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**PROGRESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COP 18 DECISIONS**

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<b>Decision IG.21/1 on the Compliance Committee including renewal of members, the modification of the rules of procedure and the Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee</b>	<i>urge</i> the Contracting Parties concerned (Annex I) to submit their reports for examination by the Compliance Committee, especially those who have not submitted reports for the 2010-2011 biennium, in order to facilitate the Committee's task of evaluating any difficulties in implementing the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols	(Action by Parties)	<b>YELLOW</b>						
	<i>approve</i> amendments to Decision IG. 19/1 on the Rules of Procedure for the Compliance Committee, including those proposed by the Bureau of the Barcelona Convention, the text of which appears in Annex II to this Decision;		<b>GREEN</b>						
	<i>elect and/or renew</i> to the Compliance Committee the members and alternates whose names appear in Annex III to this Decision, in accordance with the procedures defined under Decision IG. 17/2 on Procedures and mechanisms on compliance, as amended by Decision IG. 20/1;		<b>GREEN</b>						
	<i>approve</i> the addition of a paragraph 2a to Section V of Annex III to Decision IG. 17/2 on Procedures and mechanisms on compliance concerning the Committee's power of initiative, the text of which appears in Annex IV to this Decision;		<b>GREEN</b>						
	<i>approve</i> the conclusions of the recommendation of the Compliance Committee mentioned in Annex I of its activities report for the biennium 2012-2013, at paragraphs 35 and 36: UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.21/8,		<b>GREEN</b>						

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	<b>adopt</b> the work program of the Compliance Committee for the 2014-2015 biennium, as contained in Annex V to this Decision;		<b>GREEN</b>						
	<b>request</b> the components of MAP to provide the Committee with all relevant information to help it carry out its activities;	1.2.1	<b>YELLOW</b>						
	<b>ask</b> the Compliance Committee, in accordance with paragraph 17(b) and (c) of the Procedures and mechanisms on compliance, to discuss general compliance-related issues, including recurring problems of non-compliance;	1.2.1	<b>YELLOW</b>						
	<b>ask</b> the Compliance Committee, in accordance with paragraph 31 of the Procedures and mechanisms on compliance, to submit to the 19th Meeting of the Contracting Parties a report on its activities, including on the difficulties encountered in the application of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.	1.2.1., 1.2.2	<b>YELLOW</b>						
<b>Decision IG.21/2 on the reporting format to comply with the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols; and, the new reporting format for the ICZM Protocol</b>	<b>urge</b> the Contracting Parties to formally submit their reports on measures taken to implement the Convention and its Protocols for the 2012-2013 biennium to the Coordinating Unit by October 2014 at the latest, using the online form;	(Action by Parties)	<b>YELLOW</b>						
	<b>ask</b> the Secretariat to provide all information available on the state of progress in the procedure for the adoption of the 1995 amendments to the Barcelona Convention by the two Contracting Parties which have not yet adopted them, in order to achieve universal acceptance of the Convention;	(As per mandate of the Secretariat)	<b>YELLOW</b>						
	<b>invite</b> the Contracting Parties that have not done so to inform the Secretariat about the state of the development of their internal procedures to ratify 1995 amendments to the Dumping Protocol;	(Action by Parties)	<b>YELLOW</b>						
	<b>maintain</b> the biennial frequency of the reports which the Contracting Parties are required to submit to the Secretariat under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention;		<b>GREEN</b>						
	<b>adopt</b> the institutional and legal sections of the ICZM Protocol report form prepared by the Secretariat and PAP/RAC (Annex II) and ask the Secretariat to prepare the operational section of the Protocol report form for approval by the 19th Meeting of the Contracting Parties;	1.2.1., 1.2.2.	<b>YELLOW</b>						

