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PROGRESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COP 21 DECISIONS

COP 21 DECISION	OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH	Status	2020				2021			
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<u>Decision IG.24/1</u> Compliance Committee	1. <i>Take note</i> of the Activity Report of the Compliance Committee for the Biennium 2018-2019, set out in Annex I to the present Decision;	GREEN								
	2. <i>Adopt</i> the Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee for the Biennium 2020-2021, set out in Annex II to the present Decision;	GREEN								
	3. <i>Take note of</i> the Recommendations to Promote Compliance with the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and Improve their Implementation, set out in Annex III to the present Decision;	GREEN								
	4. <i>Urge</i> those Contracting Parties who have not yet submitted their national implementation reports for the biennium 2016-2017 to do so as soon as possible but before December 2019;	GREEN								
	5. <i>Invite</i> the Contracting Parties to submit their national implementation reports for the biennium 2018-2019 using the new online Barcelona Convention Reporting System by December 2020;	GREEN								
	6. <i>Elect and/or renew</i> , in accordance with the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance, the membership of the Compliance Committee, set out in Annex IV to the present Decision;	GREEN								

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	relevance to that mandate;									
	7. <i>Approve</i> the membership of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) for the biennium 2020-2021, as set out in Annex IV to the present Decision;	GREEN								
	8. <i>Call upon</i> the members of the MCSD, the Secretariat and the MAP Partners to mobilize expressions of interest in membership of the MCSD for the biennium 2022-2023, and request the MCSD Steering Committee, with support from the Secretariat, to identify and implement possible ways to keep the outgoing members of the Commission involved in its work;	GREEN								
	9. <i>Approve</i> the Roadmap for the Evaluation of the 2016-2021 Medium-Term Strategy and the preparation of the 2022-2027 Medium-Term Strategy, as set out in Annex V to the present Decision;	GREEN								
	10. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to prepare the UNEP/MAP 2022-2027 Medium-Term Strategy in close cooperation with MAP components and with the full involvement of the Contracting Parties, under the guidance of the Bureau and through a dedicated steering committee that will be composed by the Bureau complemented by a limited group of interested Contracting Parties (3 additional persons, one nominated by each sub-group, to ensure a balanced geographical representation), and to submit a first draft to an open ended working group, for final submission to the Contracting Parties at their 22 nd Meeting (COP 22);	YELLOW								
	11. <i>Take note</i> of the results of the assessment of the meeting of the thematic focal points for Specially Protected Areas/Biological Diversity organized on a trial basis in the biennium 2018– 2019 and the relevant analysis as set out in Annex VI to the present Decision, and request the Secretariat to organize a SPA/Biodiversity Focal Points meeting based on the lessons learnt and considering organization of the back to back focal points meetings;	GREEN								
	12. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to continue to identify, promote and strengthen the synergies with other Secretariats in spatial-based protection and	YELLOW								

	management measures for marine biodiversity in the Mediterranean Area, by building on existing work at the relevant levels and foster cooperation with the objectives to ensure the conservation and the sustainable use of the marine biodiversity in the Mediterranean through the application of the Ecosystem Approach;									
	13. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to report to the Contracting Parties at their 22 nd Meeting (COP 22) on the action undertaken in building synergies and fostering cooperation with other Secretariats in spatial-based protection and management measures for marine biodiversity in the Mediterranean Area;	YELLOW								
	14. <i>Take note</i> of the “Refined Appendix to the Updated Resource Mobilization Strategy”, as set out in Annex VII to the present Decision;	GREEN								
	15. <i>Take note</i> of the areas of cooperation with the UNESCO/MAB Programme, as set out in Annex VIII to the present Decision and urge the respective Secretariats to formalize it and ensure the most effective and beneficial partnership in the relevant fields, with a view also to widening the scope of the cooperation with UNESCO in the future;	YELLOW								
	16. <i>Welcome</i> the agreed set of common provisions for Host Country Agreements as presented in Annex IX of this Decision and urge the Secretariat in collaboration with the Contracting Parties hosting the MAP Regional Activity Centres to finalize the set for presentation of the minimum common provisions to COP 22 for consideration, building on the inputs provided by the Contracting Parties hosting MAP Regional Activity Centres.	GREEN								
Decision IG.24/3 Implementation, Monitoring and Mid-Term Evaluation of the Mediterranean	1. <i>Welcome</i> the work done, <i>taking note of</i> the updated List of Indicators of the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard for monitoring the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016–2025, set out in Annex I to the present Decision, and <i>request</i> the Secretariat to populate the indicators, using existing sources of information and data, giving priority to those addressing coast-related and sea-related issues;	GREEN								

Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016–2025 and of the Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean	2. <i>Recognize</i> the living nature of the List of Indicators of the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard and the need to keep it under review under the guidance of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development Steering Committee, and with the technical support of the Plan Bleu Regional Activity Centre, as international work on Sustainable Development Goals indicators progresses;	YELLOW								
	3. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to integrate the List of Sustainable Consumption and Production Indicators, welcomed and taken note of by the Contracting Parties through their Decision IG.23/4 adopted at their 20 th Meeting (COP 20) (Tirana, Albania, 17-20 December 2017), in the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard;	YELLOW								
	4. <i>Approve</i> the “Roadmap of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 Mid-Term Evaluation (2020-2021)” and the “Roadmap of the Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean Mid-Term Evaluation (2020-2021)”, as set out in Annexes II and III to the present Decision;	GREEN								
	5. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to undertake the mid-term evaluation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025;	GREEN								
	6. <i>Also request</i> the Secretariat to undertake the mid-term evaluation of the Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean;	GREEN								
	7. <i>Urge</i> Contracting Parties to support both mid-term evaluation processes by providing data and access to information for the effective and accurate monitoring of the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016–2025 and of the Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean;	GREEN								
	8. <i>Encourage</i> the Contracting Parties, in particular those which are Members of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development Steering Committee and those that have gone through the Voluntary	ORANGE								

	National Review Process at the United Nations High-level Political Forum, to participate in the third edition of Simplified Peer Review Mechanism (SIMPEER);									
	9. <i>Urge</i> further intensified efforts towards the full implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016–2025 and its flagship initiatives, in accordance with Decision IG.22/2;	YELLOW								
	10. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to launch the first edition of the Mediterranean Green Business Award, as a flagship initiative of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016–2025, in line with the concept note set out in Annex IV to the present Decision.	GREEN								
Decision IG.24/4 Assessment Studies	1. <i>Approve</i> the summary for decision makers and key messages of the 2019 Report on the State of the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean (Annexes I and II) as important input for the definition of the 2022-2027 United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) Medium-Term Strategy and other relevant policy and strategy developments of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system;	GREEN								
	2. <i>Invite</i> the Contracting Parties to take concrete steps to incorporate the concerns raised in Annexes I and II to the present Decision in their environmental policies with the support of the Secretariat;	YELLOW								
	3. <i>Encourage</i> the Contracting Parties and the Secretariat to make all possible efforts to overcome the knowledge gaps that are identified in the 2019 Report on the State of the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean;	YELLOW								
	4. <i>Endorse</i> the 2023 MED QSR roadmap and needs assessment as contained in Annex V of this Decision and <i>request</i> the Secretariat to further define in 2020, together with the Contracting Parties and CORMONs concrete requirements and deadlines of output delivery at the level of common indicators per each Contracting Party in order to ensure effective data collection and to address knowledge gaps to enable the entire MAP	GREEN								

	system to successfully deliver the 2023 MED QSR;									
	5. <i>Endorse</i> the proposed revised roadmap for the MED 2050 foresight study, as contained in Annex III of the present Decision, and <i>request</i> the Secretariat to implement the proposed roadmap;	YELLOW								
	6. <i>Encourage</i> the Contracting Parties to participate in the phase II of MED 2050 foresight study, organise on a voluntary basis national or sub-regional workshops, and nominate relevant experts or interested national stakeholders including youth representatives to contribute to the study;	YELLOW								
	7. <i>Approve</i> the elements of the Roadmap for the Consultation of Decision-Makers and Stakeholders on the First Assessment Report on the Current State and Risks of Climate and Environmental Changes in the Mediterranean (MAR 1) as set out in Annex IV of the present Decision, involving the Mediterranean Action Plan Focal Points, the Mediterranean Action Plan Components' Focal Points, and the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development;	GREEN								
	8. <i>Also request</i> the Secretariat to undertake an extensive dissemination and communication campaign for the 2019 State of the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean Report and communication on the development of the MED 2050 Foresight Study and the Mediterranean Expert Network on Climate and Environmental Changes in the Mediterranean (MedECC) in the context of relevant consultation.	GREEN								
Decision IG.24/5 Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management	1. <i>Adopt</i> the Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management, set out in Annex to the present decision, as a guiding document to facilitate the implementation of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Protocol;	GREEN								
	2. <i>Recognize</i> the living nature of the Appendix to the Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management and the need to keep it under review;	GREEN								
	3. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to continue refining the Appendix to the	YELLOW								

	Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management;									
	4. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties that have not yet done so, to ratify the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Protocol as early as possible with the view to ensuring its entry into force for the entire Mediterranean region;	YELLOW								
	5. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to continue their work in developing or updating their National Integrated Coastal Zone Management/Coastal Strategies in accordance with the provisions of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Protocol and by using the Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management as a guiding tool;	YELLOW								
	6. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to support and proceed with the introduction and implementation of Marine Spatial Planning tools in line with the ICZM Common Regional Framework and undertake to exchange best practices in the region.	YELLOW								
<u>Decision IG.24/6</u> Identification and Conservation of Sites of Particular Ecological Interest in the Mediterranean, including Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance	1. <i>Strongly encourage</i> the Contracting Parties to take significant action towards achieving in the Mediterranean Aichi Target 11, including through setting up an effective and equitable management, enhancing ecological representativeness, connectivity and integration of their marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures into the wider landscape and seascape;	YELLOW								
	2. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to elaborate an ambitious and transformational post-2020 roadmap on marine protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures in the Mediterranean, in line with the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity and other regional and global processes, and in consultation with relevant global and regional organizations, for consideration by the Contracting Parties at their 22 nd Meeting (COP 22);	YELLOW								
	3. <i>Decide</i> to set up a multidisciplinary ad hoc group of experts for marine protected areas in the Mediterranean to support the Secretariat and the Contracting Parties to progress with the 2020 and post-2020 marine protected areas agenda in the Mediterranean and to work on related issues	YELLOW								

	such as preparing guidelines, setting up definitions and measurable indicators, and tailoring global concepts and approaches to the Mediterranean context;									
	4. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to establish a directory of Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas according to Articles 16 (guidelines and common criteria), 19 (publicity, information, public awareness and education) and 23 (reports of the Parties) of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, and the Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre to elaborate criteria for inclusion of specially protected areas in the directory, for consideration by the Contracting Parties at their 22 nd Meeting (COP 22);	YELLOW								
	5. <i>Encourage</i> the Contracting Parties to promote the role of marine protected areas as reference sites under the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria;	YELLOW								
	6. <i>Decide</i> to include the Cerbère-Banyuls Marine Nature Reserve (France), the Egadi Islands Marine Protected Area (Italy), the Landscape Park Strunjan (Slovenia) and the Cetaceans Migration Corridor in the Mediterranean (Spain) in the list of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance;	GREEN								
	7. <i>Encourage</i> further cooperation and collaboration in the management and conservation of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance among Contracting Parties as well as among individual Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance, mainly through (i) technical, institutional and financial support; (ii) transfer of technology; (iii) capacity-building; (iv) best practices and experience sharing; and (v) twinning and other appropriate means;	YELLOW								
	8. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to draft the concepts in order to set up the Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance Day and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance Certificate (Mediterranean Diploma for Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance), and	YELLOW								

	submit them for consideration by the Contracting Parties at their 22 nd Meeting (COP 22);								
	9. <i>Decide</i> to include the five Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance listed below in a period of provisional nature of a maximum of six years: - Palm Islands Nature Reserve (Lebanon), - Tyre Coast Nature Reserve (Lebanon), - Kneiss Islands (Tunisia), - La Galite Archipelago (Tunisia), and - Zembra and Zembretta National Park (Tunisia);	GREEN							
	10. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to support as a matter of priority Lebanon and Tunisia in identifying and launching a set of adequate corrective measures and informing the 15 th Meeting of the SPA/BD Focal Points of the progress made, and encourage other Parties, other SPAMIs and appropriate funding mechanisms to contribute to their implementation;	YELLOW							
	11. <i>Request</i> Lebanon and Tunisia to inform the 15 th Meeting of the SPA/BD Focal Points about the identification and launching of the adequate corrective measures for these areas;	YELLOW							
	12. <i>Welcome</i> the willingness of the Environmental Fund for Mediterranean marine protected areas (The MedFund) to support the Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance in general, and in particular those included in a period of provisional nature, and encourage support and sponsorship from any other relevant donors;	GREEN							
	13. <i>Adopt</i> the updated format for the periodic review of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance, as set out in the Annex to this Decision, and <i>request</i> the Secretariat to reflect it accordingly in the online evaluation system of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance;	YELLOW							
	14. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to work with the relevant designated national	YELLOW							

