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Athens, Greece, 19-20 June 2024

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee, the 20th Meeting of the Compliance Committee of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols will be held on 19-20 June 2024 in Athens, Greece.

2. Documentation will be provided 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 proposed Provisional Annotated Agenda has been prepared by the Secretariat, to assist the Meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The Vice-Chairperson of the Compliance Committee will open the 20th Meeting of the Compliance Committee at 10:00 (Athens, UTC+3) on Wednesday, 19 June 2024.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

Working Documents	UNEP/MED CC.20/1. Provisional Agenda
	UNEP/MED CC.20/2. Provisional Annotated Agenda
	UNEP/MED CC.20/3. Report of the 19th Meeting of the Compliance Committee of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (Athens, Greece, 4-5 July 2023)
Information Documents	UNEP/MED CC.20/Inf.1. Provisional List of Documents UNEP/MED CC.20/Inf.2. Provisional List of Participants

5. In conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee, the Provisional Agenda for this session includes items arising from the role of the Compliance Committee as specified in Section IV of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance and other matters related thereto.

6. The Compliance Committee is expected to review and adopt the Provisional Agenda (UNEP/MED CC.20/1) annotated in the present document (UNEP/MED CC.20/2).

7. The Compliance Committee is expected to formally adopt the Report of its 19th Meeting (Athens, Greece, 4-5 July 2022) (document UNEP/MED CC.20/3). The Report is the result of intersessional consultation and agreement among Members and Alternate Members of the Compliance Committee following the 19th Meeting of the Compliance Committee

Agenda Item 3: Election of Officers of the Compliance Committee for the biennium 2024-2025

8. Pursuant to paragraph 12 of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee, the Compliance Committee will elect a Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons from among its members for the biennium 2024-2025.

9. As per Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedures of the Compliance Committee as adopted by COP 18 The Secretariat will invite the new Members and alternate Member of the Compliance Committee to take the written Oath.

Agenda Item 4: Communication to the Compliance Committee under Paragraph 23.bis of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance: Proceedings

Working Documents	UNEP/MED CC.20/4 Follow-up Progress on the Implementation of the Compliance Committee Findings, Measures, and Recommendations Regarding the Case of Mar Menor
	UNEP/MED CC.20/5 Report by the rapporteur on the new case of possible non-compliance

10. The Committee is expected to review the progress in relation to the Mar Menor case in terms of the implementation of the 19th Compliance Committee Meeting recommendations (document UNEP/MED CC.20/4).

11. The Committee is expected to discuss the Summary report prepared by the Rapporteur to identify the next procedures to move forward (document UNEP/MED CC.20/5).

Agenda Item 5: National Implementation Reports under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention (Status of Reporting)

Working Document	UNEP/MED CC.20/6 Status of Reporting of the National Implementation Reports

12. The Secretariat will update the committee on the progress of submitting the National Implementation Reports of the biennials 2018-2019, 2020-2021, and 2022-2023 (Document UNEP/MED CC.20/6) and the work of the Task Force on Reporting Implementation.

13. The Compliance Committee is expected to discuss the way forward, including ways and means to improve the reporting by Contracting Parties.

Agenda Item 6: Effective Functioning of the Compliance Committee

Working Documents	UNEP/MED CC.20/7 Revised Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee

14. The Secretariat will present to the Compliance Committee the revised Rules of Procedure on Compliance (document UNEP/MED CC.20/7), that were prepared in order to align them with the revised *Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols* adopted at COP 23 through Decision IG.26/1.

15. The Compliance Committee is expected to review the proposed draft of the revised Rules of Procedure.

Agenda Item 7: Place and dates of the 21st Meeting of the Compliance Committee

16. In line with the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance and its Rules of Procedure, the Compliance Committee is expected to decide, in consultation with the Secretariat, on the dates, venue, and duration of the 21st Meeting of the Compliance Committee.

Agenda Item 8: Other Matters

17. The Compliance Committee will be invited to raise any items of interest as proposed and agreed during the adoption of the provisional agenda under Item 2.

18. The Secretariat will update the Compliance Committee on the following:

(a) Visibility of the Compliance Committee;

(b) Cooperation with other MEAs mechanisms (ESPOO Convention Secretariat).

Agenda Item 9: Conclusions and Recommendations

19. Under this Agenda Item, the Compliance Committee will review and approve a set of conclusions and recommendations prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee.

20. The report of the meeting will be prepared at a later stage for approval through electronic means.

Agenda Item 10: Closing of the Meeting

21. The Meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee, at 17:30 (Athens, UTC+3) on Thursday 20 June 2024.

TIMETABLE

Wednesday, 19 June 2024			
Time	**Agenda item**		**Documents**
10:00 – 13:00	1. Opening of the meeting 2. 2. Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work 2.1 Report of the 19th Meeting of the Compliance Committee of the Barcelona and its Protocols (Athens, Greece, 4-5 July 2023) 3. Election of Officers of the Compliance Committee for the biennium 2024- 2025	Vice-Chairperson of the Compliance Committee Secretariat Compliance Committee	UNEP/MED CC.20/1 UNEP/MED CC.20/2 UNEP/MED CC.20/3 UNEP/MED CC.20/Inf.1 UNEP/MED CC.20/Inf.2
13:00 – 14:30	*Lunch Break*		
14:30 – 17:30	4. Communication to the Compliance Committee under Paragraph 23.bis of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance: Proceedings 4.1. Follow-up Progress on the Implementation of the Compliance Committee Findings, Measures, and Recommendations Regarding the Case of Mar Menor 4.2 Report by the rapporteur on the new case of possible non-compliance	Chairperson of the Compliance Committee Secretariat Compliance Committee	UNEP/MED CC.20/4 UNEP/MED CC.20/5

Thursday, 20 June 2024			
Time	**Agenda item**		**Documents**
10:00 – 13:00	5. National Implementation Reports under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention (Status of Reporting) 6. Effective Functioning of the Compliance Committee: 6.1. Revised Rules of Procedure of Compliance Committee	Chairperson of the Compliance Committee Secretariat Compliance Committee	UNEP/MED CC.20/6 UNEP/ MED CC.20/7 UNEP/MED CC.20/Inf.3
13:00 – 15:00	*Lunch Break*		
15:00 – 17:30	6.1 Revised Rules of Procedure of Compliance Committee (Cont.) 7. Place and dates of the 21st Meeting 8. Other Matters 9. Conclusions and Recommendations 10. Closing of the Meeting	Chairperson of the Compliance Committee Secretariat Compliance Committee	UNEP/MED CC.20/7