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Work schedule of the Compliance Committee for the 2014-2015 biennium

I. Background

1. The role of the Compliance Committee is to promote the implementation and fulfillment of obligations in the context of the Barcelona Convention and its protocols and to evaluate the effectiveness of the measures taken for their application. With the adoption of Decision IG. 17/2 on the procedures and mechanisms for the fulfillment of obligations by the fifteenth meeting of the Contracting Parties and the formation of the Compliance Committee in July 2008, this Committee has become an official subsidiary body of the Convention and its protocols as well as of the meeting of the Contracting Parties.

II. Proposal

2. Following on from its work schedule for the current 2012-2013 biennium, the Compliance Committee wishes the following subjects to again be included in the work schedule for the next biennium:

- Examination of any referrals carried out by the Contracting Parties in accordance with paragraphs 18 and 19 of the Procedures and mechanisms for the fulfillment of obligations,
- Analysis of general issues of non-compliance with the obligations in application of the Procedures and mechanisms for fulfillment of the obligations arising out of the reports submitted by the Contracting Parties for the periods 2010-2011 and 2012-2013,
- Analysis of broader issues requested by the meeting of the Contracting Parties in accordance with paragraph 17 subparagraph (c) of the Procedures and mechanisms for the fulfillment of obligations, including a detailed examination of the issues raised by the components of the MAP on the application of the Protocols,
- Continuation of the examination of the proposals aimed at strengthening the Committee under the Barcelona Convention and its protocols.
- Analyses of the effectiveness of the application of the procedures and mechanisms for the fulfillment of the obligations of the Barcelona Convention, taking into account the feedback from the Parties on the conditions under which the supporting role of the Committee could be improved.
- Examination of possible difficulties of interpretation of the provisions of the protocols for consideration at the meeting of the Contracting Parties,
- Development and adoption of the report and recommendations of the Committee for submission to the nineteenth meeting of the Contracting Parties.

III. Recommendation of the Secretariat:

3. The Compliance Committee is requested to examine the draft work schedule of the Committee for the 2014-2015 biennium and to take a decision on it.