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Introduction

1. In accordance with the United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP), Programme of Work 2024-2025 adopted by the 23rd Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (Portoroz, Slovenia, 5-8 December 2023), the UNEP/MAP Secretariat (MED POL Programme) organized a two day “Third Meeting for the Development/update of NAPs (2025-2035) and the finalization of the 5th cycle of the National Baseline Budget Reports under the LBS Protocol of the UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention” on 23 and 24 April 2025 in Loutraki, Greece.

2. The objective of the Meeting was to present the status of identification of Hotspots and sensitive areas; discuss the key findings of the national-level gap analysis; agree on the potential measures to be in NAPs (2025-2035) based on the gap analysis and priorities of each Contracting Party; and review the Reporting Format for LBS Protocol.

3. Participation

4. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following Contracting Parties (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Israel, Lebanon, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, State of Libya, Tunisia, and Türkiye. The following representative was present as observer: State of Palestine.

5. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), including the Mediterranean Action Plan/ Barcelona Convention Secretariat (UNEP/MAP) was represented by the Programme for the Assessment and Control of Marine Pollution in the Mediterranean (MED POL). The following MAP Component also participated in the Meeting: The Regional Activity Centre for Information and Communication (INFO/RAC), The Regional Activity Center for Specially Protected Areas (SPA/RAC); Plan Bleu Regional Activity Center (PB/RAC); Priority Actions Programme/Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC).

6. The full list of participants is attached as Annex I to the present report.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting

7. The meeting was opened at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, April 23, 2025, by the MAP Coordinator of the UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention, Ms. Tatjana Hema.

8. In her opening speech, the MAP Coordinator outlined the key expectations for the Meeting, emphasizing the importance of Contracting Parties jointly identifying concrete lists of measures through a collaborative and joint exercise scheduled during the session. The Coordinator underscored the significance of developing and updating National Action Plans (NAPs), noting that several international legal instruments now require NAPs in areas such as plastic pollution, sustainable consumption and production, and integrated coastal zone management.

The coordinator also affirmed the MAP Secretariat's flexibility in recognizing as NAPs the Programmes of Measures prepared by EU Member States under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and other related directives addressing MED POL and the LBS Protocol providing that there is a clear connection and reference to the obligations under the MAP/Barcelona Convention.

The Coordinator further provided an update on recent developments in the work of the MAP Secretariat, particularly concerning the ongoing update of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap and the key elements of the revision of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programmes (IMAP).

Agenda Item 2: Organizational matters

a) Rules of Procedure for the Meeting

9. The Rules of Procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols were applied mutatis mutandis to the present Meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

b) Election of Officer

10. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned in para. 2(a) for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties, the Meeting elected one (1) President, three (3) Vice Presidents, and one (1) Rapporteur from among the participants, as follows:

President:	Ms. Tamara Brajovic, Montenegro
Vice President 1:	Ms. Dhekra Gharbi, Tunisia
Vice President 2:	Mr. Milad Fakhri, Lebanon
Rapporteur:	Ms. Katerina Skordi, Cyprus

c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

11. Subject to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure mentioned in para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.613/1 and annotated in document UNEP/MED WG.613/2 was reviewed and accepted. Ms. Olfat Hamdan, MED POL Programme Management Officer, introduced the proposed agenda and informed participants that a presentation on Nature-Based Solutions would be delivered by a representative of PAP/RAC under agenda item 8, "Any Other Business." The Meeting adopted the Annotated Agenda, which is attached as Annex II to this document.

d) Organization of Work

12. The discussions were held in two plenary sessions, convened over two days, from 9:30 to 12:30 and from 14:30 to 17:30.

13. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French was available for all sessions.

14. The Meeting addressed all agenda items during the two-day meeting. The Meeting closed on 24 April 2025 at 17:30 pm after the adoption of the Conclusions and Recommendations as appended in Annex III to this present document.

Agenda Item 3: Status of Identification of Hotspots/Sensitive areas

15. Under this agenda item, the representatives of Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention were invited to present their respective progress on identifying hotspots using the data collected from 5th Cycle of NBB report and applying the hotspot criteria presented in the NAP Meeting in June (24wg587/04).