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	<b>ask</b> the Contracting Parties which have ratified the ICZM Protocol to submit a report on the implementation of the Protocol and invite Parties which have signed the Protocol to submit a report on a voluntary basis using the overall reporting system for the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;	(Action by Parties)	YELLOW						
	<b>ask</b> the Secretariat, subject to the availability of funds, to provide advice to the Contracting Parties, to enable them to submit on time comprehensive reports on the implementation of all MAP legal instruments;	1.2.1.	YELLOW						
	<b>request</b> the Secretariat to consult with Contracting Parties on their capacity building needs with regard to preparation of reports and inform COP 19 on its findings;	1.2.1.	ORANGE						
	<b>ask</b> the Secretariat to prepare, in consultation with the Compliance Committee, a simplified and practical draft of the report form for the Barcelona Convention and its protocols which also includes information on concrete implementation measures taken to achieve effective pollution reduction and biodiversity conservation and to submit it for consideration and adoption at the 19th Meeting of the Contracting Parties;	1.2.2.	YELLOW						
	<b>ask</b> the Secretariat to conduct an analysis of the information contained in the national reports, with a view to preparing a report on the general advances made in the region, at legal and institutional level, in implementing the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, to propose further measures if necessary, and to submit this report to the 19th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.	1.2.1.	ORANGE						
<b>Decision IG.21/3 on the Ecosystems Approach including adopting definitions of Good Environmental Status (GES) and targets</b>	<b>Adopt</b> based on Article 18 of the Barcelona Convention and on the relevant provisions from its related Protocols such as Article 7 and 8 of the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities; Article 5 of the Protocol Concerning Cooperation in Preventing Pollution from Ships and, in Cases of Emergency, Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea; Articles 3, 7 and 20 of the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, an integrated list of Mediterranean Good Environmental Status and related targets, associated with the		GREEN						

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	Operational Objectives and Indicators agreed at the 17 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as presented in Annex I to the present decision;								
	Based on Article 18 of the Barcelona Convention <b>Welcome</b> as a sound basis for the work of the Correspondence Group on Monitoring (COR MON) the process and principles of the Integrated Monitoring Programme and the Integrated Assessment Policy and the related Gap Analysis (as presented in Annex II to this decision and in UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.386/Inf.4);		<b>GREEN</b>						
	<b>Endorse</b> the process to finalize the next steps of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap, as described through the initial Ecosystem Approach Timeline in Annex III, noting the past unfortunate delays;		<b>GREEN</b>						
	<b>Adopt</b> the data sharing principles of the Barcelona Convention/MAP as presented in Annex IV of this decision and <b>Encourage</b> their further elaboration in the COR MON groups;	1.2.3	<b>GREEN</b>						
	<b>Endorse</b> the governance structure established to advance the implementation of EcAp, through the Ecosystem Coordination Group and the Correspondence Groups on Good Environmental Status (GES) and Targets, Economic and Social Analysis (ESA) and Monitoring, as presented in Annex V;		<b>GREEN</b>						
	<b>Encourage</b> all Contracting Parties, International and Regional Organizations and International Financial Institutions and scientific community, to further support the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach in the Mediterranean, specifically addressing differences in national capacities, based on the Rio principles and that the next steps of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap will require adequate human and financial resources, technical capacity and coordination both at the national and the regional level;	(Action by Parties)	<b>YELLOW</b>						
	Noting the progress made on the development of the socioeconomic analysis as presented in Annex VI, <b>Encourage</b> the finalization of the Socioeconomic Analysis, as well as of the guidelines to support national Socio-Economic Analyses, and the continuation of the work through COR ESA;	1.2.3., 1.2.4.	<b>YELLOW</b>						

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	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to:								
	1. Review and complete GES definitions and associated targets, during the next biennium, through the respective COR-GEST and COR MON groups and with the overall guidance of the EcAp Coordination Group, on the basis of preparatory work and proposals by Contracting Parties and MAP components, in order to improve and when necessary fill the current gaps in relation to some EOs in the List of GES and Targets. Based on this review the new improved list of indicators and associated targets should be considered for inclusion in the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme at COP19;	1.2.4.	<b>YELLOW</b>						
	2. Prepare in cooperation with MAP components and competent partner organizations, through a participatory process involving Contracting Parties and the scientific community, a Monitoring and Assessment Methodological Guidance for consideration during the first meeting of EcAp CG in 2014 and a draft Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme to be presented at the 19 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties for adoption;	1.2.4.	<b>YELLOW</b>						
	3. Prepare in cooperation with MAP components and building on best practices from other Regional Sea Conventions, on a trial basis, assessment sheets for consideration by the EcAp CG, as tools to provide by 2015 updates to the State of the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Environment Report (SOER-MED), in line with EcAp agreed Ecological Objectives;	1.2.4.	<b>YELLOW</b>						
	4. Undertake a gap analysis of existing Barcelona Convention/Protocols measures relating to the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach and based on this analysis, enable the EcAp CG to further reflect on key measures for the implementation of EcAp;	1.2.4.	<b>YELLOW</b>						