Diversity in the Mediterranean, including the SAP BIO, the Strategy on Monk Seal, and the Action Plans concerning Marine Turtles, Cartilaginous Fishes and Marine Vegetation; Classification of Benthic Marine Habitat Types for the Mediterranean Region, and Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean	2. <i>Invite</i> the relevant organisations, in particular the members of the SAP BIO Advisory Committee, to contribute in developing the new Post-2020 SAP BIO;	GREEN								
	3. <i>Adopt</i> the Updated Strategy for the Conservation of Monk Seal in the Mediterranean, the Updated Action Plan for the Conservation of Mediterranean Marine Turtles, the Updated Action Plan for the Conservation of Cartilaginous Fishes (Chondrichthyans) in the Mediterranean Sea and the Updated Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine Vegetation in the Mediterranean Sea, as set out in Annexes II, III, IV and V to the present Decision;	GREEN								
	4. <i>Request</i> the Contracting Parties to take the necessary measures for the implementation of the updated Strategy and Action Plans and to report on their implementation in a timely manner, using the online Barcelona Convention reporting system;	YELLOW								
	5. <i>Also request</i> the Secretariat, to continue to provide technical support and capacity building for the full and effective implementation of the updated Strategy and Action Plans;	YELLOW								
	6. <i>Further request</i> the Secretariat to update the Action Plan for the conservation of cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea and the Action Plan for the conservation of habitats and species associated with seamounts, underwater caves and canyons, aphotic hard beds and chemo-synthetic phenomena in the Mediterranean Sea and submit them for adoption by the Contracting Parties at their 22 nd Meeting (COP 22);	YELLOW								
	7. <i>Adopt</i> the Updated Classification of benthic marine habitat types for the Mediterranean region and the Updated Reference List of Marine Habitat Types for the Selection of Sites to be included in National Inventories of Natural Sites of Conservation Interest in the Mediterranean, as set out in annexes VI and VII to the present Decision;	GREEN								
	8. <i>Encourage</i> the Contracting Parties to use the Reference List of Marine	GREEN								

	Habitat Types for the Selection of Sites to be included in National Inventories of Natural Sites of Conservation Interest in the Mediterranean, where necessary, as a basis for identifying reference habitats to be monitored at the national level under the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria.									
<u>Decision IG.24/8</u> Road Map for a Proposal for the Possible Designation of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides Pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI, within the Framework of the Barcelona Convention	1. <i>Adopt</i> the road map for a proposal for the possible designation of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an emission control area for sulphur oxides pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI, within the framework of the Barcelona Convention, set out in the Annex to the present Decision and with the view of formally submitting the proposal to the 78 th Session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC78) scheduled for 2022;	GREEN								
	2. <i>Agree</i> to finalize, based on the outcome of the further studies and the preparatory work, the development of a mutually agreed joint and coordinated proposal for the possible designation by the IMO of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an Emission Control Area for sulphur oxides pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI;	YELLOW								
	3. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to provide the necessary technical and financial support to Contracting Parties and to address any needs identified with the studies before the designation of the proposed Mediterranean Emission Control Area (Med SOx ECA);	YELLOW								
	4. <i>Agree</i> to extend the mandate of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) sulfur oxides (SOx) Emission Control Area (ECA)(s) Technical Committee of Experts, until 30 April 2021, to oversee the completion of the knowledge gathering and the preparations of further studies, notably socio-economic impacts on individual Contracting Parties <i>inter alia</i> as indicated in the Annex to the present Decision, including the development of their respective terms of reference, through correspondence coordinated by the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC), when examining the possibility of designating the proposed Mediterranean Emission Control Area (Med SOx	GREEN								

