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“Enhancing the integration of Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in
the Governance Framework of the Barcelona Convention and MAP”**

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Conclusions

Conclusions of the CP/RAC National Focal Points Meeting: *Enhancing the integration of Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in the Governance Framework of the Barcelona Convention and MAP,*
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The CP/RAC National Focal Points (hereinafter CP/RAC NFPs):

Welcome the organization of the joint session of MEDPOL and CP/RAC NFPs and acknowledge the importance of their collaboration in the implementation of the Protocols and the Regional Plans. The CP/RAC NFPs consider that joint sessions between the MAP components contribute to the coordination and efficient implementation of their programmes of work.

Recognize that SCP is well anchored in the existing legal framework of the Barcelona Convention and the Protocols and covers a range of measures and tools that are imperative in achieving the region's common objectives of pollution prevention, reduction, and control as well as sustainable development.

Support CP/RAC's training and support Initiative for Green Entrepreneurs as catalysts of the economic sector's shift to SCP and request CP/RAC to extend the Green Entrepreneurship Initiative to greening established companies.

Congratulate CP/RAC for the work carried out under H2020 CB/MEP and request to systematically inform MAP NFPs on the actions to be developed in their countries during the second phase.

Recognize the importance of the work developed by CP/RAC in supporting countries in the design and implementation of Sustainable Procurement Policies and request CP/RAC to continue providing every possible assistance that stimulates supply and demand for sustainable goods and services.

Request CP/RAC to replicate the actions developed under the BAT4MED in Mediterranean countries that were not covered by the project.

Recognize the need to establish a Mediterranean Network of Experts/Platform of organizations to adapt the EU BREF documents to the countries and SMI-SME of the South Mediterranean specific context and request CP/RAC to include such an activity in the centre's proposal of actions for the next biennium. Accordingly CP/RAC NFPs request CP/RAC to coordinate and act as a catalyst to join forces for the preparation of a project proposal if funds are available.

Welcome the technical assistance to Mediterranean countries offered by the EU financed SWITCH-Med Programme and express their appreciation for the support that the EC provides through this Programme to reinforce the Barcelona Convention's efforts to promote SCP and request CP/RAC to explore the possibility to extend the programme to the rest of the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention not currently covered by SWITCH-Med as well as to support any further SCP related regional and national activities where appropriate.

Appreciate the work prepared by CP/RAC in identifying proposals for pilot activities under SWITCH-Med Demonstration Component and the CP/RAC NFP of the project's target countries will provide feedback to CP/RAC by the end of July.

Recognize the Consumpediamed platform as a very relevant tool to help citizens and consumers to shift to more sustainable consumption choices and lifestyles and to increase the visibility of the many initiatives being successfully developed in the region that may inspire new ones and offer to contribute to enrich the contents of the Platform.

Recognize that the state of the marine and coastal Mediterranean ecosystems is a direct consequence of human activities, and therefore, linked to the models of production and consumption on which those activities are based and state that the use of the appropriate SCP tools constitute important means for the implementation of ECAP.

Request CP/RAC to prepare a draft Decision to be submitted for the consideration of the MAP NFPs on the implementation of a SCP Roadmap for the Mediterranean. This Roadmap should¹:

- a) be anchored into the existing regional framework (Barcelona Convention, Protocols and Regional Plans and Strategies).
- b) guide the Mediterranean countries to implement SCP measures and objectives addressing the region's common priorities.
- c) consolidate the Barcelona Convention's leading role in shifting to SCP following the commitment made by the World's Heads of State during the Rio+20 Summit by adopting a 10 Year Framework of Programmes on SCP that includes the development of support tools like a Global SCP Clearinghouse, as well as any other related international and regional processes.

The draft Decision shall include, inter alia, the following elements:

1. Clear milestones in order to ensure an effective implementation.
2. The proposal for the preparation of a MAP SCP Action Plan contributing to the implementation of the Roadmap.
3. The need to identify other relevant stakeholders including existing frameworks for regional cooperation (UfM, H2020, etc) to be engaged in the implementation of the Roadmap.
4. The need to engage all national stakeholders: relevant Ministries, local governments, producers, retailers, distributors, entrepreneurs, citizens, consumers, educators, and civil society organizations in mainstreaming SCP in their countries.
5. The means of implementation of the Roadmap.
6. The inclusion of the SCP Roadmap for the Mediterranean as an Annex.

Offer to provide written comments on the first draft of the SCP Roadmap for the Mediterranean circulated by CP/RAC. Comments should be provided by the 1st week of July in order to be taken into account during the 3rd MSEG expert group meeting to be held on the 11th and 12th of July in Athens.

Appreciated the presentation by Plan Bleu on the revision of the MSSD and discussed the role of the MCSD in relation to the SCP roadmap and its implementation and welcome a more effective and action-oriented approach towards SD, improved monitoring and concrete approaches on how to engage other relevant partners and look beyond 2015 as prerequisite for developing further SD strategic thinking. The development of Road Maps or action plans similar to the SCP Road Map for other priority transversal axes could be part of the work. They also noted the relation of the SCP Roadmap and the relevant MCSD work within the international SD framework.

Request CP/RAC to restructure the current draft of proposals of actions for the following biennium in a way that clearly reflects the actions that the center will develop under the Pollution Prevention and Control Thematic Pillar. This will include the identification of areas of collaboration with MEDPOL and other MAP components.

¹ Statement from the NFP of Italy: Italy is not in the condition to agree on the draft text of the roadmap nor to support the drafting of a COP decision to adopt it at the 18 COP