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78<sup>th</sup> 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

Istanbul, Turkey, 3-4 September 2014

**Agenda item 2**

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### Introduction

1. At the invitation of the Government of Turkey and in consultation with the President and members of the Bureau, the 78<sup>th</sup> 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 Istanbul, Turkey on 3-4 September 2014.
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 were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

### **DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2014**

#### **Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting**

4. The meeting will be opened at 09.00 on 3 September 2014 by the President of the Bureau, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Emin Birpinar.

#### **Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work**

5. The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat is contained in document [UNEP/BUR/78/1](#).
6. The meeting will review and adopt the Agenda.
7. 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 17:00 on 4 September 2014 after adopting its conclusions and recommendations. As agreed, the report of the meeting will be very succinct and will be prepared by the Secretariat and distributed by email to the members of the Bureau for adoption no later than two weeks after closure of the Meeting.

#### **Agenda item 3: Progress Report by the Secretariat on activities carried out during the period March 2012 – June 2013**

8. The Coordinator of MAP, Mr. Gaetano Leone, will present document “Progress Report by the Secretariat on Activities carried out during the period January to June 2014” ([UNEP/BUR/78/3](#)).
9. The Secretariat will also present the “Progress of the Implementation of COP 18 Decisions” ([UNEP/BUR/78/6](#)).
10. 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: Update on Financial Situation**

11. The Secretariat 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/BUR/78/5](#)) including:
- Status of contributions as of 31 July 2014
  - Status of funds committed
  - Interim Report with the balance between income and expenditure
  - Letters requesting payments or reminders

**Agenda item 5: Specific Issues**

12. The Coordinator of MAP will present the “Report by the Secretariat on Specific Issues” ([UNEP/BUR/78/4](#)).
13. The Bureau will be invited to exchange views on the following issues:

**5.1. Governance and Organizational Matters**

14. With reference to the operational paragraphs of the Governance Decision IG.21/13 and the Decision on MAP Programme of Work and Budget for the 2014-2015 biennium (Decision IG.21/17), adopted by COP 18 (Istanbul, Turkey, December 2013), the Coordinator of MAP will present an update on issues regarding the status of Ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Related Protocols; reporting on the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (Biennia 2010-2011 and 2012-2013); revision of the Reporting Format of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols; Host Country Agreements with countries hosting MAP Regional Activity Centers; LBS Protocol National Action Plans update; and, a proposal on evaluation method on measures to enhance the functioning of the Secretariat and MAP Components.

**5.2. Development of the 2016-2021 Midterm Strategy: Update**

15. With reference to the operational paragraphs of the Decision on MAP Programme of Work and Budget for the 2014-2015 biennium (Decision IG.21/17), adopted by COP 18 (Istanbul, Turkey, December 2013), the Coordinator of MAP will update Bureau members on the external evaluation process of the Five-Year Strategic Programme of Work (2010-2014, with one year extension to 2015) and the roadmap of the development of the Mid-Term Strategy for the period 2016-2021.

**5.3. Environment Friendly Cities Award**

16. With reference to the Istanbul Declaration, adopted by COP 18 (Istanbul, Turkey, December 2013), the Coordinator of MAP will present a proposal regarding nomination and selection principles and criteria for the award.

**DAY 2: THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**Agenda item 5: Discussions on Specific Issues (*cont'd*)**

**5.4. Applications for status as MAP Partners**

17. With reference to the operational paragraphs of the Decision on Cooperation Agreements (Decision IG.21/14), adopted by COP 18 (Istanbul, Turkey, December 2013), the Coordinator of MAP will update Bureau members on the status of MAP Partners and bring to their attention extension and new partnership proposals.

**5.5. Cooperation Agreements**

18. With reference to the operational paragraphs of the Decision on Cooperation Agreements (Decision IG.21/14), adopted by COP 18 (Istanbul, Turkey, December 2013), the Coordinator of MAP 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. Bureau members will also be updated on the draft Memorandum of Understanding between UNEP/MAP and the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS), as well as the cooperation with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) and the Black Sea Commission.

**5.6. Information and Communications Activities**

19. The Coordinator of MAP will present an update on communication and outreach activities and the plans regarding the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mediterranean Action Plan, which will be organized in 2015. An update on main international and national events will also be provided for the attention of the Bureau Members, as contained in the document "Calendar of Main International and National Events" ([UNEP/BUR/78/Inf.3](#))

**Agenda item 6: Conclusions and recommendations**

20. The Secretariat will submit for adoption a set of conclusions and recommendations.

**Agenda item 7: Date and Venue of 79<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau**

21. The Bureau will be invited to decide and agree on the date and venue of the 79<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau.

**Agenda item 8: Any Other Matters**

22. The Bureau will consider other issues which may be raised during the meeting.

**Agenda item 9: Closure of the Meeting**

23. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President of the Bureau at 17:00 hrs on Thursday 4 September 2014.

**TIMETABLE**

<b>Wednesday, 3 September 2014</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>		<b>Documents</b>
09:00 – 09:15	1. Opening of the meeting 2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work	President of the Bureau	<a href="#">UNEP/BUR/78/1</a> <a href="#">UNEP/BUR/78/2</a>
09:15– 10:30	3. Progress Report by the Secretariat on activities carried out during the period March 2012 – June 2013	Coordinator of MAP	<a href="#">UNEP/BUR/78/3</a> <a href="#">UNEP/BUR/78/6</a>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
11:00-12:30	4. Update on Financial Situation	Coordinator of MAP	<a href="#">UNEP/BUR/78/5</a>
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
14:00 – 15:30	5. Specific Issues	Coordinator of MAP	<a href="#">UNEP/BUR/78/4</a>
15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
16:00 – 17:00	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Coordinator of MAP	<a href="#">UNEP/BUR/78/4</a>
<b>Thursday, 4 September 2014</b>			
09:00 – 10:30	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Coordinator of MAP	<a href="#">UNEP/BUR/78/4</a>
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
11:00 – 11:30	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Coordinator of MAP	<a href="#">UNEP/BUR/78/4</a> <a href="#">UNEP/BUR/78/Inf3</a>
11:30 – 14:00	<i>Extended Lunch break (preparation of the draft list of conclusions and recommendations for adoption)</i>		
14:00-16:00	6. Conclusions and recommendations	Coordinator of MAP	
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
16:30-16:45	7. Date and Venue of 79 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau	Coordinator of MAP	
16:45-17:00	8. Any other Matters	President of the Bureau and Secretariat	
17:00	9. Closure of the Meeting	President of the Bureau	