ECA);									
5. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to update the initial draft submission to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for a proposal for the possible designation of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an Emission Control Area for sulfur oxides pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI, under the guidance of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) sulfur oxides (SOx) Emission Control Area (ECA)(s) Technical Committee of Experts referred to in paragraph 4 above in line with the agreed road map;	GREEN								
6. <i>Call upon</i> the Contracting Parties to provide full support, both technically, in terms of expertise, and financially, in terms of voluntary contributions, where appropriate, to the further work of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) sulfur oxides (SOx) Emission Control Area (ECA)(s) Technical Committee of Experts in order to ensure that the above-mentioned knowledge gathering is completed and the above-mentioned further studies are carried out in a coordinated, timely and effective manner;	GREEN								
7. <i>Encourage</i> the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention to ratify and effectively implement MARPOL Annex VI, if they have not yet done so, as soon as possible;	YELLOW								
8. <i>Underline</i> the need to ensure the necessary synergy in supporting these efforts, through the technical cooperation and capacity-building activities carried out by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC), the European Commission and the European Maritime Safety Agency, in the Mediterranean region;	YELLOW								
9. <i>Request</i> also the Secretariat to prepare an information document related to the adoption of the present Decision and submit it to the next session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)'s Marine Environment Protection Committee for its consideration;	GREEN								
10. <i>Underline also</i> the need to encourage and support preparation efforts	YELLOW								

	implementation of the Guidelines, keeping in mind that they shall be without prejudice to stricter provisions and/or rules with respect to other existing or future national or international instruments or programmes;									
	7. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to report on the adoption of special measures to prevent, abate, combat and control pollution arising from offshore activities in Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), using the online Barcelona Convention Reporting System (BCRS) in line with the reporting obligations under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention, Article 30 of the Offshore Protocol and Article 23 of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean;	YELLOW								
	8. <i>Invite</i> the Contracting Parties, the Secretariat, relevant international organizations and the industry to explore a collaborative approach to strengthen the financial and human resources of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) System, with a view to establishing a sustainable and commensurate support to facilitate the implementation of the Offshore Protocol and the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan;	YELLOW								
	9. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to support the Contracting Parties in the implementation of the Offshore Protocols and the Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards, including through technical meetings, sharing of best practices and strengthening of capacities, within available resources, to also ensure a regular review of the guidelines at a frequency not less than two years and their update, as appropriate; and	YELLOW								
	10. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to continue the work and finalize the Guidelines for the Conduct of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), mandated by the Offshore Action Plan (Specific Objective 8), taking into consideration additional proposals and suggestions to be provided by the Contracting Parties, for the consideration of the next OFOG meeting during the first year of the 2020-2021 biennium, for submission to the 22 nd Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 22).	YELLOW								
Decision	1. <i>Endorse</i> the main elements and the timeline for the development of six	GREEN								

IG.24/10 Main Elements of the Six Regional Plans to Reduce/Prevent Marine Pollution from Land-Based Sources; Updating the Annexes to the LBS and Dumping Protocols of the Barcelona Convention	Regional Plans to reduce/prevent marine pollution from land-based sources as set out in Annex I to the present Decision;									
	2. <i>Establish</i> Working Groups composed of experts designated by the Contracting Parties to develop the following, on the basis of the main elements described above, and report to the 22 nd Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 22), on the basis of Terms of Reference and timeline prepared by the Secretariat and endorsed by the Bureau at its first meeting of the biennium 2020-2021: a) To upgrade the Regional plan on the reduction of BOD5 from urban wastewater in the framework of the implementation of article 15 of the Land-based Sources Protocol (Decision IG.19/7); b) To develop a new Regional Plan for Sewage Sludge Management and its technical annexes; and, c) To upgrade the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean (Decision IG.21/7);	GREEN								
	3. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to launch the formal process for updating the annexes of the LBS and Dumping Protocols, for consideration at the 22 nd Meeting of the Contracting Parties;	GREEN								
	4. <i>Establish</i> Working Groups composed of experts designated by the Contracting Parties to review the annexes and make proposals for consideration of the 22 nd Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 22), on the basis of Terms of Reference and timeline prepared by the Secretariat and endorsed by the Bureau at its first meeting of the biennium 2020-2021;	GREEN								
	5. <i>Request</i> the Contracting Parties and Partners to contribute to this process through the timely nomination of experts with adequate competencies for the working groups by this Decision.	GREEN								
Decision IG.24/11 Guidelines: Adopt-a-Beach;	1. <i>Adopt</i> the “Guidelines for the Implementation of the Adopt-a-Beach Measures in the Mediterranean” in accordance with Article 10(d) of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean, set out in Annex I to the present Decision;	GREEN								