16. The representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ms. Senida Džajić-Rghei, presented the hotspots identified in the previous NAP (2015) and outlined the methodology used for identifying the new hotspots. She noted that two potential hotspots/sensitive areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina were identified based on the updated Assessment Criteria for Hot Spots and Sensitive Areas in the Mediterranean). However, due to data limitations and based on expert judgment, four potential hotspots are now proposed in BiH: Mostar, Neum, Čapljina, and Trebinje.

17. The representative of Cyprus, Ms. Caterina Skordi, stated that only one hotspot, Vasilikos Bay, had been identified in the previous NAP. However, it is now classified as a "No Hotspot" according to the updated Assessment Criteria for Hot Spots and Sensitive Areas in the Mediterranean. She further explained that no additional assessments in other regions of Cyprus were considered necessary at this stage, as Vasilikos Bay had previously been identified as the area with the highest potential environmental risk.

18. The representative of Israel, Mr. Frederic Arzoine, indicated that the three hotspots listed in the previous NAP are no longer classified as such. In the context of the new NAP, 34 potential hotspots were pre-screened using the revised assessment criteria. As a result, the "Eil site" was designated as a confirmed hotspot, while the "Agana Adana site" and the "Ashdod Industrial Area" were categorized as potential hotspots.

19. The representative of Lebanon, Ms. Celine Mahfouz, stated that the 23 hotspots identified in the previous NAP have been retained in the current NAP. Additionally, four new sites or areas (Srar; Bikfaya/Mazraat Yachouh/Zikrit; Fanar/Ain Saadeh; and Choueifat) have been identified as hotspots. Based on the updated assessment criteria, a total of 27 sites or areas were evaluated, resulting in the classification of 12 as hotspots and 15 as potential hotspots.

20. The representative of Libya, Mr. Abdulmawla Hamza, highlighted that Libya did not develop the National Action Plan (NAP) for the 2015–2025 period. In preparing the current NAP, nine locations were assessed. Among them, two sites (Tripoli and Zawia) were classified as "Critical Hotspots," three were identified as "Hotspots," and two were categorized as "Potential Hotspots."

21. The representative of Malta, Ms. Annabelle Haber, associated the main pressures affecting Malta's coastal water bodies to diffuse and point sources of pollution, as well as hydromorphological alterations. She explained that the assessment was conducted using a risk assessment matrix, combined with expert judgment. Ms. Haber also highlighted several challenges faced during the process, particularly the inconsistency or unreliability of emission data provided by operators, the complexity of assessing certain pollution categories, and limitations in available resources.

22. The representative of Montenegro, Ms. Marina Markovic, highlighted that under the previous NAP (2016), 11 locations were assessed, one was identified as a priority hotspot (A), five as hotspots (B), and five as sensitive areas (C). For the current NAP, these sites, reduced to nine by applying wider area, were re-evaluated using the updated criteria. As a result, four areas were classified as hotspots (B), while the remaining five were designated as sensitive areas (C). She highlighted as well, some challenges and difficulties in relation to the application of the updated criteria.

23. The representative of Morocco, Mr. Mohammed Chaoui, presented the efforts done in the process of the selection and classification of hotspots. The results showed that four previous hotspots are no longer considered hotspots but are currently classified as sensitive areas.

24. The representative of Spain, Ms Beatriz Sanchez-Fernandez, has mentioned that the preparation of the National Action Plan (NAP) aligns with the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD), currently focusing on the third cycle for 2025-2035. She highlighted that the main challenge is the lack of sufficient information. As for the lessons learned, she emphasized the importance of setting more specific and quantifiable environmental targets, as well as developing realistic indicators.

25. The representative of Palestine, Ms. Doaa Draidi, mentioned that the main challenges faced during the implementation of the current NAP are the following: a) poor financial resources; b) difficulties in maintaining and establishing; c) ensuring engagement with the private sector; d) status of the geopolitical situation; e) difficulty in identifying affordable and attainable targets.

26. The representative of Türkiye, Mr. Mehmet Tamer Çobanoğlu, highlighted that the main challenges encountered in the implementation of the current NAP are related to access to quality data. Türkiye stressed the need for pre-made data forms to be available. Türkiye also mentioned that there is a need to establish a website for NAPs with documents and necessary information.

27. The representative of Tunisia, Mr. Yassine Marzougui, stated that a participatory approach was used to identify pollution hotspots in Tunisia, prioritizing coastal zones based on pressure sources through workshops and existing data on bathing water quality. Where quantitative data was unavailable, qualitative assessments were applied, leading to detailed evaluations and the identification of relevant depollution projects for each selected area.

