athens, Greece, 9-12 February 2016, the Secretariat is organizing the Meeting of the Mediterranean Informal Network on Compliance and Enforcement from 6 to 7 April 2017 in Greece.

2. The main objective of the meeting is to bring together national experts working in the environmental permitting and inspection systems to:

- a) review the proposed guides prepared by the Secretariat related to the application and selection of most adequate Best Available Technologies and related environmental inspection
- b) share best practices and recent developments related to the national environmental permitting, inspection and enforcement systems

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting

3. The meeting will be opened by UNEP/MAP Secretariat at 14:30 on 6 April 2017.

Agenda item 2. Adoption of the Agenda and Election of Officers *UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.436/1, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.436/2*

4. The Meeting will elect one (1) President, three (3) Vice Presidents and one (1) Rapporteur from among the participants in accordance with Rules and Procedures 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 (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

5. The Provisional Agenda annotated in the present document will be reviewed, amended as necessary, and adopted by the Meeting. Simultaneous translation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting.

Agenda item 3. Compliance and Enforcement in the Mediterranean region

- a) State of play of National Inspection and Permitting Systems in place: success stories and barriers
- b) Collaboration with relevant Compliance and Enforcement Networks
- c) Ways and means to promote Compliance and Enforcement

6. Under this agenda item the representative of Morocco will make a presentation on the most recent developments of the environmental inspection bodies and regulations in Morocco.

7. The representatives of all Contracting Parties are expected to make a short presentation on their national inspection systems, share concrete results regarding law implementation, success stories and challenges faced.

8. A representative of IMPEL network will make a presentation on the work carried at European level on issues related to environmental compliance and enforcement (tbc).

9. Participants are expected to embark on a discussion and propose concrete actions on ways and means to promote and enhance environmental law enforcement in the region in line with national legislation and obligations under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

Agenda item 4. Strengthening the Inspection and Permitting Systems to promote the use of Best Available Techniques (BAT)
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- a) Guide on the selection of Best Available Techniques in Industrial installations
- b) Guide on Inspections of Industrial Facilities

10. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat with technical support from a regional expert, will present the draft Guides for the introduction and inspection of BAT implementation in industrial facilities. These Guides on Best Available Technique (BAT) assessment and Inspections aim to assist the permitting authorities of the Contracting Parties to extract and evaluate the necessary information contained in the complex literature in order to assess the information provided by the applicants for permits concerning BAT introduction in industrial installations and ensure that their application is effective. Some examples of inspection checklists will be also presented.

11. The participants are expected to undertake a general discussion of the draft Guide and provide comments on its content with the view to have them finalized for consideration by the MED POL Focal Points meeting in May 2017.

Agenda item 5. Conclusions and Recommendations

12. Under this Agenda item, the meeting will review, amend and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the meeting discussions as prepared by the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 6. Any Other Business

13. Under this Agenda item, the participants and the Secretariat will be able to raise any other business related to the subject of the Meeting agreed during the adoption of the agenda.

Agenda item 7. Closure of the meeting

14. The President will close the Meeting at 17:30 hours on 7 April 2017.

TIMETABLE

6-7 April 2017

Thursday 6 April 2017		Relevant documents
14:00 – 14:30	<i>Registration</i>	
14:30 – 14:45	Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.436/1 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.436/2
	Agenda item 2. Adoption of the agenda and election of officers	
14:45 – 16:00	Agenda item 3. Compliance and Enforcement in the Mediterranean region	Presentations by the Contracting Parties
16:00 – 17:30	Agenda item 4. Strengthening the Inspection and Permitting Systems to promote the use of Best Available Techniques (BAT) : <i>Guide on the selection of Best Available Techniques in Industrial installations</i>	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.436/3
Friday 7 April 2017		Relevant documents
09:30 – 10:30	Agenda item 4. Suite: <i>Guide on the selection of Best Available Techniques in Industrial installations</i>	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.436/4
10:30 – 13:00	Agenda item 4. Suite: <i>Guide on Inspections of Industrial Facilities</i>	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.436/4
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 15:30	Agenda item 4. Suite: <i>Guide on Inspections of Industrial Facilities:</i>	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.436/4
15:30 – 16:30	Agenda item 4. Suite: Checklists and case studies	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.436/4
16:30 – 17:15	Agenda item 5. Conclusions and Recommendations	
17:15 – 17:30	Agenda item 6. Any Other Business	
	Agenda item 7. Closure of the meeting	