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Izola, Slovenia, 20-21 June 2023

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 kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and in consultation with the President and members of the Bureau, the 94th 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 (Barcelona Convention) and its Protocols will be held in Izola, Slovenia on 20-21 June 2023.
2. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda have been prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

3. The meeting will be opened at 09:30 (UTC+2) on Tuesday, 20 June 2023, by Prof. Mehmet Emin Birpinar, President of the Bureau.

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

Working Documents	UNEP/MED BUR.94/1 UNEP/MED BUR.94/2
Information Document	UNEP/MED BUR.94/Inf.1

4. The Rules of Procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply *mutatis mutandis* to this meeting.
5. The meeting will review and adopt the Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Presidency of the Bureau, as contained in document UNEP/MED BUR.94/1 and annotated in the present document.
6. 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 18:00 (UTC+2) on Wednesday, 21 June 2023, after adopting its conclusions and recommendations.
7. As per practice and in line with Article VII of the Bureau Terms of Reference, the final edited report of the meeting will be succinct and will be prepared by the Secretariat and distributed by electronic means to the Focal Points of the Contracting Parties no later than one month after the meeting.

Agenda Item 3: Progress Report for November 2022 – May 2023

Working Documents	UNEP/MED BUR.94/3
Information Documents	UNEP/MED BUR.94/4 UNEP/MED BUR.94/Inf.4 UNEP/MED BUR.94/Inf.5

8. Ms. Tatjana Hema, MAP Coordinator, will present the document “*Progress Report by the Secretariat on the Activities Carried Out for the Period November 2022-May 2023*” (UNEP/MED BUR.94/3) and the “*Progress Report by the Secretariat on the Implementation of COP 22 Decisions*” (UNEP/MED BUR.94/4).
9. The “*Report of the 49th and 50th Meetings of the Executive Coordination Panel*” and the “*Compilation of Project Fiches*” are presented in documents UNEP/MED BUR.94/Inf.4 and Inf.5 respectively, for the information of the Bureau.
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: Report by the Secretariat on Financial and Administrative Issues

Working Document	UNEP/MED BUR.94/5
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11. The Coordinator will present to the Bureau members for their comments and recommendations a financial and administrative update, as contained in the “*Report by the Secretariat on Financial and Administrative Issues*” (UNEP/MED BUR.94/5) addressing the status of contributions, personnel, administrative matters and consultancy reporting.

Agenda Item 5: Specific Issues

Working Documents	UNEP/MED BUR.94/6
Information Document	UNEP/MED BUR.94/Inf.4

12. The Coordinator will present the “*Report by the Secretariat on Specific Issues*” (UNEP/MED BUR.94/6). The Bureau will be invited to consider the following issues:

(a) Ratification, Reporting and Compliance

13. The Secretariat will present an update on the status of ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols. The Bureau is expected to discuss ways to further promote ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

14. The Secretariat will also provide an update on the status of implementation of Decision IG.23/1 on *Revised Reporting Format for the Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols*.

15. The Secretariat will present the progress in relation to the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, including the implementation of Decision IG.25/2 on *Compliance Committee*.

16. The Bureau is expected to discuss these issues and provide its guidance.

(b) COP 22 Key mandates

- **Achievements and lessons learnt from the 2023 MED QSR delivery**
- **Follow-up to the Med SOx ECA implementation**
- **UNEP/MAP Resource Mobilization Strategy**

17. The Secretariat will inform on the progress in relation to key COP 22 mandates, with a focus on the processes and on the actions taken as well as on the next steps for their efficient delivery.

18. The Bureau members will be invited to discuss, and provide guidance on the way forward, considering also the text of the relevant COP 22 Decisions and of the Antalya Ministerial Declaration.

(c) Main directions of the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work and Budget 2024-2025

19. The Deputy Coordinator will update the Bureau on the preparations of the 2024-2025 UNEP/MAP Programme of Work and Budget and will present its main directions for the consideration of the Bureau.

20. The Bureau will be invited to discuss the proposed main directions of the 2024-2025 UNEP/MAP Programme of Work and Budget, make recommendations in accordance with its Terms of Reference and provide guidance on the way forward in view of COP 23.

(d) Preparations for COP 23: format, Ministerial Session and Declaration, Host Country preparations

21. The Secretariat will introduce this agenda item, with reference to the theme and format of the Ministerial Session and the preparation of the Ministerial Declaration, as well as to organizational matters.