28. One Contracting Party emphasized the potential use of a probabilistic/mathematical approach to assess and weight pollution hotspots, highlighting the importance of considering impacts on both human health and the environment. It also drew attention to the influence of non-point sources/diffused sources, particularly those related to the use of chemicals and pesticides in the agriculture sector, which are currently neither monitored nor regulated.

29. Several Contracting Parties suggested the possibility of assigning ratios to each sector included in the hotspot criteria. This approach would help ensure that sectors with more clearly defined criteria do not disproportionately influence the overall assessment compared to those with less defined parameters.

30. MED POL Programme management Officer emphasized that the revised criteria for hotspot identification incorporate both pressure and status indicators, representing a shift from a qualitative to a more quantitative approach compared to previous version. It noted that including public health considerations introduces additional uncertainties, as the effects on human health are difficult to quantify. It also highlighted that applying a unified set of criteria, this enables a more comprehensive assessment of the marine and coastal environment and fosters methodological harmonization among Contracting Parties. MED POL also informed the Contracting Parties of the work carried out to estimate pollution loads from the agriculture sector. In addition, it highlighted the importance of linking the update of NAPs/PoMs to the 2023 QSR findings.

31. At the end of this Agenda Item, the Meeting requested the Contracting Parties that have not yet identified their Hotspots to do so and to submit their written feedback to the Secretariat regarding the application of the Hotspots Assessment Criteria Document UNEP/MED WG.587/4 for further consideration in the next National Action Plan (NAP) cycle.

Agenda Item 5: Identification of Potential Measures

32. The MEDPOL Programme Management Officer, Ms. Olfat Hamdan, introduced the objectives of this agenda item, inviting each Contracting Party to present the national implementation status of measures included in the previous NAPs, the six newly adopted regional plans under the LBS Protocol, as well as national measures stemming from strategies and plans adopted post-2015.

33. The meeting was structured into three thematic working groups based on the Ecological Objectives: (i) EO5, (ii) EO9, and (iii) EO10. Each group reviewed and refined the draft list of potential measures relevant to its objective.

34. By the conclusion of this agenda item, several Contracting Parties succeeded in drafting preliminary lists of potential measures for inclusion in their respective NAPs/PoMs Reports.

35. The meeting further emphasized the importance of completing the first consolidated NAPs reports (including the draft list of measures and indicators as outlined in Document UNEP/MED WG.613/Inf.4) for submission to the upcoming MED POL Focal Points Meeting scheduled for June 2025.

Agenda Item 6: Recent Developments in Pollution Prevention and Control of the Marine and Coastal Environment, including emerging issues

36. Under this agenda item, the MED POL Pollution Officer, Mr. Erol Cavus supported by a consultant presented the document titled “Global and Regional Policies relevant to LBS Protocol, including New Emerging Issues” (25WG.613/3). The presentation highlighted the identification and assessment of key global resolutions and regional decisions (including UNEA resolutions and COP Decisions) from 2015 to 2025. It also involved comparing governance provisions, identifying gaps at regional level, and consequently proposing potential measures to be considered in the preparation/update of the new NAPs, both at the national level and within relevant decision-making mechanisms of the Barcelona Convention at the regional level. MED POL drew attention to Table 4 of the document, which comprises 24 proposed complementary measures derived from the gap analysis and clustered according to the NAP methodology, i.e., by Ecological Objectives.

37. One of the Contracting Parties indicated that their measures were already at the final stage of development and requested further guidance on how the proposed measures should be considered at this stage. Another Contracting Party welcomed the proposed measures outlined in the document, indicating that they could be useful for enriching or further developing new measures, particularly for those Contracting Parties that had not yet initiated the process. It was emphasized that these measures could be adapted and modified to suit national needs. The Meeting further elaborated on the proposed measures, underlying that they were derived from the global UNEA resolutions and could serve to complement national measures. Moreover, the proposed list of measures could provide guidance to the national experts in developing measures in similar manner. The Meeting agreed to consider these proposed measures as a means to complement their international commitments under other Conventions within the scope of their NAPs.

