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REVIEW OF BUREAU 70 DECISIONS

	AGREED ACTIONS AND DEADLINE	TASKS
Entry into force of MAP legal instruments	Ratification and/or acceptance of the Barcelona Convention and Protocols, in particular the ICZM Protocol, by Contracting Parties	<i>Informal contacts with MAP focal points and respective RAC focal points, in particular Bosnia and Herzegovina.</i>
Reporting 2008-2009	- Contracting Parties to submit timely reports on measures taken during 2008-2009 biennium for implementing Barcelona Convention and Protocols as well as relevant decisions. - MAP reporting format on line and technical assistance provided to the Contracting Parties upon request.	<i>MAP reporting system on line ASAP</i> <i>Reminding Letter to MAP focal points sent ASAP</i> <i>Assistance to eligible countries on reporting provided ASAP</i>
Implementation of Programme of Work 2010-2011 in relation to the Five-Year Strategic Programme of Work	- Blue Plan to follow same approach on identification for timeline and budgetary purposes of core system-wide priorities and on clarification of which UNEP/MAP components have leadership responsibility for delivering of outputs. - Strengthening of narrative part of monitoring and reporting template as proposed by the Secretariat, so as to have a more in-depth explanation on outputs, results and difficulties encountered during implementation. - Key MAP meetings calendar: enhance efficiency of the system by holding to the extent possible back to back meetings. - Resource mobilization plan and preparation of the new programming cycle to be given priority attention and included in the agenda of the next Bureau meeting in order to speed up resource mobilization efforts for unfunded most urgent priorities. - The Secretariat to propose a strategic approach with regard to the re-allocation of unspent funds for implementing priority outputs.	<i>Identification of core priorities</i> <i>Narrative parts of progress reporting to be improved for the next Bureau meeting</i> <i>Planning back to back meetings</i> <i>Preparing ToRs for the joint mobilization plan and finalize it by December 2010</i> <i>Preparing a strategic approach with regard to the re-allocation of unspent funds for implementing priority outputs.</i> <i>Establishing a quality assurance system for consultant work</i> <i>Prepare summary of outputs in the form of a matrix with a view to single out individual contribution of each component and programme</i> <i>Develop position paper on ICZM and climate change</i> <i>Develop regional plan/strategy on ICZM Protocol implementation</i> <i>ICZM stocktaking in synergy with respective EU process</i>

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Draft Country Agreement template for Regional Activity Centres	All country agreements should preserve a set of core common features for ensuring a standard RAC performance. This should include inter alia: • All RACs should have the necessary functional autonomy to implement the programme of work and carry out all obligations described in the country agreement which are necessary to preserve their regional role and implementation of Contracting Parties and Bureau meetings decisions as well as UN standards. • All RACs should include in their governance arrangements a steering committee with the mandate as specified in the country agreement, the composition of which should include the Coordinating Unit. • Selection and appointment procedure for RAC directors ensuring their highest professionalism and competence is made with the participation of the Coordinating Unit. • The management of funds is done in accordance with highest criteria and submission of reports by the independent and reputable audit firms.	<i>All these elements will be taken into account during negotiation of country agreements</i>
Information and Communication Strategy	Information and communication assessment: build a strategy around three pillars of unifying the system, mobilizing other actors and inspiring them while undertaking quick win actions and taking into consideration the needs of different categories of stakeholders.	• <i>Drafting the strategy by December 2010</i> • <i>Implement identified actions, as appropriate</i>
Implementation of Decision IG 17/6 on Ecosystem Approach (ECAP)	Implementation of the ecosystem approach during the biennium. (a) Assessment report ensures a balance between pollution and biodiversity and includes a chapter on common features of the whole Mediterranean region. (b) Ensure synergies and necessary linkages between the processes for implementing decision IG 17/6 on the ecosystem approach in the framework of MAP and the EU Marine Strategy Directive and the Secretariat to address this at the July 2010 meeting. (c) Prepare the next State of the Environment report linked to the ecosystem approach and peer reviewed through a consultative process. (d) Use of MTF resources assigned to pilot effectiveness indicators for the purposes of the ecosystem approach implementation.	(a) <i>Already taken into account while implementing the ecosystem approach project with regard to the Assessment.</i> (b) <i>Already taken into account while implementing the ecosystem approach project, as appropriate. Pending discussion at the Second Meeting of Technical Experts on Application of Ecosystem Approach, 6-7 July 2010</i> (c) <i>Further discussion needed at ECP on this matter</i> (d) <i>Pending discussion at the Second Meeting of Technical Experts on Application of Ecosystem Approach, 6-7 July 2010</i>