22. The Bureau member from Slovenia, host country of COP 23, will be invited to provide information on the organization of the event and the preparations by the host country.

23. The Bureau members will be invited to discuss the theme and structure of the Ministerial Session, and to provide guidance on the way forward for the preparation of COP 23.

(e) Partnerships

24. The Secretariat will update the Bureau on the efforts to contribute to regional governance and cooperation, as well as to create new partnerships and strengthen and update existing ones, in order to enhance the impact of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system.

25. With reference to Decision IG.19/6 on MAP/Civil society cooperation and partnership, the Secretariat will present to the Bureau members the outcome of the evaluation of the applications received by civil society organizations for accreditation, as well as for renewal of accreditation, as MAP Partners, for the Bureau's review and possible endorsement.

(f) Outreach, Communication and Advocacy

26. The Secretariat will report on the information and communication activities conducted and on the plans for the current biennium in this area, in the context of the most important global and regional events. The Bureau will be invited to provide its views and considerations on this matter and to advise on how to further enhance the outreach, visibility and impact of the MAP – Barcelona Convention system.

(g) Internal reflections on the mandate and composition of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

27. Following the relevant discussions at the 93rd Bureau meeting (Thessaloniki, Greece, 30 November – 1 December 2022) the Secretariat will present to the Bureau members some internal reflections on the mandate and composition of the Bureau, with a view of strengthening the Bureau's effectiveness.

28. The Bureau members will be invited to discuss the considerations and proposals, and provide guidance on the way forward.

(h) Emerging issues of global and Mediterranean relevance and importance

29. The Secretariat will make a brief presentation on emerging issues related to environment and sustainable development and on the potential role and mandate of the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention System. Such emerging issues include, *inter alia*, Food Systems; the new Treaty on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction; Offshore Renewable Energy; Harmful Subsidies; Deep Sea Mining.

30. The Bureau members will be invited to discuss the potential role and mandate of the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention System in relation to these issues, and provide guidance on the way forward.

Agenda Item 6: Calendar of Meetings and Events

Information Document	UNEP/MED BUR.94/Inf.3
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31. The Bureau will be informed on the “*Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and Major International Events*” which is presented in document UNEP/MED BUR.94/Inf.3.

Agenda Item 7: Date and Venue of the 95th Meeting of the Bureau

32. The Bureau will be invited to decide on the date and the venue of its 95th Meeting.

Agenda Item 8: Any Other Matters

33. The Bureau will consider other issues that may be raised by its members.

Agenda Item 9: Conclusions and Recommendations

Working Document	UNEP/MED BUR.94/7
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34. The Secretariat will submit for adoption a set of conclusions and recommendations prepared in accordance with Article VII of the Terms of Reference of the Bureau.

Agenda Item 10: Closure of the Meeting

35. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President of the Bureau at 18:00 (UTC+2) on Wednesday, 21 June 2023.

TIMETABLE¹

Tuesday, 20 June 2023			
Time	Agenda Item		Documents
09:30 – 09:45	1. Opening of the Meeting 2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work	President of the Bureau	UNEP/MED BUR.94/1 UNEP/MED BUR.94/2 UNEP/MED BUR.94/Inf.1
09:45 – 10:45	3. Progress Report for November 2022 – May 2023	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.94/3 UNEP/MED BUR.94/4 UNEP/MED BUR.94/Inf.4 UNEP/MED BUR.94/Inf.5
10:45 – 12:00	4. Report by the Secretariat on Financial and Administrative Issues	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.94/5
12:00 – 12:30	5. Specific Issues	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.94/6 UNEP/MED BUR.94/Inf.4
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
14:00 – 17:00	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.94/6 UNEP/MED BUR.94/Inf.4
Wednesday, 21 June 2023			
09:30 – 11:30	5. Specific Issues (cont'd)	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.94/6 UNEP/MED BUR.94/Inf.4
11:30 – 12:30	6. Calendar of Meetings and Events 7. Date and Venue of the 95 th Meeting of the Bureau 8. Any other Matters	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.94/Inf.3
12:30 – 15:00	<i>Extended Lunch break (elaboration of the draft list of conclusions and recommendations for adoption)</i>		
15:00 – 17:40	9. Conclusions and Recommendations	Secretariat	UNEP/MED BUR.94/7
17:40 – 18:00	10. Closure of the Meeting	President of the Bureau	

¹ UTC+2 (i.e. Slovenia time)