Agenda Item 7: Cost Benefit Analysis/Cost Effective Analysis of Potential Measures

38. Under this agenda item, PB/RAC Expert Mr. Emmanuel Parlier delivered a presentation on the concepts of Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) and Cost-Effectiveness Analysis (CEA), providing illustrative examples for each. He explained the distinctions between CBA and CEA, including guidance on when each method is most appropriately applied. Two case studies were showcased: one on “Seagrass Restoration in Marseille” and another on “Upgrading Fishing Gear in Tunisia.” Mr. Parlier also discussed how CBA and CEA can be applied across various dimensions of measures, including legal, institutional, policy, economic, and technical aspects.

39. One Contracting Party inquired about how to assign monetary value to elements that are not easily quantifiable and how to account for the time value of money in the analysis. Another Contracting Party highlighted the challenges faced in collecting data and accurately estimating the costs associated with waste management installations. A third Contracting Party requested further elaboration, using one of the provided examples, on how CBA/CEA tools can be applied within the context of developing NAPs. The Party also pointed out the limitations related to time, data availability, and technical capacity to conduct a full-scale analysis.

40. The PB/RAC emphasized the importance of using a decision-support tool to prioritize and evaluate environmental measures through cost-benefit analyses, aiming for actionable ratios to guide investment and policy choices. By building a shared, data-driven knowledge base across countries, stakeholders can align their efforts, replicate successful models, and adapt strategies to local contexts for better environmental outcomes.

41. The Meeting appreciated the presentation made by Plan Bleu/RAC and encouraged the Contracting Parties to use this approach/tool when prioritizing the lists of priority measures.

42. Finally, the meeting agreed to continue the work on identification of measures and the questions raised by the Contracting Parties with respect to Cost Benefit Analysis/Cost Effective Analysis to be clarified through bilateral meetings during the meeting with the colleagues of Plan Bleu/RAC and later through additional consultations.

Agenda Item 8: Proposed changes to Reporting Format for the Land Based Sources (LBS) Protocol

43. Under this agenda item the document “Revised reporting format for the implementation of the LBS Protocol on six Regional Plans and National Action Plans” (25WG. 613/4) was presented. The MED POL Pollution Officer introduced the document, underlining the need to modify the reporting format due to the endorsement of six new regional plans at COP 22 (Antalya, Turkiye) and COP 23 (Portoroz, Slovenia). He emphasized that the ongoing preparation of new NAPs necessitates additional reporting requirements, in line with Article 13 of the LBS Protocol.

44. One contracting Party raised the need for the reporting format to be presented in more user-friendly tables and requested clarification on how these measures would be integrated into the BCRS system, considering the additional reporting burden for the Contracting Parties. Another Contracting Party, referring to Table IV (NAP implementation and effectiveness), requested further information on how to insert numerical values instead of narrative text in the reporting fields.

45. The Secretariat explained that the reporting requirements were exactly the same as those in six the Regional Plans already endorsed and emphasized that these plans oblige the Contracting Parties to report on their implementation in accordance with Art.13 of the LBS Protocol. Regarding the insertion of numerical values, the Secretariat confirmed that the current table allows for numerical values and assured that this request will be reflected in the BCRS system as requested.

46. The Meeting, underlining the importance of the matter and noting that the revised reporting format will be submitted to the next COP for endorsement, agreed that Contracting Parties will provide detailed comments by 15 May 2025. The Secretariat was requested to incorporate the feedback as appropriate and to submit the revised document to MEDPOL FPs Meeting scheduled for 17-19 June 2025 for approval.

Agenda Item 9: Any Other Business

47. The PAP/RAC Representative, Mr. Ivan Sekovski, delivered a presentation on “Nature-based Solutions to Mitigate Pollution from Land-Based Sources.” He provided an overview of the concept and definition of Nature-based Solutions, highlighted the UNEP/EA.5/Res.5 resolution adopted by UNEA in 2022 specifically dedicated to supporting sustainable development through Nature-based Solutions, and discussed their future potential within the framework of the MAP Barcelona Convention.

48. Following the presentation, the Coordinator emphasized the importance of integrating climate change considerations into the NAPs/PoMs. She encouraged the inclusion of related actions, such as reforestation, and highlighted the need to go beyond traditional measures by exploring innovative and non-conventional approaches.

Agenda Item 10: Conclusions and Recommendations

49. The Meeting participants reviewed, amended, and adopted the draft conclusions and recommendations from the Meeting discussions, which appear in Annex III of this Meeting report.

