





## PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

### Introduction

The 5th meeting of the Compliance Committee will be held in the premises of the Coordinating Unit (48 Vassileos Konstantinou, Athens, Greece) on 10 and 11 November 2011. The following items will be on the agenda for the meeting:

- (a) Consideration of potential cases of non-compliance based on reports from the Contracting Parties for the 2008-2009 biennium;
- (b) Finalization of a draft leaflet as a guide for the Contracting Parties on compliance procedures and mechanisms within the framework of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;
- (c) Consideration of a draft leaflet as a guide for the general public on compliance procedures and mechanisms within the framework of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;
- (d) Consideration of proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee;
- (e) Consideration of proposed amendments to the Barcelona Convention;
- (f) Adoption of the draft report by the Chair of the Committee for submission to the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

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

1. The 5th meeting of the Compliance Committee will be opened on 10 November 2011 by the Chair of the Compliance Committee and Ms. Maria Luisa Silva Mejias, Executive Secretary and Coordinator of the Barcelona Convention.

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

2. Decision IG 19/1 on the Rules of Procedure for the Compliance Committee within the framework of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols applies to the meeting's work.

3. The Compliance Committee may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda proposed by the Secretariat (UNEP(DEPI)/MED Compliance Committee 5/1), together with the annotated agenda contained in the present document.

4. The working languages for the meeting will be English and French.

### **Agenda item 3: Submission of reports by the Contracting Parties for the 2008-2009 biennium**

5. Pursuant to the request made by the Compliance Committee at its meeting held on 5 and 6 July 2011, the Secretariat sent a reminder to the Contracting Parties, with a copy to members of the Committee, dated 13 July 2011, to make them aware once again of the need for compliance with their reporting obligation in implementation of Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention. In this letter, the Secretariat requested Contracting Parties to finalize their reports for the 2008-2009 biennium by 15 September 2011 at the latest, pointing out

that if this request was not met by that time it would be obliged to bring the matter up at the highest level, as requested by the meeting of the Compliance Committee. The Secretariat will provide the Compliance Committee with an updated summary of the reports received, together with an updated table showing the reports for the 2008-2009 biennium submitted by Contracting Parties by 10 November 2011.

*Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED Compliance Committee 5/3 – Updated summary of the submission of national reports by Contracting Parties for the 2008-2009 biennium.*

**Agenda item 4: Draft leaflet as a guide to compliance procedures and mechanisms within the framework of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols**

6. At its 4th meeting, the Compliance Committee had before it a draft leaflet as a guide for Contracting Parties in order to set out clearly and concisely the main provisions of Decision IG.17/2 concerning the procedures and mechanisms on compliance adopted by the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties held in Almeria in January 2008. At the meeting, the Committee made several amendments and additions to this draft leaflet. The Secretariat then prepared an amended version of the draft leaflet as a guide for Contracting Parties, which is before the Compliance Committee for final consideration.

7. The Secretariat recalls that, at its 4th meeting, the Committee also decided to set up an intersessional group to prepare a draft leaflet as a guide for civil society. The Compliance Committee may wish to hear the proposals of this intersessional working group on the text of the draft leaflet as a guide for the general public.

*Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED Compliance Committee 5/4 – Revised draft leaflet as a guide for Contracting Parties on the procedures and mechanisms on compliance within the framework of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.*

*Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED Compliance Committee 5/5 – Draft leaflet as a guide for the general public on the procedures and mechanisms on compliance within the framework of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.*

**Agenda item 5: Draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee and the Barcelona Convention**

8. At its 4th meeting, the Chair of the Compliance Committee expressed a wish to make amendments to the Committee's Rules of Procedure, adopted by Decision IG.19/1 of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties. He indicated that, for this purpose, he would make some relevant proposals at the next meeting of the Compliance Committee. The Secretariat will request the views of the members of the Committee on the proposed amendments, to be submitted by the Chair at the meeting.

9. The Chair of the Compliance Committee also informed Members of a proposed amendment to the Barcelona Convention in order to introduce a new article on the role and functioning of the Compliance Committee. The Secretariat will submit a working document on this proposal, to be introduced by the Chair, and will invite members to express their views thereon.

*Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED Compliance Committee 5/6 – Draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee adopted by Decision IG.19/1 of the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties.*

*Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED Compliance Committee 5/7 – Elements for consideration of the possibility of amending the Barcelona Convention in order to reinforce the role of the Compliance Committee.*

**Agenda item 6: Adoption of the report of the Compliance Committee for the 2010-2011 biennium**

10. At its 4th meeting, the Committee decided that its next meeting would consider, *inter alia*, the adoption of the Committee's biennial report prepared by its Chair. The Secretariat will ask the Chair of the Compliance Committee to present his draft report to members for examination and adoption with a view to its submission to the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

*Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED Compliance Committee 5/8 – Draft report of the Compliance Committee for the 2010-2011 biennium.*

**Agenda item 7: Any other business**

11. The Chair of the Compliance Committee will invite members to bring up any other relevant issues.

**Agenda item 8: Adoption of conclusions and decisions**

12. The Secretariat will submit the meeting's draft conclusions and recommendations to the meeting for its consideration. The report of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Compliance Committee will be adopted in final form at a later stage, after having been circulated to members of the Committee electronically.

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

13. After the customary exchange of courtesies, the Chair will close the meeting on Friday, 11 November 2011, at 6 p.m.

**PROPOSED TIMETABLE**

<b>Thursday, 10 November 2011</b>	
0930-1000	Opening of the meeting
1000-1100	Agenda items 1,2,3
1100-1130	Coffee break
1130-1300	Agenda item 3 (continued)
1300-1430	Lunch
1430-1600	Agenda item 3 (continued)
1600-1630	<i>Coffee break</i>
1630-1800	Agenda item 3 (continued)
<b>Friday, 11 November 2011</b>	
0900-1100	Agenda item 4
1100-1130	Coffee break
1130-1300	Agenda item 5
1300-1430	<i>Lunch</i>
1430-1530	Agenda item 6
1530-1600	Coffee break
1600-1800	Agenda items 7, 8 and 9