

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Subcommittee Meeting
Thursday 22 November 2018
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
United Nations Office at Nairobi, Gigiri
Conference Room 3

**Background Document for Agenda Item 4:
Secretariat briefing on the outcome of fourth Intergovernmental Review Meeting
of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment
from Land-based Activities.**

This note serves as a background document for discussions under Agenda Item 4: Secretariat briefing on the outcome of fourth Intergovernmental Review Meeting of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities.

**BALI DECLARATION
ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT
FROM LAND-BASED ACTIVITIES**

We, the representatives of Governments and the European Union, having met in Bali from 31 October to 1 November 2018 at the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities.

Acknowledging the achievements of the GPA and recognizing the role that it has played in the prevention of the degradation of the marine environment from land-based activities.

We continue to work on:

1. Enhancing the mainstreaming of the protection of coastal and marine ecosystems, especially from the environmental threats caused by increased nutrient, wastewater, marine litter and microplastics.
2. Enhancing capacity building, know-how and knowledge sharing through collaboration and partnerships involving governments, private sector, civil society and experts at the regional and global levels in the protection of coastal and marine ecosystems from land-based activities and sources of pollution.

We take note that the follow up work of the GPA should include, subject to future discussions on the form and implications

1. Continue efforts in the three pollution streams i.e. nutrients, wastewater and marine litter in support of the 2030 Agenda as a framework for sustainable development
2. Strengthen the Global Partnership on Marine Litter, Global Partnership on Nutrient Management and the Global Wastewater Initiative; and the interlinkages between partnerships
3. Improve the coordination, engagement and support of the work with member states on land-based pollution; and foster the linkages to the Regional Seas, other relevant platforms and international initiatives for effective delivery;
4. Continue to advance efforts to combat marine litter and microplastics, nutrients and wastewater from land-based sources in an integrated manner including the land/sea and freshwater/sea interface in action plans for addressing marine litter, wastewater and nutrients

5. Encouraging exchange of information, practical experience and scientific and technical expertise cooperative and collaborative action and partnership among governmental institutions and organization, communities, the private sectors and non-governmental organizations which have relevant responsibilities and/or experience.

Based on the discussions held and documents provided for IGR-4 we agree to: Work on the function, form and implication (including legal, budgetary and organizational) including future of the IGR and the work currently coordinated by the GPA, to be continued during the inter-sessional period until UNEA-4 :

And for this purpose, we request UNEP secretariat to present an analysis of options and alternatives for the overall programme and associated coordinating mechanism in considerations of the following elements:

- a. Legal
 - b. Financial/budgetary
 - c. Organizational coordination
 - d. Stakeholder - convening and mandate setting
6. Express our gratitude and appreciation to the Government and people of the Republic of Indonesia for successfully hosting the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities.

Bali, 1st November 2018