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Proposed Effectiveness Indicators

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Introductory remarks

The 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties held in Almeria requested the Secretariat to develop, in close collaboration with all MAP Components, a set of effectiveness indicators as a tool to measure effectiveness of the measures taken by the Contracting Parties for the implementation of the Convention, its Protocols and the decisions of the Contracting Parties Meeting.

The 15th Contracting Parties meeting also decided to *establish a Working Group on Effectiveness that will work through electronic tools in order to develop during the next biennium a list of indicators on the effectiveness of measures taken to implement the Convention and its Protocols and the decisions adopted by the Meetings of the Contracting Parties, and to guide the work for the preparation of the Regional Assessment Report on Implementation for the years 2006-2007, for submission to and consideration by the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2009*;

In view of implementing this Decision, the Executive Coordination Panel agreed at its meeting in Malta, May 2008, to establish a group of experts composed of all MAP components in order to identify and prepare the first set of effectiveness indicators. It also recommended to use for this purpose the method IMAGINE : a Systemic and Prospective Sustainability Analysis; a tool, developed by Blue Plan and successfully implemented in the framework of CAMP projects sustainability indicators development.

The Secretariat with technical support from Blue Plan coordinated the work of all concerned MAP components namely MEDPOL, CP/RAC, REMPEC, SPA RAC, PAP/RAC and INFO/RAC for the identification and selection of the first set of effectiveness indicators for submission to the virtual working group on Reporting as decided by the 15th meeting of the Contracting Parties in Almeria.

With regard to the proposed set of effectiveness indicators, the following deliberations may help reflection and considerations by the virtual working group

1. The effectiveness indicators approved by the 15th meeting of the contracting parties held in Almeria, together with the reporting format for the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols are not subject to discussion by the virtual working group. For easy of reference they are presented as information document UNEP DEPI MED Inf 1. In this regard, no new effectiveness indicators are proposed for the Offshore Protocol.
2. MSSD indicators were all reviewed in view of ensuring harmonization, where possible
3. A number of marine impact pollution indicators, currently under development by MED POL will be considered in the future for their proposal as effectiveness indicators.
4. ICZM Protocol effectiveness indicators will be proposed for discussion at a later stage once its reporting format is developed and agreed.
5. In identifying and selecting the set of indicators, the Secretariat and the MAP components made a in-depth analysis of the legally binding requirement of the Convention and its seven protocols, the reporting format adopted for each legal instrument, the Guidelines and regional action plans and strategies. They also aimed at showing:

   - *different types of legal, institutional, technical, administrative and enforcement measures are undertaken in a consistent manner by the Contracting parties (performance indicators) so the implementation system is in place;*
   - *to some extent the outputs of the measures taken in short and mid term (impact indicators)*

- *that the purpose of the measures taken in view of their long term effect of their implementation is fully or partially achieved (sustainability indicators)*

6. There was a need to prioritize the proposed indicators on the basis of the following criteria:

Relevance[1] with the legally binding requirements of the Convention and its Protocols

Availability of data[2]

Collection of data/Reporting process and institutions in charge[3]

7. For each indicator presented in Annex I to this document the following information is given:

a) specific article/s

b) Narrative/action/criteria

c) Objective of the indicator

d) Relevance

e) Availability

f) Targeted trends

g) Year (no value is proposed, subject to discussion by the CPs)

h) Lower limit

i) Upper limit

8. In order to be in a position to submit to the MAP focal points and the Contracting Parties meetings the final set of effectiveness indicators for discussion and approval, it is proposed that the internal consultation within the RAC and MEDPOL focal points systems is finalized according to the time frame presented in Table below.

Time table and responsibility

Circulation of the draft to MAP and RAC Focal points and contact points on Reporting	End of January 2009	MEDU
Submission of inputs by MAP and RAC Focal points and contact points on Reporting	February - March 2009	Contracting Parties/MEDU
Incorporation of any comment, inputs as appropriate	Early April 2009	BP and all components
Discussion of the proposal at each component's focal points meetings	April/May 2009	Respective focal points meeting
Preparation of an integrated draft document for submission to the MAP Focal Points meeting	June 2009	MEDU and all components

[1] Relevance : 0 -No relevance it is eliminatory, 1-average relevance; 2-very much relevant
[2] Availability of data: 0-No; 1-in the long term; 2- available
[3] Possibility to collect data and institutions in charge: 0-No; 1-to be defined; 2-exist