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	5. Ensure that the data sharing principles of the Barcelona Convention/MAP as presented in Annex IV are implemented through the activities of all Barcelona Convention/MAP components;	1.2.4.	YELLOW						
	6. Ensure the implementation of this decision through the operational activities of Barcelona Convention/MAP and its integration in the next Strategic and 2-year Programme of work;	1.2.4.	YELLOW						
	7. Continue ensuring that Barcelona Convention/MAP Regional Policies, Strategies and Action Plans become coherent with the ecosystem approach;	1.2.4.	YELLOW						
	8. Continue supporting Contracting Parties in their efforts to implement the other steps of the Ecosystem Roadmap according to the agreed timeline and enhance cooperation with partners and stakeholders and other global and regional processes in particular with the EU common MSFD implementation strategy and further investigate options for mobilizing resources for supporting financially the application of ecosystem approach both on regional and national levels, noting the difference in country capacities and the need of trans-boundary cooperation.	1.2.4.	YELLOW						
<b>Decision IG.21/4 Action Plans under the Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity Protocol including Monk Seal, Marine Turtles, Birds, Cartilaginous Fishes, and Dark Habitats</b>	<b>Decides to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopt the Regional strategy for the conservation of Monk Seals in the Mediterranean (2014-2019), as contained in Annex I to this Decision;</li> <li>• Adopt the Work Programme and Implementation Timetable of the Action Plan for the conservation of Mediterranean Marine Turtles in the Mediterranean Sea for the period 2014-2019, as contained in Annex II to this Decision;</li> <li>• Adopt the Work Programme and Implementation Timetable of the Action Plan for the conservation of Bird species listed in Annex II to the SPA/BD Protocol in the Mediterranean for the period 2014-2019, as contained in Annex III to this Decision;</li> <li>• Adopt the Work Programme and Implementation Timetable of</li> </ul>		GREEN						



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	<p>the Action Plan for the conservation of Cartilaginous Fishes in the Mediterranean Sea for the period 2014-2019, as contained in Annex IV to this Decision;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopt the Action Plan for the conservation of Habitats and Species associated with seamounts, underwater caves and canyons, aphotic engineering benthic invertebrates and chemo-synthetic phenomena, in the Mediterranean Sea (Dark Habitats Action Plan) as contained in Annex V to this Decision;</li> </ul>								
	<p><b>Requests</b> the Contracting Parties to take the necessary measures for the implementation of the updated Work Programme and Implementation Timetables, the Regional Strategy for the conservation of Monk Seals in the Mediterranean and the Dark Habitats Action Plan and report on their implementation according to the cycle and format of the MAP reporting system;</p>		YELLOW						
	<p><b>Requests</b> SPA/RAC to undertake the necessary actions to assist the Contracting Parties, at their request to fulfill their obligations pertaining to the implementation of the updated Work Programme and Implementation Timetables the Mediterranean Strategy for the conservation of Monk Seals and the Dark Habitats Action Plan by supporting and/or coordinating actions where necessary and to further apply the ecosystem approach, in collaboration with the relevant organisations.</p>	3.2.4	YELLOW						
<b>Decision IG.21/5 Identification and Conservation of sites of particular ecological interest in the Mediterranean</b>	<p><b>Request</b> the Secretariat to prepare with all relevant MAP components and in close cooperation with Contracting Parties and relevant stakeholders a draft roadmap for a comprehensive coherent network of well managed MPAs to achieve Aichi 11 target in the Mediterranean for consideration by COP19 with a view to its adoption;</p>	3.3.1, 3.3.4	YELLOW						
	<p><b>Encourage</b> all Parties to accelerate efforts in taking necessary measures to develop a coherent and well-managed network of coastal and marine protected areas in the Mediterranean while increasing the number of those areas in the SPAMI list;</p>	(Action by Parties)	YELLOW						