	marine regions such as the Black Sea Commission and OSPAR;									
	8. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to explore with the International Maritime Organization steps that could be taken within their respective mandates to establish synergies with a view to enhancing cooperation and coordination in implementing their respective plans or strategies on marine plastic litter from ships as well as other relevant plans or initiatives.	YELLOW								
<u>Decision IG.24/12</u> Updated Guidelines Regulating the Placement of Artificial Reefs at Sea	1. <i>Adopt</i> the Updated Guidelines Regulating the Placement of Artificial Reefs at Sea, set out in the Annex to the present Decision, which replace the 2005 Guidelines;	GREEN								
	2. <i>Request</i> the Contracting Parties to make every effort to ensure their effective implementation, keeping in mind that the updated guidelines shall be without prejudice to stricter provisions with respect to the placement of artificial reefs in the Mediterranean Sea Area contained in other existing national or international instruments and/or programmes;	YELLOW								
	3. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to timely report on placement activities in the Mediterranean Sea Area using the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) online Barcelona Convention Reporting System;	YELLOW								
	4. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to facilitate the work of the Contracting Parties for the implementation of the Updated Guidelines, by further strengthening cooperation and synergies in this area with the London Convention and its Protocol and other relevant International Maritime Organization instruments; and by sharing information with global and regional agreements and programmes on the achievements and progress of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system in this area.	YELLOW								
<u>Decision IG.24/13</u> Development of a Set of Regional	1. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to prepare a set of regional measures to support the development of green and circular businesses and strengthen the demand for more sustainable products, according to the timeline set out in Annex I to the present Decision, as a way to support the shift to green and circular economy from traditional linear business models to innovative	YELLOW								

	cash balance up to the amount of EUR 2,945,838;									
	4. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat that in future budget preparations, potential budget scenarios should be based exclusively on the level of the assessed contributions;	YELLOW								
	5. <i>Approve</i> the assessed 2020-2021 ordinary contributions from Parties shown in Table 2 “Expected Ordinary Income” of the Annex to this Decision, which is based on the 2019-2021 scale of assessment adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its 73 rd Session in Resolution A/RES/73/271;	GREEN								
	6. <i>Request</i> the Executive Director of UNEP, in consultation with the United Nations Environment Assembly, to extend the Mediterranean Trust Fund through 31 December 2021;	GREEN								
	7. <i>Approve</i> the staffing of the Coordinating Unit including MED POL for 2020-2021 as indicated in Table 4a. “Details of Salaries and Administrative Costs of the Secretariat” in the Annex to this Decision;	GREEN								
	8. <i>Take note</i> of the staffing of REMPEC for 2020–2021 as indicated in Table 4b, “Details of Salaries and Administrative Costs of REMPEC” in the Annex to this Decision;	GREEN								
	9. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to strictly adhere to Procedure 4.2 of the Financial Rules and Procedures and pay their contributions to the MTF in the first quarter of each year to allow for the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Work;	YELLOW								
	10. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to keep up to date information on the status of Contracting Parties’ contributions to the Mediterranean Trust Fund and to continue to post it in a publicly available place on the UNEP/MAP website and report to the Bureau of the Contracting Parties in their periodical meetings on the status of unutilized resources;	YELLOW								
	11. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to adhere to nomination deadlines of their	YELLOW								

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	operational costs of the entire Secretariat including MAP Components, considering also the need for adequate MTF allocation required to effectively execute their mandates and operations.									
	18. To this aim, they <i>also request</i> the Secretariat to closely link the preparation of the 2022-2023 PoW and Budget with the process of the preparation of the new MTS 2022-2027 taking fully into consideration the three main pillars of its process mainly contents, priorities, outcomes; and to assess the adequacy of the entire MAP Barcelona Convention system to achieve new MTS objective and its financial sustainability. This may include the identification of methodologies for the calculation of the share of contributions among Parties.	YELLOW								