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Seventeenth Intergovernmental Meeting of the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and Fourteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region

Cayenne, French Guiana, 15-17 March 2017

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. The Seventeenth Intergovernmental Meeting (IGM) on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme (CEP) and Fourteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region is convened from 15-17 March 2017, Cayenne, French Guiana.

2. This Meeting proposes to review the achievements of the Caribbean Environment Programme during 2015-2016 and to approve the Workplan of the CEP for the 2017-2018 Biennium.

3. The Secretariat, on behalf of the CEP Governments and Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention, has convened the Meeting to:

   - **Evaluate** the projects and activities implemented within the framework of the Caribbean Environment Programme during the period 2015-2016;

   - **Review** the progress made in the implementation of the Decisions of the Sixteenth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and Thirteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region, held in Cartagena, Colombia, 11-13 December 2014;

   - **Review** and **adopt** the Decisions of the Ninth Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region, Cayenne, French Guiana, 13 March 2017;

   - **Review** and **adopt** the Decisions of the Third Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS) in the Wider Caribbean Region, Cayenne, French Guiana, 14 March 2017;

For reasons of economy and the environment, Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of the Working and Information documents to the Meeting, and not to request additional copies.

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- **Review** and **approve** the Recommendations of the Eighth Meeting of the Steering Committee to the Protocol Concerning Cooperation in Combating Oil Spills in the Wider Caribbean Region, Willemstad, Curacao, 19-20 May 2016;

- **Review** and **approve** the Draft Workplan and Budget for CEP for the 2017-2018 Biennium, including those of the Regional Activity Centres; and

- **Decide** on the composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Bureau of Contracting Parties for the 2017-2018 Biennium.

4. National focal points or their designated representatives of all States and Territories participating in the Caribbean Environment Programme and the Commission of the European Union are invited to attend the Meeting. Other States that have demonstrated concern for the protection of the marine environment of the Wider Caribbean Region, UN and non-UN regional and international organisations, NGOs, donors and private sector representatives participating or interested in the Caribbean Environment Programme are also invited to attend the Meeting as Observers. Regional and international experts may also be invited to make special presentations to the Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. The Meeting will be opened on Wednesday, 15 March 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hotel xxx, in Cayenne, French Guiana. Opening statements will be made by Ms. Lorna Inniss, Coordinator of the Caribbean Environment Programme and of the Secretariat of the Cartagena Convention, as well as by a representative of the Government of the France.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING

2.1 Rules of Procedure

6. The Rules of Procedure for the Meetings of the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (Cartagena Convention) (UNEP, 2010) will applyfor the conduct of the Meeting.

2.2 Election of Officers

7. The Meeting shall elect from amongst its participants the following officers: the Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur. These officers will form the Bureau of Contracting Parties for the period until the Eighteenth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan and Fifteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention is convened. The President of the Bureau shall also serve as Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee.

Action: The Meeting is being asked to approve by acclamation the members of the Bureau.

2.3 Organisation of Work

8. English, French and Spanish will be the working languages of the Meeting. Simultaneous interpretation in these languages will be provided by the Secretariat for the plenary sessions. The working documents of the Meeting will be available in all working languages. The Meeting will also adopt its hours of work and such other arrangements of a procedural or organisational nature as may be deemed necessary.

Action: The Meeting is being asked to adopt the hours of work and other procedural and organisational matters.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

9. The Meeting will consider the Provisional Agenda that has been circulated by the Secretariat as document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.39/1, and introduce such changes as it deems appropriate.

Actions: The Meeting is being asked to: (a) note any amendments proposed to the Agenda by IGM Delegates (if any); and (b) adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended.

AGENDA ITEM 4: REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE MONITORING COMMITTEE AND PRESIDENT OF THE BUREAU OF CONTRACTING PARTIES

10. The outgoing Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee and the President of the Bureau of Contracting Parties, who is one and the same, from the Government of Colombia will present their Report for the period 2015-2016 as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.39/INF.3.

Action: The Meeting is being invited to review and make comments on the Chairperson's Report as deemed necessary.

AGENDA ITEM 5: REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNEP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (2015-2016) AND BUDGET

11. The Secretariat will invite the Government of Colombia as depositary for the Cartagena Convention to provide the Meeting with a report on any ratifications and/or accessions that took place during the period 2015-2016.