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	<b>Include</b> the Lara-Toxeftra Turtle Reserve (Cyprus) in the SPAMI List;		<b>GREEN</b>						
	<b>Request</b> the concerned Party to take the necessary protection and conservation measures specified in its SPAMI proposal in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 3 and Annex I to the SPA/BD Protocol;	<b>(Action by Party)</b>	<b>YELLOW</b>						
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat in cooperation with SPA/RAC to inform the competent international organizations of the newly adopted SPAMI including the measures taken in that SPAMI, as provided for in Article 9, paragraph 5 of the SPA/BD Protocol;	<b>3.3.2</b>	<b>YELLOW</b>						
	<b>Request</b> SPA/RAC to work with the relevant authorities in France, Italy, Monaco, Morocco, Spain and Tunisia, to carry out during the 2014-2015 biennium the Ordinary Periodic Review for the following twenty-two SPAMIs, according to the procedure adopted by the Contracting Parties:	<b>3.3.3</b>	<b>YELLOW</b>						
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat with the support of the SPA/RAC to improve the visibility of the SPAMI List and cooperation and networking among the SPAMI areas;	<b>3.3.2</b>	<b>YELLOW</b>						
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat with the assistance of SPA/RAC to cooperate with the CBD Secretariat in organizing during 2014 a regional workshop in the Mediterranean on EBSAs, in time for its report to be considered by the 18 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (June 2014) prior to the twelfth meeting of the CBD Conference of the Parties.	<b>3.2.3</b>	<b>GREEN</b>						
<b>Decision IG.21/6 Amendments of the Annexes II and III to the Protocol concerning</b>	<b>Decides</b> in application of Article 23 of the Barcelona Convention and of Article 14 of the SPA/BD Protocol, to amend the Annexes II and III to the SPA/BD Protocol. In conformity with this amendment, the Annexes II and III will be as indicated in the lists attached to this decision;		<b>GREEN</b>						

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Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean	<i>Invites</i> the Depositary to communicate without delay to all the Contracting Parties the adopted amendments;	(Action by Depositary)	ORANGE						
	<i>Requests</i> the Secretariat in cooperation with SPA/RAC to assist the Parties to implement this decision.	(As per mandate of the Secretariat and SPA/RAC)	YELLOW						
Decision IG.21/7 Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean in the Framework of Article 15 of the	<i>Adopt</i> the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean in the framework of Articles 5 and 15 of the LBS Protocol hereinafter referred to as the Regional Plan, which is contained in Annex to this decision;		GREEN						



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	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to provide, upon request and subject to availability of funds, the necessary assistance to, and organize capacity building programmes for, the Contracting Parties for the implementation of the Regional Plan.		<b>YELLOW</b>						
<b>Decision IG.21/8 Follow up actions regarding the Offshore Protocol Action Plan</b>	<b>Requests</b> the Secretariat and the ad hoc Working Group to continue the necessary work with a view to achieve the drafting of the Offshore Protocol Action Plan by the end of 2014;	1.2.6	<b>GREEN</b>						
	<b>Urges</b> all the Contracting Parties who have not yet done so to designate, through the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) Focal Point, a senior official having a strong experience of both the technical aspects of offshore activities as well as the regulatory process for these activities in his/her country, who should organize at national level the necessary consultations with other authorities having competencies as regards the various aspects of offshore activities, to facilitate the implementation of the Offshore Protocol;	1.2.6	<b>GREEN</b>						
	<b>Encourages</b> all the Mediterranean coastal States as well as the concerned stakeholders of the industry and NGOs to participate actively to the activities aiming at the implementation of the Offshore Protocol with the spirit of common interest for the well-being of the Mediterranean region;	(Action by Parties, Partners and Stakeholders )	<b>YELLOW</b>						
	<b>Approves</b> the establishment of the Barcelona Convention Offshore Oil and Gas Group which should support the drafting of the Action plan and serve as a regional technical body to assist in the identification of best practices and to ensure a monitoring and assessment of the impact of these activities consistent with the overall policy adopted within the Mediterranean Action Plan;	1.2.6	<b>GREEN</b>						
	<b>Adopts</b> the Terms of Reference of the Barcelona Convention Offshore Oil and Gas Group (BARCO OFOG) set out in Annex;	1.2.6	<b>GREEN</b>						
	<b>Decides</b> that the BARCO OFOG should be financed through extra budgetary resources; and <b>Requests</b> the Secretariat to identify international bodies that might provide specific sources of financing to assist Mediterranean Coastal States in carrying out the obligations arising from the Offshore Protocol;	1.2.6 , 1.1.5	<b>YELLOW</b>						