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Biodiversity	1. Extraordinary SPA/RAC focal points meeting the agenda of which should include: (a) Sharing the outcome of the first phase of the identification of potential areas that may meet the scientific requirements of Annex I to the SPA Biodiversity Protocol on SPAMIs, including the criteria used by RAC/SPA for this purpose as well as views on implementing the second phase of EC funded SPAMI project; (b) Developing an appropriate approach based on the relevant international frame on issues related to the necessary institutional legal setups with regard to the management of SPAMIs beyond national jurisdiction as well as the necessary linkages with the other UN relevant processes and agencies for this purpose. 2. President with the support of the Secretariat to deliver a policy statement at CBD COP on behalf of MAP with the aim of highlighting the relevance of the Mediterranean in the context of the post 2010 biodiversity strategic plan and vision. The Bureau to establish an e-mail consultation process among its members for the purpose of developing the paper. 3. The Secretariat to organize a side event at CBD as a joint effort with the other regional partner organizations in the Mediterranean and prepare also a stand for this purpose. 4. Contracting Parties to use the CBD COP as an opportunity to show the progress achieved and challenges encountered by them with regard to marine and coastal biodiversity conservation and protection and implementation of the SPA and Biodiversity Protocol of the Barcelona Convention. 5. The Secretariat should use GIS and remote sensing techniques to map the Mediterranean settlement and environmental specification as a baseline to assess the quality of the Mediterranean sea.	1. <i>Done</i> (a) <i>Done</i> (b) <i>To design the process for developing the approach regarding SPAMI institutional set up</i> 2. <i>First draft by end of July and sent to President of the Bureau</i> 3. <i>Prepare a detailed work plan with regard to side event organization</i> 4. <i>Letter to RAC SPA focal points by end of July inviting them to do so</i> 5. <i>Under implementation in the framework of the ecosystem Assessment process</i>

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Implementation of Marrakech Declaration	Climate Change Adaptation (a) Work plan and road map for developing the regional framework on adaptation to climate change highlighting the need to link it to the MSSD and the Mediterranean Water Strategy as well as other regional sectorial strategies such as ICZM and Biodiversity sectors on which UNEP/MAP can provide particular added value. (b) Use the balance from existing unspent budget resources for the purposes of strengthening the Secretariat with regard to MSSD and adaptation of climate change tasks. Regional Governance 1. The Secretariat to continue following up on regional and sub-regional developments with all relevant sectors in the Mediterranean. 2. Effective MAP/UfM cooperation for reinforcing the environmental agenda in the Mediterranean and mobilizing additional resources. The Secretariat to structure its consultations with the Secretariat of the UfM around the five-year and 2-year programmes of work outputs. Cooperation at project level should ensure efficiency and complementarity. 3. Continue the cooperation with the EU on ecosystem approach/MSFD, H2020, ICZM, Water Framework Directive/LBS Protocol and the EU Integrated maritime policy. 4. Continue cooperation and synergies with the H2020 initiative and its components, including the cooperation with the EEA for establishing a Mediterranean shared information system in the framework of INFO/MAP. 5. The Secretariat to continue its efforts in ensuring necessary institutional synergies with the World Bank for implementing UNEP/MAP LME strategic partnership and WB sustainable MED projects. Contracting Parties to be consulted with regard to the selection of projects. The Secretariat to explore extending the implementation of the replication strategy to other projects including the capacity building and investment components of the H2020 initiative.	a) <i>Recruitment of project coordinator is under finalization Further discussion needed on how to link the process with MSSD assessment and UfM water strategy</i> b) <i>Done</i> 1. & 2. <i>Organize the meeting with UfM Secretariat ASAP. Follow up regional initiatives on continuous basis</i> 3. <i>Ongoing</i> 4. <i>Ongoing</i> 5. <i>Ongoing</i>
MCSD/MSSD	ToR for MSSD assessment and the proposed work plan .	<i>Hiring the evaluating agency ongoing</i>

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Preparation of legally binding plans and programmes as part of the LBS Protocol	Process for developing the legally binding measures for mercury, food industry and POPs: if need be, additional consultations should be undertaken with the view to ensuring a full ownership of the Contracting Parties over the process.	<i>Ongoing. MED POL to report on progress to ensure synergy with the respective global and other regional processes.</i>
Med Globalballast Strategy	1. Contracting Parties to actively contribute to its finalization as well as to establish the necessary multi-stakeholder coordination mechanisms at national level, with a view to mitigating the threats posed to the marine biodiversity by the introduction of invasive species via ships' ballast water and facilitating the ratification, as appropriate, of the Ballast Water Management Convention. 2. Focus on the operational part of the Convention and for preparing the necessary operational guidelines in cooperation with IMO.	1. <i>Done</i> 2. <i>REMPEC to report on follow-up</i>
Personnel and administrative matters	1. Post of MAP coordinator filled well in advance of the forthcoming Contracting Parties meeting. Bureau to be Informed on time on all stages with regard to the recruitment process and its outcome. 2. Accelerate, as per rules and regulations, the recruitment of all other vacant posts at the Coordinating Unit and the RACs and the Contracting Parties to widely disseminate announcements with a view to promoting selection of best candidates. 3. Contracting Parties that have not yet paid their contribution, to do so without any further delay in order to enable smooth and effective implementation of the Programme of work. The Secretariat to make a particular effort with regard to past arrears. 4. Application of audit measures and/or ISO standards as well as improved quality in the preparation of meetings and documents. The Coordinating Unit to coordinate the application of these measures by all MAP components. 5. The Secretariat to analyze the basis on which MTF funds are allocated per component with a view to establishing clear criteria for Bureau and Contracting Parties consideration.	3. <i>Take measures to collect arrears and unpaid 2009/2010 contributions</i> 4. <i>Plan to agree on measures to implement ISO and audit measures by all MAP system</i> 5. <i>Analysing and establishing clear criteria funding per MAP components</i>