12. The Secretariat will present the Report of the Executive Director of UNEP on the Implementation of the Caribbean Environment Programme for 2015-2016, as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.39/INF.4. Emphasis will be placed on the response to the Decisions of the Sixteenth Intergovernmental Meeting and Thirteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties (11-13 December 20014, Cartagena, Colombia). Detailed presentations will also be made by the Secretariat on the work carried out by each Sub-programme of the CEP (i.e. the AMEP, the SPAW and the CETA Sub-programmes).

Action: The Meeting is being invited to make additional observations on the implementation of the CEP over the period 2015-2016 and to seek clarification on any aspect of the Report where necessary.

AGENDA ITEM 6: DRAFT WORKPLAN AND BUDGET FOR THE CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE 2017-2018 BIENNIUM

13. The Secretariat will present the document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.39/3, entitled "Draft Workplan and Budget for the Caribbean Environment Programme for the 2017-2018 Biennium."

14. Additionally, recommendations and/or decisions of the following will also be presented for review and further action.

    i. Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Regional Activity Centre/Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Information and Training Centre RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe (Willemstad, Curacao, 19-20 May 2017) (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.39/4);

ii. Third Meeting of the Scientific, Technical and Advisory Committee (STAC) to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities in the Wider Caribbean Region (Miami, Florida, USA, 31 October – 2 November 2016) (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.37/5);

iii. Seventh Meeting of the Scientific, Technical and Advisory Committee (STAC) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region (Miami, Florida, USA, 2-4 November 2016) (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/7);

iv. Ninth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region (Cayenne, French Guiana, 13 March 2017) (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.37/4); and

v. Third Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS) in the Wider Caribbean Region (Cayenne, French Guiana, 14 March 2017) (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.38/4).

Actions: The Meeting is being invited to: (a) make additional comments on the 2017-2018 Draft Workplan and Budget; and (b) approve the Workplan and Budget as presented or as amended by the Meeting.

The Meeting is being also invited to:

(a) Approve the Recommendations of the Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Regional Activity Centre/Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Information and Training Centre RAC/REMPEITC- Caribe (Willemstad, Curacao, 19-20 May 2016) (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.39/4);

(b) Review the Recommendations of the Third Meeting of the Scientific, Technical and Advisory Committee (STAC) to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (Miami, Florida, USA, 31 October – 2 November 2016) (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.37/5);

(c) Review the recommendations of the Seventh Meeting of the Scientific, Technical and Advisory Committee (STAC) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region (Miami, Florida, USA, 2-4 November 2016) (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/7);

(d) Adopt the Decisions of the Ninth Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) (Cayenne, French Guiana, 13 March 2017) (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.37/4); and

(e) Adopt the Decisions of the Third Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS) in the Wider Caribbean Region (Cayenne, French Guiana, 14 March 2017) (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.38/4).

The Meeting is being further invited to agree on any further action or decisions in response to the recommendations and decisions of the Meetings of the three Protocols to the Cartagena Convention.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE MONITORING COMMITTEE ON THE ACTION PLAN FOR THE CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE 2017-2018 BIENNIUM

15. The Meeting will be invited to decide on the composition of the Monitoring Committee for the 2017-2018 period. Eight Governments will be elected to the membership of the Monitoring Committee, recalling that the President of the Bureau of Contracting Parties, elected under Agenda Item 2, will serve as the Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee and thus as the ninth member.

Action: The Meeting is being invited to decide on the composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Bureau of Contracting Parties for the 2017-2018 Biennium.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

16. The participants of the Meeting will be invited to raise any other matter not covered by the preceding Agenda items, but relevant to the scope of the Meeting. Invited observers may also be invited to make short presentations of relevance to the IGM.

Actions: The Meeting is being invited to note the various interventions and to decide on appropriate follow-up actions.

The Meeting will be invited to set a date and venue for the Eighteenth Intergovernmental Meeting (IGM) on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and Fifteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention or to agree that arrangements will be determined based on future consultations by the Secretariat.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

17. The draft Report of the Meeting (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.39/6) will be presented by the Rapporteur for the Meeting's review and adoption with amendments and corrections as appropriate.

Actions: The Meeting is being invited to: (a) adopt the Report including Decisions with amendments and corrections as appropriate; and (b) agree on a period for submission of final comments and finalisation of the Meeting Report.

AGENDA ITEM 10: CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

18. Upon the conclusion of discussions on the preceding Agenda items, the Meeting will be brought to a close with statements by the Chairperson of the Meeting, the Coordinator of the Caribbean Environment Programme and of the Secretariat of the Cartagena Convention as well as by the representative of the Government of the France as the host Government. The Meeting is expected to close by 6:00 p.m. on 17 March 2017.