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	<i>Invites</i> the relevant oil and gas offshore industry to assist the Barcelona Convention Offshore Oil and Gas Group (BARCO OFOG), through technical support and financial contributions for the implementation of the program of work that may result from the Offshore Protocol Action Plan.	(Action by Stakeholders )	YELLOW						
<b>Decision IG.21/9</b> <b>Establishment of a Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL within the framework of the Barcelona Convention</b>	<i>Decides</i> to establish a Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL within the framework of the Barcelona Convention;	4.2.13	GREEN						
	<i>Approves</i> its terms of Reference as annexed to this decision;	4.2.13	GREEN						
	<i>Urges</i> all Contracting Parties to nominate as early as possible a Designated Representative with an in-depth knowledge of this specific type of offence and to actively participate in the Network;	(Action by Parties)	YELLOW						
	<i>Requests</i> REMPEC, as the relevant Regional Activity Centre of the Barcelona Convention, to act as the Secretariat of this network and to report on its activities to the Contracting Parties at each of their Ordinary Meetings;	4.2.13	GREEN						
	<i>Invites</i> the Members of the network to actively support it by financing the attendance of their representatives to the meetings;	(Action by Parties)	YELLOW						
	<i>Decides</i> , when adopting the Programme of Work and Budget, to consider the possibility of allocating funds from the ordinary budget, taking into account the priority activities to be funded and the availability of funds;	4.2.13	GREEN						
	<i>Requests</i> the Barcelona Convention/MAP Secretariat to explore on additional external funding opportunities in order to assist in ensuring the sustainability of the network.	1.1.5	YELLOW						

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<b>Decision IG.21/10</b> <b>Development of an</b> <b>Action Plan on</b> <b>Sustainable</b> <b>Consumption and</b> <b>Production in the</b> <b>Mediterranean</b>	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to prepare, according to the timeline presented in Annex I, with the support of the SCP/RAC and timely and constant involvement of relevant National Focal Points, a Mediterranean SCP Action Plan including the corresponding Roadmap, addressing the Region’s common priorities for sustainable development, including pollution reduction; and identifying SCP actions and tools to effectively implement the obligations under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;	1.2.8	<b>YELLOW</b>						
	<b>Further request</b> that the Action Plan be designed as a dynamic and forward-looking framework, integrating the potential of the different policy instruments and measures addressing targeted human activities which have a particular impact on the marine and coastal environment and related transversal/cross-cutting issues;	1.2.8	<b>YELLOW</b>						
	<b>Urge</b> the Secretariat to ensure that the Action Plan proposes a set of actions to work in synergy with and complement existing regional and national policy frameworks addressing the shift to sustainable patterns of consumption and production and in particular the MSSD.	1.2.8, 1.2.7	<b>YELLOW</b>						
<b>Decision IG.21/11</b> <b>supporting the</b> <b>review of the</b> <b>Mediterranean</b> <b>Strategy on</b> <b>Sustainable</b> <b>Development</b> <b>(MSSD), proposed</b> <b>by the MCSD</b> <b>Steering</b> <b>Committee</b>	<b>Request</b> MAP Secretariat to launch the process of the review of the MSSD with a view to submitting a revised MSSD for consideration and adoption by the Contracting Parties in their 19 <sup>th</sup> Meeting, on the basis of the roadmap in Annex 1;	1.2.7	<b>GREEN</b>						
	<b>Request</b> Plan Bleu to support the Secretariat in the process of revision of the MSSD in terms of provision of monitoring information and reporting on MSSD implementation, including related programs that have an impact on MSSD outcomes in the whole Mediterranean, and the coordination of consultation and drafting processes, for this revision;	1.2.7	<b>YELLOW</b>						

