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Barcelona, Spain, 6-7 July 2010

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Introduction and meeting objectives

The first meeting of technical experts on the application of the ecosystem approach by the Mediterranean Action Plan, held in Rome, Italy on 8-9 April 2010, decided to hold a second meeting in July 2010. The objectives of the Meeting will be:

- To advance on the finalization of the assessment report;
- Agree on follow up actions with regard to the implementation of other steps of the roadmap for implementing ecosystem approach by MAP and other issues agreed at the Rome meeting, such as monitoring and assessment of effectiveness.

The second meeting will take place on 6-7 July 2010 at the Department of Environment and Housing of Catalonia Government, Barcelona, (Departament de Medi Ambient i Habitatge de la Generalitat de Catalunya, Avda Diagonal 523-525, 08029 Barcelona).

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 6 JULY 2010

Registration of participants will take place from 08.30 and delegates are kindly asked to be in the Conference Room 15 minutes before the session starts.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting (09:00-09.30)

The Meeting will be opened by Ms Maria Luisa Silva Mejias, Officer-in-Charge/Deputy Coordinator of MAP.

Agenda Item 2: Organization of the Meeting, Adoption of the Agenda (09:30-09:45)

The Rules and Procedures 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 will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the present meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

The Meeting shall elect a Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur. The Provisional Agenda (UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.350/1) annotated in the present document (UNEP(DEPI) WG.350/2) will be reviewed, amended as necessary, and adopted by the Meeting.

Simultaneous translation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting.

The Meeting is expected to adopt a list of Conclusions and Recommendations. A report of the Meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat at a later stage and sent to all participants for comments and review before its adoption.

Agenda Item 3: Review of the Assessment Report [1] (09.45-18.00)

The Secretariat will present the assessment report addressing its specific features, common issues, values, impacts, threats, gaps, and needs for the sub-regions and the whole Mediterranean, including urgent actions required.

The presentation and discussions will be organized as follows:

a) sub-regional reports for the four areas
b) the chapter on commonalities for the whole Mediterranean

With a view to ensuring coherence and synergy, as appropriate, with relevant and ongoing regional and global processes, the representatives of the international organizations present at the Meeting (UNEP, EU, etc), will be invited to share lessons from other assessments useful for implementing the ecosystem approach in the Mediterranean.

Through the discussion, the Meeting is expected to provide inputs and guidance to the Secretariat for finalizing the integrated assessment report which will be submitted to the next meeting of the group.

Working document: "Assessment Report" UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.350/3

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 7 JULY 2010

Agenda Item 4: Methodologies for defining ecological objectives (09.00-10.30)

The Secretariat will present elements for defining a methodology to identify the ecological objectives.

The Meeting is expected to provide preliminary inputs on the ways and approaches proposed and guidance to the Secretariat with a view to submitting a clear methodology for consideration by the next meeting of ecosystem approach experts, as appropriate.

Working document: Working Paper by the Secretariat: "Ecological objectives, Monitoring, Effectiveness, Timetable" UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.350/4

Agenda Item 5: Ways and means to enhance monitoring programmes and effectiveness evaluation (10:30-12:00)

The Secretariat will present monitoring challenges related to the implementation of ecosystem approach by MAP, based on the outcome of the integrated assessment report on ways and means to link, as appropriate, the current MAP effectiveness evaluation system with ecosystem approach.

The Meeting is expected to provide preliminary inputs regarding both issues and guide the Secretariat with a view to continue such discussions in the future as appropriate.

[1] The Secretariat will organize meetings on 5 July from 17:00-19.00 to facilitate in-depth discussions on the sectoral sub-regional reports prepared by MED POL, SPA/RAC and BP/RAC. The representatives of the Contracting Parties are kindly invited to attend these meetings which will be held at the same premises. These reports are the basis of the integrated report and will be not furthered discussed during the meeting.

Working document: Working Paper by the Secretariat: "Ecological objectives, Monitoring, Effectiveness, Timetable" UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.350/4

Agenda Item 6: Criteria for proposing a timetable for implementation by MAP of ecosystem approach roadmap (12:00-13:00)

Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present a detailed workplan for implementing some steps of ecosystem approach roadmap until the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2011, as well as some elements for proposing a timetable for implementing all its steps, taking into account the needs for ensuring necessary synergies with other relevant processes in the region.

The Meeting is expected to exchange views and provide guidance in planning the implementation of ecosystem approach roadmap.

Working document: Working Paper by the Secretariat: "Ecological objectives, Monitoring, Effectiveness, Timetable" UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.350/4

Agenda Item 7: Adoption of conclusions (16:00-18.30)

A full report will be prepared by the Secretariat at a later stage and sent to all participants for review and amendments as appropriate before its adoption.

The Meeting will examine, amend as appropriate, and adopt a set of draft conclusions and recommendations which will be prepared by the Secretariat as a result of the discussions.

Agenda Item 8: Closure of the Meeting (18.30)

The Chairperson will close the Meeting at 18.30 hours on Wednesday 7 July 2010.

Note:
Coffee breaks: 10.30-10.50 and 16.30-16.50 hrs
Lunch break July 6: 13.00-14.30 hrs
Lunch break July 7: 13.00-16.00 hrs (to facilitate drafting the conclusions of the meeting)