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Teleconference, 10-11 June 2021

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee, the 17th Meeting of the Compliance Committee of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols will be held on 10-11 June 2021 through teleconference.

2. Documentation will be provided in English and French. As per practice, pre-session documentation will not be distributed on paper. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.

3. The following proposed Provisional Annotated Agenda has been prepared by the Secretariat, in agreement with the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee, Ms. Odeta Cato, to assist the Meeting in its deliberations.

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The Chairperson of the Compliance Committee, Ms. Odeta Cato, will open the 17th Meeting of the Compliance Committee at 10:00 (Athens, UTC+3) on Thursday, 10 June 2021.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

Working Documents	UNEP/MED CC.17/1. Provisional Agenda UNEP/MED CC.17/2. Provisional Annotated Agenda UNEP/MED CC.17/3. Report of the 16th Meeting of the Compliance Committee of the Barcelona and its Protocols (Teleconference, 16-18 June 2020 and 27-28 January 2021)
Information Documents	UNEP/MED CC.17/Inf.1. Provisional List of Documents

5. In conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee, the Provisional Agenda for this session has been prepared in agreement with the Chairperson of the Committee, and includes items arising from the role of the Compliance Committee as specified in Section IV of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance and other matters related thereto.

6. The Compliance Committee is expected to review and adopt the Provisional Agenda (UNEP/MED CC.17/1) annotated in the present document (UNEP/MED CC.17/2).

7. The Compliance Committee is expected to formally adopt the Report of its 16th Meeting (Teleconference, 16-18 June 2020 and 27-28 January 2021) (UNEP/MED CC.17/3). The Report is the result of intersessional consultation and agreement among Members and Alternate Members of the Compliance Committee following the 16th Meeting of the Compliance Committee.

Agenda Item 3: Communication to the Compliance Committee under Paragraph 23.bis of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance: Proceedings

Working Document	UNEP/MED CC.17/4. Summary of Facts and Findings on the Current State of Mar Menor, including Outstanding Contributing Factors and Causes
Information Document	UNEP/MED CC.17/Inf.2. Periodic Review of the SPAMI Mar Menor

8. The 16th Meeting of the Compliance Committee (session 27-28 January 2021) concluded on the following organizational arrangements for conducting proceedings at its 17th Meeting under this

agenda item: (1) Opening segment: Introduction and opening of the discussion by the Chair of the Compliance Committee, (2) Presentation by the Rapporteur of the non-disputed facts and findings on the state of the Lagoon of Mar Menor (Murcia) and causes and contributing factors, (3) Presentation segment: Presentation by the Party concerned, (4) Discussion segment: Discussion with the Party concerned, and (5) Closure of the proceedings by the Chair of the Compliance Committee.

9. With the objective to facilitate proceedings at the present meeting, the Compliance Committee further concluded to establish a working group to work intersessionally. The result of the work carried out intersessionally by the working group is presented in document UNEP/MED CC.17/4, which provides a summary of the facts and findings on the current state of Mar Menor, including outstanding contributing factors and causes. The Compliance Committee is expected to carefully read the document prior to the meeting.

10. The Rapporteur for the communication, Orr Karassin, will introduce document UNEP/MED CC. 17/4 when presenting the non-disputed facts and findings on the state of the Lagoon of Mar Menor (Murcia) and outstanding causes and contributing factors.

11. The Compliance Committee is expected to consider the information contained in document UNEP/MED CC.17/4 and to conduct a discussion with the Party concerned.

Agenda Item 4: Effective Functioning of the Compliance Committee

Working Document	UNEP/MED CC.17/5. Outcome of the Intersessional Work of the Compliance Committee Sub-Groups on Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee

12. The outcome of the intersessional work of the Compliance Committee Sub-Groups on Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance and Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee was presented by the Facilitator of the Sub-Groups, Daniela Addis, at the 16th Meeting of the Compliance Committee (session 27-28 January 2021). Time constraints prevented the Compliance Committee from entering into a detailed discussion. The Committee concluded to defer the discussion and decision on the matter to the first day of its 17th Meeting to address key areas to improve the effectiveness of the Compliance Committee, including but not limited to: (1) Membership of the Compliance Committee, (2) Nomination and election of candidates to the Compliance Committee, (3) Criteria for the selection of candidates to the Compliance Committee and (4) Enhancement of synergies.

13. Building on document UNEP/MED CC.17/5, as tabled at the resumed session of the 16th Meeting, the Facilitator of the Sub-Groups will inform the meeting of developments since the resumed session.

14. The Compliance Committee is expected to examine the information provided in document UNEP/MED CC.17/5 in light of latest developments and conclude on the key areas to improve the effectiveness of the Compliance Committee, as well as on the draft associated proposals for adjusting accordingly its Procedures and Mechanisms, in order to forward them to COP22, so that Contracting Parties, if so decided, provide a mandate for the amendment of the Procedures and Mechanism for the biennium 2022-2023.