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	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to ensure that the revised MSSD should have a long time-frame (10 years) and contain both forward-looking and action-oriented elements;	1.2.7	YELLOW						
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to ensure that the revised MSSD is articulated with global, regional and MAP processes;	1.2.7	YELLOW						
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to ensure that the revised MSSD is result-oriented, simple and based <i>inter alia</i> on the assessment of the impact of the current MSSD and of national sustainable development processes, as well as a shared vision of sustainable development challenges facing the region;	1.2.7	YELLOW						
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to ensure that the revised MSSD includes the integration of MAP's priority fields of action (such as, inter alia, Integrated Coastal Zone Management [ICZM]) and relevant processes (such as, inter alia, the ecosystems approach and the Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Action Plan), and addresses also other issues;	1.2.7, 1.2.8	YELLOW						
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to ensure that the revised MSSD integrates the strategic orientations of the SCP Action Plan and other relevant policies.	1.2.7, 1.2.8	YELLOW						
<b>Decision IG.21/12 supporting the reforming of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD), proposed by the MCSD Steering Committee</b>	<b>Strengthen</b> the position of the MCSD in the MAP system and in the wider regional community, in line with the outcome of Rio+20 and COP17 Decision IG.20/13, by ensuring that, sustainable development matters will be discussed at the Conference of the Parties once every two COP meetings (four years);	1.2.7 and 15th MCSD meeting recommendations	YELLOW						
	<b>Sharpen</b> the mandate of the MCSD so as to strengthen its role and contribution to integrate the environment in other public policies and call for the revision accordingly of the constitutive documents of the MCSD, including its 'Terms of Reference', 'Rules of Procedure' and 'Composition'; and present the revised documents for the consideration and approval of the COP in 2015;	1.2.7 and 15th MCSD meeting recommendations	YELLOW						



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	<p><b>Request</b> the MCSD, with the support of the Secretariat, to review MCSD participation and its composition, while retaining its focus on environmental sustainability (as agreed at COP 17 in Paris) and the interface between environment and development, with a view to ensuring the sufficient membership and participation, as MCSD members, by the key regional sustainable development stakeholders as described below, and presenting a final proposal for adoption by the 19<sup>th</sup> COP in 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• other UN specialized agencies and programs such as UNDP, UNIDO, FAO/ GFCM and UNESCO;</li> <li>• partners representing the economic and social pillars of sustainable development;</li> <li>• parliamentarians;</li> <li>• the scientific community;</li> <li>• local governments;</li> <li>• representatives of wider Mediterranean processes, in particular the Union for the Mediterranean;</li> </ul>	1.2.7 and 15th MCSD meeting recommendations	YELLOW						
	<p><b>Request</b> the Secretariat to support the MCSD to work further on forging partnerships and coordination between various actors, including the World Bank, the Union for the Mediterranean, and other UN actors besides UNEP such as the UNFCCC and the UNDP, to improve the implementation of the new MSSD;</p>	1.2.7 and 15th MCSD meeting recommendations	YELLOW						
	<p><b>Request</b> the MCSD to encourage, through its meetings and operations, the exchange of good practice and to establish an on-line consultation platform for these purposes;</p>	1.2.7 and 15th MCSD meeting recommendations	ORANGE						
	<p><b>Request</b> the Secretariat to prepare a proposal for the consideration of the MCSD on how a simplified peer review process could be put in place;</p>	1.2.7 and 15th MCSD meeting recommendations	ORANGE						

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	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to support the MCSD in preparing input for COP discussions on Sustainable Development, including priority and emerging issues;	1.2.7 and 15th MCSD meeting recommendations	ORANGE						
	<b>Invite</b> the MCSD, supported by the Secretariat and Info/RAC, to be more effective and visible in its work and its communications, using technology to supports its work, specifying the exact nature of the outcomes it produces in response to each of its core functions;	1.2.7 and 15th MCSD meeting recommendations	ORANGE						
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to include participation of the MCSD in the process of preparation of the State of the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Environment Reports.	1.2.7 and 15th MCSD meeting recommendations	ORANGE						
<b>Decision IG.21/13 Governance</b>	<b>Adopt</b> the new Terms of Reference of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (Annex I);		GREEN						
	<b>Adopt</b> the measures to strengthen the Barcelona Convention/MAP Governance and Management as described in Annex II, and requests the Secretariat to report at each meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties on the progress achieved in their implementation;		YELLOW						
	<b>Urge</b> countries hosting MAP Regional Activity Centers to finalize the processes to sign the new Host Country Agreements as soon as possible in accordance with the provisions in Decision IG 20/3 adopted at the seventeenth meeting of Contracting parties;	As per mandate of the Secretariat	YELLOW						
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat, MAP Components and the Contracting Parties as need be, to implement the measures agreed under this decision before the nineteenth meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2015.	1.1.2	YELLOW						

