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Eighth meeting of the Compliance Committee

Athens (Greece), 21-22 October 2013

Annotated Provisional Agenda

Introduction

1. The eighth meeting of the Compliance Committee will be held at the offices of the Coordination Unit, at No. 48, Vassileos Konstantinou, 11635 Athens, Greece, from 21 to 22 October 2013. This meeting will cover the following points:

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

2. The eighth meeting of the Compliance Committee will be opened on 21 October 2013 at 9:30 am by the Chair of the Compliance Committee and the representative of the Secretariat. Mr. Didier Guiffault, legal adviser, will also attend the meeting in his capacity as rapporteur.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the provisional Agenda and organization of work

3. Decision IG 19/1 relating to the rules of procedure of the Compliance Committee in the context of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols shall apply to the work of this meeting.

4. The Compliance Committee would like to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda put forward by the Secretariat (UNEP(DEPI)/MED Compliance Committee 8/1), and also the annotated agenda set out in this document (UNEP(DEPI)/MED Compliance Committee 8/2).

5. The working languages of the meeting will be English and French.

Agenda item 3: Submission of reports by the Contracting Parties (2010-2011 Biennium)

6. The Chair will invite the Secretariat to review the situation relative to the submission of reports by the Contracting Parties pertaining to the 2010-2011 Biennium. He will also invite the Secretariat to review the outcome of the letter it sent on 3 September 2013 to those Contracting Parties which had not submitted their reports for the 2010-2011 Biennium.

7. Furthermore, he will invite those members of the Committee who have agreed to do so, to present an assessment of the 2010-2011 Biennium reports submitted by Contracting Parties to date which were not able to be presented at the last meeting. The Chair will invite Committee members to express their opinion on the presentations and the lessons to be drawn from them.

Information document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED Compliance Committee 8/3 Submission of reports for the 2010-2011 Biennium/Letter from the Secretariat to the relevant Contracting Parties.

Agenda item 4: Draft explanatory note on using the report questionnaire

8. At its seventh meeting, the Compliance Committee asked Mr. M. Prieur to prepare a draft explanatory note for the Contracting Parties to clarify how to use the questionnaire format. The Chair will invite Mr. Prieur to present this explanatory note, which will be submitted to the Committee members for discussion.

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED Compliance Committee 8/4 - Draft note on User Guide for the questionnaire format.

Agenda item 5: Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee

9. At its seventh meeting, the Committee approved the amendments to its Rules of Procedure which were submitted for examination and adoption at the 77th session of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Ankara, Turkey, 1-3 July 2013), in accordance with Article 32 of the Committee's Rules of Procedure.

10. The Bureau examined the amendments and prepared a note for the Committee in Annex III of its report, in which it detailed its proposals for modification exclusively concerning paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 4 of the Rules and requested clarification of the voting procedure described in Article 7 paragraph 1.e. The Meeting of National Focal Points (Athens, 10-12 September 2013) adopted the amendments proposed by the Bureau for Article 4 of the Rules of Procedure and the amendments proposed by the Committee for the other articles of these Rules.

11. The Chair would like to hear the opinions of the Committee members regarding the amendments proposed by the Bureau in its aforementioned note, as well as the amendments adopted by the Meeting of National Focal Points at their meeting in Athens (10-12 July 2013).

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED Compliance Committee 8/5 - Note from the Bureau of the Barcelona Convention to the Compliance Committee (Annex III of the Report of the 77th Session/1-3 July 2013)

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED Compliance Committee 8/6 - Draft Rules of Procedure adopted by the Meeting of National Focal Points (Athens, 10-12 September 2013).

Agenda item 6: Adoption of the Compliance Committee Activity Report (2012-2013 Biennium)

12. At its seventh meeting, the Committee decided that its next meeting would be dedicated in particular to the adoption of the Committee's biennial activity report prepared by its Chair. The Secretariat will invite the Chair to present the draft activity report to the Committee members for examination and adoption, with a view to submitting it to the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

13. This draft report reviews the Committee's referrals, the issues referred back by the Secretariat and general issues of non-compliance. It also reviews the situation regarding the submission of national reports for the 2010-2011 Biennium. It details the proposed amendment to Decision IG. 17/2 concerning the recognition of the Committee's power of initiative and the proposed amendments to Decision IG. 19/1 relating to its Rules of Procedure. Lastly, the draft report details the proposed work programme for the Committee for the 2014-2015 Biennium and explains the procedure for the partial renewal of its members. This draft activity report contains a recommendation to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties regarding cases of non-compliance in relation to the obligation to submit reports in accordance with Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention.

14. The Chair will invite Mr. Prieur to present this recommendation, which will be submitted for inspection and adoption by the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties. At the request of the Committee, the Secretariat has sent the first draft to the high-level authorities of those Contracting Parties which had not submitted their reports in September 2013.

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED Compliance Committee 8/7 - Draft activity report of the Compliance Committee for the 2012-2013 Biennium.

Agenda item 7: Any other business

15. The Chair of the Committee will invite the members to submit any other relevant matters for examination.

Agenda item 8: Adoption of conclusions and decisions

16. The Secretariat of the Compliance Committee will submit to its members a draft document on the conclusions and decisions of the meeting for examination and validation. The report of the eighth meeting of the Compliance Committee will be adopted definitively at a later stage, once it has been sent to the members by email.

Agenda item 9: Closure of the meeting

17. After the usual pleasantries, the Chair will declare the closure of the meeting at 5:30pm on 22 October 2013.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Monday, October 21, 2013	
9:30-10am	Opening of the Meeting Agenda items 1 & 2
10-11:15am	Agenda item 3
11:15-11:30am	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30am-12:30pm	Agenda item 3 (continued)
12:30-2pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2-4pm	Agenda items 3 & 4
4-4:15pm	<i>Coffee break</i>
4:15-5pm	Agenda items 4 (continued) & 5
Tuesday, October 22, 2013	
9:15-10am	Agenda item 6
10-11:15am	Agenda item 6 (continued)
11:15-11:30am	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30am-12:30pm	Agenda items 6 (continued) & 7
12:30-2pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2-4pm	Agenda item 7 (continued)
4-4:15pm	<i>Coffee break</i>
4:15-5:30pm	Agenda items 8 & 9