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Antalya, Turkey, 3-4 February 2015

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work

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 79th 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 Antalya, Turkey on 3-4 February 2015.
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: TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2015

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

4. The meeting will be opened at 09.00 on 3 February 2015 by the President of the Bureau, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Emin Birpınar.

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(DEPI)/MED BUR.79/1.
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 February 2015 after adopting its conclusions and recommendations. As per agreed practice and in line with Article VII of the Bureau Terms of Reference, 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 and further distribution no later than one month after closure of the meeting.

Agenda item 3: Progress Report by the Secretariat on activities carried out during the period July – December 2014

8. The Coordinator of MAP, Mr. Gaetano Leone, will present the “Progress Report by the Secretariat on Activities Carried Out During the Period July to December 2014” (UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.79/3).
9. The Secretariat will also present the “Progress of the Implementation of COP 18 Decisions” (UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.79/6).
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(DEPI)/MED BUR.79/5) including:

- Status of contributions as of 31 December 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(DEPI)/MED BUR.79/4).
13. The Bureau will be invited to exchange views on the following issues:

5.1. Governance and Organizational Matters, Including the Date of COP 19

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 Protocols; the Host Country Agreements with countries hosting MAP Regional Activity Centers; and the evaluation method on measures to enhance the functioning of the Secretariat and MAP Components.

5.2. Compliance Issues

15. With reference to the operational paragraphs of the Decision IG.21/1 on Compliance Committee and the Decision IG.21/2 on Reporting Format, adopted by COP 18 (Istanbul, Turkey, December 2013), an update on the outcomes of the 9th Compliance Committee Meeting; reporting on the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (Biennia 2010-2011 and 2012-2013); and revision of the Reporting Format of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols will be presented by the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee and the Secretariat. The Chairperson of the Compliance Committee is attending the discussion on this agenda item with the concurrence of the President of the Bureau.

5.3. Outcome Evaluation of UNEP/ MAP Five Year Programme of Work 2010-2014

16. 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 explain the process of the outcome evaluation of the Five Year Programme of Work of UNEP/ MAP (2010-2014, with one year extension to 2015). The evaluators who carried out the study will also be present during this agenda item and will present the preliminary outcome of the evaluation to the Bureau.

5.4. Development of the 2016-2021 Midterm Strategy: Issues and Framework

17. 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 progress of the development of the Mid-Term Strategy for the period 2016-2021 and propose a draft set of issues and a framework (UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.79/7). Work on this initial draft is continuing with all MAP components during the months of January-February 2015, and an update will be presented to the Bureau.

5.5. Update on Mandated Strategic Processes

18. With reference to Decisions IG.21/10 on Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP), IG.21/11 on Review of Mediterranean Strategy on Sustainable

Development (MSSD), IG.21/16 on Assessment of the Mediterranean Action Plan, and IG.21/17 on MAP Programme of Work and Budget for the 2014-2015 biennium, adopted by COP 18 (Istanbul, Turkey, December 2013), the Coordinator of MAP will update Bureau members on the current status of the development of SCP Action Plan, review of MSSD, assessment of the MAP and development of regional climate change adaptation framework.

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2015

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

5.6 Environment Friendly Cities Award

19. With reference to the Istanbul Declaration adopted by COP 18 (Istanbul, Turkey, December 2013), the Coordinator of MAP will present an update on actions taken regarding nomination and selection principles and criteria for the award.

5.7. Cooperation Agreements

20. 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 (GFCM, UfM Secretariat and IUCN). Bureau members will also be updated on the cooperation with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD), the Black Sea Commission, OSPAR and HELCOM, as well as possible future cooperation with other partners, including European Environment Agency (EEA) and the Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative (MedWet).

5.8. MAP 40 Communications Plan

21. The Coordinator of MAP will present a communications plan regarding the 40th Anniversary of the Mediterranean Action Plan.

Agenda item 6: Conclusions and Recommendations

22. The Secretariat will submit for adoption a set of conclusions and recommendations drafted by the Rapporteur with the support of the Secretariat, as per Article VII of the Terms of Reference of the Bureau.

Agenda item 7. Date and Venue of 80th Meeting of the Bureau

23. The Bureau will be invited to decide on the date and venue of the 80th Meeting of the Bureau.

Agenda item 8: Any Other Matters

24. The Bureau will consider other issues that may be raised during the meeting.

Agenda item 9: Closure of the Meeting

25. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President of the Bureau at 17:00 on Wednesday 4 February 2015.

TIMETABLE

Tuesday, 3 February 2015			
Time	Agenda item		Documents
09:00 – 09:15	1. Opening of the meeting 2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work	President of the Bureau	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.79/1 UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.79/2
09:15– 10:30	3. Progress Report by the Secretariat on Activities Carried out During the Period July – December 2014	Coordinator of MAP	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.79/3 UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.79/6
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
11:00-12:30	4. Update on Financial Situation	Coordinator of MAP	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.79/5
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
14:00 – 15:30	5. Specific Issues	Coordinator of MAP	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.79/4
15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
16:00 – 17:00	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Coordinator of MAP	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.79/4 UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.79/7
Wednesday, 4 February 2015			
09:00 – 10:30	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Coordinator of MAP	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.79/4
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
11:00 – 11:30	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Coordinator of MAP	UNEP(DEPI)/MED BUR.79/4
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 80 th 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	