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<b>Decision IG.21/14</b>  <b>Cooperation Agreements</b>	<i>Invite</i> the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the Joint Programme of Work attached to Annex I and Annex II respectively to this Decision;		GREEN						
	<i>Endorse</i> the list of MAP partners attached as Annex III to this Decision;		GREEN						
	<i>Request</i> the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention to finalize agreement with the Secretariat of the CBD and the ACCOBAMS and to prepare formal collaboration with neighboring seas;	1.1.4	YELLOW						
	<i>Request</i> the Secretariat to continue working towards ensuring that all agreements signed become concrete operational tools for improving the protection and sustainable development of the Mediterranean Sea and its coastal zones in accordance with the priorities identified by the Contracting parties and to ask the Bureau in accordance with its mandate to provide necessary guidance to the Secretariat in this regard;	1.1.4	YELLOW						
	<i>Request</i> the Secretariat to further expand the cooperation with International and Regional Organizations such as the GEF, the WB, the UNDP, the EU, bilateral cooperation agencies and other relevant actors with a view to mobilize as many actors as possible in support of implementing in a coherent, synergistic and effective manner the priorities established by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.	1.1.4	YELLOW						

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<b>Decision IG.21/15</b> <b>Financial Regulations and Rules and Procedures for the Contracting Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the Secretariat of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean</b>	<b>Establish</b> the Financial Rules and Procedures to the Barcelona Convention, which will supplement the UN/UNEP Financial Regulations and Rules, in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. provide clear, specific guidelines for handling all the funds entrusted to the Barcelona Convention Secretariat, update the TORs of the MTF and incorporate in a single document, financial provisions made previously, which currently appear in various documents and may be difficult to grasp in a comprehensive manner;</li> <li>b. help Contracting Parties easily understand the applicable UN/UNEP Financial Regulations and Rules;</li> <li>c. make additional provisions to reflect the uniqueness of the Barcelona Convention;</li> <li>d. clearly spell out the financial responsibilities and obligations of UNEP as the Secretariat to the Barcelona Convention as well as those of the Parties;</li> </ul>		<b>GREEN</b>							
	<b>Adopt</b> , pursuant to Article 24.2 of the Barcelona Convention and taking into account the Decision IG.20/14, Annex III, UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG 20/8, the UN/UNEP Financial Regulations and Rules and the specific procedures for the operation of the Convention, its Protocols and its subsidiary bodies as well as for the operation of the Convention Secretariat, which are appended to this Decision;		<b>GREEN</b>							
	<b>Review</b> these Rules and Procedures at COP 19 in 2015, and, if necessary, amend the procedures in accordance with any decision of the UNEA on the relationship between UNEP and the MEAs for which it provides the Secretariat or secretariat functions.		<b>ORANGE</b>							
<b>Decision IG.21/16</b> <b>Assessment of the Mediterranean Action Plan</b>	<b>Launch</b> a process to assess MAP phase II with the intention of addressing effectively the challenge of sustainable development and the irreversible nature of impacts on the environment and resources, with a view to proposing a Decision on the appropriate way forward including the possible adoption at the 19th meeting of the	1.1.3	<b>ORANGE</b>							

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	Contracting Parties of MAP phase III;									
	<b>Give</b> greater emphasis in MAP to concrete and operational activities;	1.1.3	ORANGE							
	<b>Actively associate</b> all relevant regional organizations, building on their respective strength, capacity and mandate.	1.1.3	ORANGE							
<b>Decision IG.21/17 MAP Programme of Work and Budget for the 2014-2015 biennium</b>	<b>Approve</b> the 2014-2015 biennium Programme of Work and Budget set out in Annex 1 to the present decision;		GREEN							
	<b>Approve</b> the budget appropriations, as set out in Annex 1 "Table 1. Overview of income and commitments", in the amount of EURO 11,081,142 for the MTF and welcome with appreciation the EU discretionary contribution of EURO 1,197,138 and the host country contribution of USD 800,000, inclusive of the amount set aside to cover the deficit in the CAL account;		GREEN							
	<b>Take note</b> of the other external funding which is secured at the time of budget preparation for the programme of work which amounts to EURO 5,268,379;		GREEN							
	<b>Welcome</b> with appreciation the in cash and in kind counterpart contributions by the Contracting Parties and other Organizations in support of the implementation of the 2014-2015 biennium programme of work;		GREEN							
	<b>Approve</b> the assessed ordinary contributions from Parties shown in Table 3 which, for 2014 are equal to the contributions due in 2013 and, for 2015 reflect a move from the previous MAP scale of assessment half way towards a scale of assessment which reflects the 2012 scale of assessment agreed by the UN General Assembly(UNGA) in Resolution 67/238;		GREEN							