Agenda Item 11: Closure of the Meeting

50. After expressing the usual courtesies, the President declared the Meeting closed at 17:30 on Wednesday 24 April 2025.

Annex I
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Annex II
Conclusions and Recommendations /Conclusion et recommandations

On 23-24 April 2025, the Third Meeting for the Development/update of NAPs (2025-2035) and the finalization of the 5th cycle of the National Baseline Budget Reports under the LBS Protocol of the UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention, was held in Loutraki, Greece. The Meeting was organized by UNEP/MAP Secretariat - MED POL.

Further to its deliberations, the Meeting reached the following conclusions and recommendations:

Agenda Item 3: Status of Identification of Hotspots/Sensitive areas

1. The Meeting took note of the progress achieved by the Contracting Parties in identifying the list of the Hotspots/Sensitive Areas using the document (UNEP/MED WG.587/4) "Assessment Criteria for Hot Spots and Sensitive Areas in the Mediterranean".
2. The Meeting requested the Contracting Parties to share with the Secretariat their written feedback on the application of the Hotspots Assessment Criteria Document UNEP/MED WG.587/4 for further consideration in the next National Action Plan (NAP) cycle.

Agenda Item 4: Identification of Potential Measures

3. The Meeting took note of the progress achieved by the Contracting Parties in identifying the list of potential measures, before and during the meeting, and acknowledged the need to accelerate the ongoing work for finalizing the first consolidated NAPs reports (including the list of measures and indicators Document UNEP/MED WG.613/Inf. 4) for submission to the upcoming Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points, to be held in June 2025.
4. To this aim, The Secretariat shall continue providing the necessary support to the Contracting Parties to expedite the work and facilitate the exchange of experience between them.
5. The meeting underlined the obligation of reporting the National Baseline Budget (NBB) and (e)PRTR data in the MAP Infosystem and further link the (e)PRTR data with the NBB system for those contracting parties which already are reporting to PRTR. INFO/RAC was requested to consider upgrading the system to allow different modalities of the data submission including the use of excel tables.

Agenda Item 5: Recent Developments in Pollution Prevention and Control of the Marine and Coastal Environment, including emerging issues

6. The Meeting reviewed and took note of the document “Global and Regional Policies relevant to LBS Protocol, including New Emerging Issues” (UNEP/MED WG.613/3); and agreed to consider the proposed measures in the updated NAPs, where appropriate, to maximize synergies.
7. The Meeting requested the Secretariat to submit this document to MED POL Focal Points Meeting to be held in June 2025 for its consideration.

Agenda item 6: Cost Benefit Analysis/Cost Effective Analysis of Potential Measures

8. The Meeting appreciated the presentation made by Plan Bleu/RAC and encouraged the Contracting Parties to use this approach/tool when prioritizing the lists of priority measures.
9. It was agreed to continue the work on identification of measures and the questions raised by the countries with respect to Cost Benefit Analysis/Cost Effective Analysis to be clarified through bilateral meetings during the meeting with the colleagues of Plan Bleu/RAC and later through additional consultations.

Agenda item 7: Proposed changes to Reporting Format for the Land Based Sources (LBS) Protocol

10. The meeting reviewed the updated reporting table for reporting under Article 13 of the LBS Protocol and agreed to its submission to the Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points, to be held in June 2025, after reflecting any comment received through a consultation by 15 May 2025 at the latest. .

Next Steps

11. The Coordinator of UNEP/MAP will send a letter to the MAP Focal Points highlighting the need to conclude the NAP consolidated draft by the MED POL Focal Points Meeting addressing also the flexibility for Contracting Parties to consider as NAP the National Programme of Measures adopted under relevant regulatory framework if compatible for the implementation of the Land Based Sources Protocol and the six Regional Plans adopted in its framework.

Annexe

Projet de conclusions et recommandations

Les 23-24 avril 2025, la troisième réunion pour l'élaboration/mise à jour des PAN (2025-2035) et la finalisation du 5e cycle des rapports sur les budgets nationaux de base dans le cadre du Protocole relatif de la protection de la mer Méditerranée contre la pollution provenant de sources et activités situées à terre, été organisée par le Secrétariat du PNUE/PAM et son Programme MED POL à Loutraki, Grèce.