Agenda Item 5: 2018-2019 National Implementation Reports under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention: Submission, Timeliness, Completeness and Implementation

Working Document	UNEP/MED CC.17/6. 2018-2019 National Implementation Reports: Submission, Timeliness, Completeness and Implementation
Information Documents	UNEP/MED CC.17/Inf.3. Results of the Testing of the Criteria of Submission, Timeliness, Completeness and Implementation against 2018-2019 National Implementation Reports
	UNEP/MED CC.17/Inf.4. Status of Reporting, Key Findings and Recommendations to Promote Compliance corresponding to the 2016-2017 National Implementation Reports

15. The 16th Meeting of the Compliance Committee (session 16-18 June 2020) agreed on the criteria of submission, timeliness, completeness and implementation to be tested against the 2018-2019 national implementation reports. Following on the conclusions of the Committee, the Secretariat has tested the said criteria in coordination with INFO/RAC (UNEP/MED CC.17/Inf.3) and the methodology applied to do so and preliminary observations from that exercise are presented in document UNEP/MED CC.17/6.

16. The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED CC.17/6, and the Compliance Committee is expected to consider the information contained in it and conclude on whether to recommend to COP22 the adoption of the criteria of submission, timeliness, completeness and implementation as a screening tool for the preliminary assessment of national implementation reports.

17. At its 16th Meeting, the Compliance Committee further agreed the Secretariat to update document UNEP/MED CC.16/5 as new national implementation reports for the biennium 2016-2017 were received from Contracting Parties. An updated document was prepared (UNEP/MED CC.17/Inf.4), incorporating the information from the additional 2016-2017 national implementation reports submitted since the 16th Meeting of the Compliance Committee.

Agenda Item 6: Draft 2022-2023 Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee and Draft Elements of the 2020-2021 Activity Report of the Compliance Committee for COP22

Working Document	UNEP/MED CC.17/7. Draft 2022-2023 Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee and Draft Elements of the 2020-2021 Activity Report of the Compliance Committee for COP22

18. In preparation for COP22, the Draft 2022-2023 Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee as well as the draft elements of its 2020-2021 Activity Report for COP22 are presented in document UNEP/MED CC.17/7, which will be introduced by the Secretariat.

19. The Compliance Committee is expected: (1) to revise its draft 2022-2023 Programme of Work and recommend it for adoption to COP22, and (2) to consider the draft elements of its biennial activity report and provide guidance, as appropriate.

Agenda Item 7: Place and dates of the 18th Meeting of the Compliance Committee

20. In line with the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance and its Rules of Procedure, the Compliance Committee is expected to decide, in consultation with the Secretariat, on the dates, venue and duration of the 18th Meeting of the Compliance Committee.

Agenda Item 8: Other Matters

21. The Compliance Committee will be invited to raise any items of interest as proposed and agreed during the adoption of the provisional agenda under Item 2.

Agenda Item 9: Conclusions and Recommendations

22. Under this Agenda Item, the Compliance Committee will review and approve a set of conclusions and recommendations prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee.

23. The report of the meeting will be prepared at a later stage for approval by electronic means.

Agenda Item 10: Closing of the Meeting

24. The Meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee, at 17:30 (Athens, UTC+3) on Friday, 11 June 2021.

TIMETABLE

Thursday, 10 June 2021			
Time	**Agenda item**		**Documents**
10:00 – 12:00	1. Opening of the meeting 2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work 3. Communication to the Compliance Committee under Paragraph 23.bis of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance: Proceedings	Chairperson of the Compliance Committee Rapporteur Secretariat Compliance Committee	UNEP/MED CC.17/1 UNEP/MED CC.17/2 UNEP/MED CC.17/3 UNEP/MED CC.17/4 UNEP/MED CC.17/Inf.2
Break 30 minutes			
12:30 – 14:30	3. Communication to the Compliance Committee under Paragraph 23.bis of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance: Proceedings (cont.)	Chairperson of the Compliance Committee Rapporteur Secretariat Compliance Committee	UNEP/MED CC.17/1 UNEP/MED CC.17/2 UNEP/MED CC.17/3 UNEP/MED CC.17/4 UNEP/MED CC.17/Inf.2
14:30 – 15:30	*Lunch Break*		
15:30 – 17:30	4. Effective Functioning of the Compliance Committee	Chairperson of the Compliance Committee Facilitator Secretariat Compliance Committee	UNEP/MED CC.17/5

Friday, 11 June 2021			
Time	**Agenda item**		**Documents**
10:00 – 12:00	4. Effective Functioning of the Compliance Committee (cont.) 5. 2018-2019 National Implementation Reports under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention: Submission, Timeliness, Completeness and Implementation	Chairperson of the Compliance Committee Facilitator Secretariat Compliance Committee	UNEP/MED CC.17/5 UNEP/MED CC.17/6 UNEP/MED CC.17/Inf.3 UNEP/MED CC.17/Inf.4
Break 30 minutes			
12:30 – 14:30	5. 2018-2019 National Implementation Reports under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention: Submission, Timeliness, Completeness and Implementation (cont.) 6. Draft 2022-2023 Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee and Draft Elements of the 2020-2021 Activity Report of the Compliance Committee for COP22	Chairperson of the Compliance Committee Secretariat Compliance Committee	UNEP/MED CC.17/6 UNEP/MED CC.17/Inf.3 UNEP/MED CC.17/Inf.4 UNEP/MED CC.17/7
14:30 – 16:00	*Lunch Break*		
16:00 – 17:30	7. Place and dates of the 18th Meeting 8. Other Mattes 9. Conclusions and Recommendations 10. Closing of the Meeting	Chairperson of the Compliance Committee Rapporteur Facilitator Secretariat Compliance Committee	UNEP/MED CC.17/8