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Split, Croatia, 27-28 November 2014

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the provisional Agenda and organization of work

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

The ninth meeting of the Compliance Committee will be held in the premises of the Priority Actions Programme/Regional Activity Center (PAP/RAC) in Split (Croatia), from November 27 to 28, 2014. This meeting will address the following points:

DAY 1/ NOVEMBER 27, 2014

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting (09.00-9.30)

Information document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.9/Inf.3 – Decision IG.21/1 related to the Compliance Committee, including the renewal of membership, the modification of the Rules of Procedure and the Work Program of the Compliance Committee.

The Ninth Meeting of the Compliance Committee will be inaugurated on November 27, 2014 at 9h00, by the President of the Compliance Committee, Mr. Larbi Sbai. The latter would like to comment on the main points of Decision IG.21/1 related to the Compliance Committee adopted by the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties in Istanbul, in December 2013.

Agenda item 2: Election of the President and Vice-Presidents (09.30-10.00)

In accordance with Article 6 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee will elect its President and its two Vice-Presidents.

Agenda item 3: Adoption of the provisional Agenda and organization of work (10.00-10.30)

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.9/1 – Provisional Agenda

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.9/2 – Provisional Annotated Agenda

Decision IG 19/1 related to the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee within the framework of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols applies to the proceedings of this meeting.

The Compliance Committee will review and adopt its Agenda.

The working languages of the meeting are French and English.

Agenda item 4: Adoption of the draft report of the Eighth Meeting of the Compliance Committee (Athens, October 21-22, 2013) (10.30-11.00)

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.9/7 – Draft report of the Eighth Meeting of the Compliance Committee.

The President will submit to the members of the Committee for adoption the draft report of the Eighth Meeting of the Compliance Committee held in Athens, on October 21-22, 2013.

Agenda item 5: Recommendation on non-compliance with obligations regarding submission of reports provided for in Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention adopted by the Eighteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties (11.30-13.00)

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.9/3 – Recommendation on non-compliance with obligations regarding submission of reports provided for in Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention.

The Eighteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties approved the Recommendation of the Compliance Committee mentioned in Annex I of its activity report for the biennium 2012-2013. The Committee is expected to specify the actions to take for the implementation of these recommendations.

Agenda item 6: Criteria for the evaluation of reports by the Secretariat and the Compliance Committee to establish compliance (15.00-18.00)

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.9/4 – Draft note on criteria for the evaluation of reports by the Secretariat and the Compliance Committee to establish compliance, with comments received by the Secretariat.

The work program of the Compliance Committee for the biennium 2014-2015 adopted by the Eighteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties provides for the finalization of the common criteria and guidelines for the assessment of reports by the Compliance Committee.

During its 7th meeting, the Committee gave its consent so that, in the framework of the assessment of reports submitted by the Contracting Parties, assessment criteria are set for the biennium 2010-2011 and asked Mrs. Daniela Addis to pilot a Working Group to collect propositions of amendment or complements to the draft information note setting these guidelines.

At its 8th Meeting, the Committee welcomed the presentation of Mrs. Daniela Addis of propositions of amendments and complements to the draft information note setting “The Guidelines for the assessment of reports to identify the current or potential situations of non-compliance”. The Committee is expected to provide comments on this amended version to finalize it accordingly.

DAY 2/ NOVEMBER 28, 2014

Agenda item 7: Submission of reports by Contracting Parties (Biennium 2012-2013) (09.00-11.00)

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.9/5 - Note by the Secretariat on Reports submitted by Contracting Parties for the Biennium 2012-2013

Information document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.9/Inf.4 - Letters of Reminder from the Secretariat to Contracting Parties (Biennium 2012-2013).

The President will invite the Secretariat to review the status of the submission of reports by Contracting Parties for the Biennium 2012-2013 following the different reminder mails addressed to Contracting Parties, inviting them to submit their biennial report to the Secretariat in October 2014, at the latest. The President will invite the Secretariat to introduce its analysis of the reports submitted for the Biennium 2012-2013.

Agenda item 8: Draft revised reporting format of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (11.00-16.00)

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED CC.9/6 – Explanatory note on the draft revised reporting format related to the application of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

In its activity report for the Biennium 2010-2011, the Compliance Committee deplored the partial information and the too general responses to the Questionnaire and underlined the necessity to proceed with a revision of the reporting format for the purposes of simplification. Taking note of the proposition of the Committee, the Eighteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties requested, by virtue of Decision IG.21/2, the Secretariat to prepare, in consultation with the Compliance Committee, a practical and simplified draft of the reporting model and submit it for examination and adoption at the Nineteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

The President will invite the Secretariat to present the explanatory note on the study regarding the review of the current reporting format for the Committee's comments. The draft reviewed Reporting format reflecting these comments will be submitted to the Committee members electronically before the 10th Meeting of the Compliance Committee.

Agenda item 9: Adoption of conclusions and decisions (16.30-17.30)

The Secretariat will submit to the Committee draft conclusions and decisions of the current meeting for examination and validation. The report of the Ninth Meeting of the Compliance Committee will be adopted at the 10th meeting of the Committee.

Agenda item 10: Any other business (17.30-17.45)

The President of the Committee will invite the members to raise any other relevant matters.

Agenda item 11: Closure of the meeting (17.45-18.00)

The President will close the meeting, on November 28, 2014, at 18.00.

PROVISIONAL TIMELINE

Thursday 27 November 2014	
08.30-09.00	Registration
09.00-09.30	Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting
09.30-10.00	Agenda item 2: Election of the President and Vice-Presidents
10.00-10.30	Agenda item 3: Adoption of the provisional Agenda and organization of work
10.30-11.00	Agenda item 4: Adoption of the draft report of the Eighth Meeting of the Compliance Committee
11.00-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-13.00	Agenda item 5: Recommendation on non-compliance with obligations regarding submission of reports provided for in Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention adopted by the Eighteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties
13.00-15.00	Lunch break
15.00-16.00	Agenda item 6: Criteria for the evaluation of reports by the Secretariat and the Compliance Committee to establish compliance
16.00-16.15	Coffee break
16.15-18.00	Agenda item 6 (cont'.): Criteria for the evaluation of reports by the Secretariat and the Compliance Committee to establish compliance
Friday 28 November 2014	
09.00 -11.00	Agenda item 7: Submission of reports by Contracting Parties (biennium 2012-2013)
11.00-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-13.00	Agenda item 8: Draft revised formatting report of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols
13.00-15.00	Lunch break
15.00-16.00	Agenda item 8 (cont'.): Draft revised formatting report of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols
16.00-16.30	Coffee break
16.30-17.30	Agenda item 9: Adoption of conclusions and decisions
17.30-17.45	Agenda item 10: Any other business
17.45-18.00	Agenda item 11: Closure of the meeting