Suite à ses délibérations, la réunion a abouti aux conclusions et recommandations suivantes :

Point 3 de l'ordre du jour : État d'avancement de l'identification des Zones sensibles/Zones critiques (Hotspots)

1. La Réunion a pris note des progrès réalisés par les Parties contractantes dans l'identification des Zones sensibles/Zones critiques à l'aide du document (UNEP/MED WG.587/4) « Critères d'évaluation des zones critiques et zones sensibles en Méditerranée ».
2. La Réunion a demandé aux Parties contractantes de transmettre au Secrétariat leurs commentaires écrits sur la mise en œuvre du Document UNEP/MED WG.587/4, pour examen ultérieur dans le prochain cycle des plans d'action régionaux.

Point 4 de l'ordre du jour : Identification des mesures potentielles

3. La Réunion a pris note des progrès réalisés par les Parties contractantes dans l'identification de la liste des mesures potentielles, avant et pendant la réunion, et a reconnu la nécessité d'accélérer les travaux en cours pour finaliser les premiers rapports consolidés des PAN (y compris la liste des mesures et des indicateurs Document UNEP/MED WG.587/4, à soumettre lors de la prochaine réunion des Points focaux MED POL, prévue en juin 2025.
4. À cette fin, le Secrétariat continuera à fournir le soutien nécessaire aux Parties contractantes afin de faciliter l'avancement des travaux et l'échange d'expériences entre elles.
5. La Réunion a souligné l'obligation de déclarer les données relatives au Budget National de Référence (BNR) et au registre (e)PRTR dans le système d'information MAP, ainsi que la nécessité de relier les données (e)PRTR au système BNR pour les Parties contractantes qui déclarent déjà au PRTR. Il a été demandé à INFO/RAC d'envisager la mise à niveau du système afin de permettre différentes modalités de soumission des données, notamment par l'utilisation de tableaux Excel.

Point 5 de l'ordre du jour : Évolutions récentes en matière de prévention et de lutte contre la pollution du milieu marin et côtier, y compris les enjeux émergents

6. La Réunion a examiné et approuvé le document « Politiques mondiales et régionales pertinentes au Protocole LBS, y compris les nouveaux enjeux émergents » (UNEP/MED WG.613/3) ; et a convenu d'envisager l'utilisation des mesures proposées dans les PAN mis à jour, lorsque cela est approprié, afin de garantir l'alignement avec les engagements internationaux, en particulier les Résolutions de l'UNEA, et de maximiser les synergies.
7. La Réunion a demandé au Secrétariat de soumettre ce document à la Réunion des Points focaux MED POL en juin 2025 pour approbation, en considérant que les priorités mondiales émergentes pourraient être intégrées dans la prochaine Stratégie à Moyen Terme (SMT) et le Programme de Travail (PdT).

Point 6 de l'ordre du jour : Analyse coûts-bénéfices/efficacité-coûts des mesures potentielles

8. La Réunion a apprécié la présentation faite par Plan Bleu/CAR et a encouragé les pays à utiliser cette approche/outils pour hiérarchiser les listes de mesures prioritaires.

9. Il a été convenu de poursuivre le travail sur l'identification des mesures, et que les questions soulevées par les pays concernant l'analyse coûts-bénéfices et l'analyse coût-efficacité soient clarifiées au cours de réunions bilatérales pendant la réunion avec les collègues de Plan Bleu/CAR, et ultérieurement par le biais de consultations supplémentaires.

Point 7 de l'ordre du jour : Modifications proposées au format de rapport dans le cadre du Protocole LBS

10. La Réunion a examiné et approuvé le tableau de rapport mis à jour pour la déclaration au titre de l'article 12 du Protocole LBS, et a convenu de demander sa soumission pour approbation à la Réunion des Points focaux MED POL de juin 2025, en laissant un délai de trois (3) semaines pour la soumission de commentaires de fond.

Prochaines étapes

11. Le Coordinateur du PNUE/PAM enverra une lettre aux Points focaux du PAM soulignant la nécessité de finaliser l'ébauche consolidée du PAN avant la Réunion des Points focaux MED POL, tout en mentionnant la flexibilité pour les Parties contractantes de considérer comme PAN le programme national de mesures adopté dans le cadre d'un cadre réglementaire pertinent, également valable pour la mise en œuvre du Protocole sur les Sources de Pollution Terrestres.