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	<b>Agree</b> that in the 2016-2017 biennium a scale based on the latest UNGA scale of assessment should be applied;		GREEN						
	<b>Establish</b> a working capital reserve at the level of 15 percent of the annual expenditures (EUR 831,000) by 2015, phasing the transfer to the reserve as EUR 416,000 in 2014 and EUR 415,000 in 2015;		GREEN						
	<b>Authorize</b> the Secretariat to make commitments up to 30 percent of the approved MTF operational budget on a temporary and exceptional basis until the working capital reserve is built and to subsequently increase the commitments for the implementation of activities under the Programme of Work in line with the projected cash flow;		GREEN						
	<b>Request</b> the Executive Director of UNEP to extend the Mediterranean Trust Fund through to 31 December 2015;		GREEN						
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to continue implementing the CAL recovery plan as adopted by the 17 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the COP;		YELLOW						
	<b>Approve</b> the staffing of the Secretariat for 2014–2015 as indicated in Annex1 Table 5a and that of REMPEC in Table 5b to the present decision and in accordance to the explanations in Annex 2;	1.1.2	GREEN						
	<b>Urge</b> the Contracting Parties, especially in light of the difficult financial situation of the MTF, to pay their contributions to the operational budget in accordance with the Procedure 4.2 of the Financial Regulations to allow for the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Work;	(Action by Parties)	YELLOW						
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to keep up-to-date information on the status of Contracting Parties' contributions to the MTF and interim expenditure reports to post it on the MAP web site and to make it		YELLOW						

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	publicly available;								
	<b>Invite</b> the Contracting Parties to increase their voluntary support to the MTF in cash and/or in kind in order to further contribute to the implementation of the 2014-2015 Programme of Work;	(Action by Parties)	YELLOW						
	<b>Urge</b> Contracting Parties, UNEP and other partners to support the Secretariat in mobilizing necessary resources to meet the external funding requirements for priorities still unfunded under the 2014-2015 Programme of Work and Budget;	(Action by Parties, Partners and Stakeholders)	YELLOW						
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to submit to the 19th Meeting of the Contracting Parties a report on the implementation of the 2014-2015 Programme of Work and Budget and to consider in preparing the report based on best practices amongst the UNEP administered MEAs;		ORANGE						
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to prepare interim reports with the balance between income and expenditure for Bureau monitoring twice a year;		YELLOW						
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to work with the Bureau in accordance with its Terms of Reference as set out in Article IX paragraph 5 of Governance Decision IG 21/13, to further enhance efficiency, effectiveness and accountability in the use of financial and human resources in accordance with the priorities set by the Meetings of the Contracting Parties, and to report on the outcome of efforts made in that regard so that COP 19 is able to take its result into account in the consideration of the mid-term Strategic Programme of Work 2016-2021;	1.1.1	YELLOW						

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	<b>Ask</b> the Secretariat to prepare for consideration and approval by the 19 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Contracting Parties, a Programme of Work and Budget for 2016-2017, explaining the key principles and assumptions on which it is based;		<b>ORANGE</b>						
	<b>Request</b> the Secretariat to further align the budget explanation provided in advance to Parties with best practices in UNEP and to ensure that this information is provided in a timely manner.		<b>ORANGE</b>						
	<b>Approve</b> the extension of the current Five-Year Strategic Programme of Work (2010-2014) for one additional year and request the Secretariat to carry out an external evaluation of that programme;	1.1.3	<b>YELLOW</b>						
	<b>Ask</b> the Secretariat with the participation of MAP Components and in full consultation with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, the MAP Focal Points and its partners to prepare for consideration and approval by the 19 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Contracting Parties a Mid-Term Strategy for the period (2016-2021).		<b>YELLOW</b>						