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**Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters and Adoption of the Agenda**

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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## Introduction

1. The 20<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 20), Tirana, Albania, December 2017) mandated the Secretariat to develop in line with Article 15 of the LBS Protocol of the Barcelona Convention, the main elements of six Pollution Reduction Regional Plans: Municipal Wastewater Treatment; Sewage Sludge Management; Agriculture Nutrients Management; Aquaculture Nutrients Management; Urban Storm Water Management; and Marine Litter (Decision IG.23/14).

2. The First Regional Meeting of Experts on the Six Pollution Reduction Regional Plans held in Athens, Greece in November 2018 agreed on a first draft of the main elements. The Meeting agreed to transmit the proposed main elements and timetable for preparation of the new Regional Plans to the MED POL Focal Points Meeting.

3. This Second Regional Meeting of Experts aims to review and agree on a revised draft of the main elements that includes a number of additional provisions considered of importance and relevance to development of the new Regional Plans; complementing the previously proposed provisions for the main elements, which were discussed and agreed during the First Regional Meeting. The Meeting also aims to reconfirm the timetable and way forward for the preparation and development of the new Regional Plans, proposed and agreed during the First Regional Meeting.

4. COP 20 also mandated the Secretariat to undertake a mid-term evaluation of the implementation of the existing Regional Plans, nationally and regionally. The findings and recommendations of this evaluation support the finalization of the main elements of the new Regional Plans.

5. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the Meeting in its deliberations.

## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

6. The Meeting will be opened at 09:30 on 28 May 2019 by the Deputy Coordinator of UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan – Barcelona Convention Secretariat.

### Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

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| <b>Working Documents</b>     | UNEP/MED WG.472/1/Rev.1<br>UNEP/MED WG.472/2 |
| <b>Information Documents</b> | UNEP/MED WG.472/Inf.1/Rev.1                  |

#### *a) Rules of Procedure for the Meeting on the Six Pollution Reduction Regional Plans*

7. The rules of procedure 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).

#### *b) Election of Officers*

8. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meeting will elect a President, three Vice Presidents and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties.

*c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda*

9. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.472/1/Rev.1 and annotated in the present document (UNEP/MED WG.472/2) will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the Meeting including the timetable included at the end of the present document.

*d) Organization of Work*

10. The discussions are planned to be held in two plenary sessions from 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30 during the one-day Meeting.

11. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for both sessions. All documentation will be 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.

12. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 17:30 on 28 May 2019 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

**Agenda item 3: Proposed Main Elements of the six Pollution Reduction Regional Plans**

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| <b>Working Documents</b>     | UNEP/MED WG.472/3     |
| <b>Information Documents</b> | UNEP/MED WG.472/Inf.3 |
|                              | UNEP/MED WG.472/Inf.4 |

13. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present document UNEP/MED WG.472/3 on the main elements of the six new Regional Plans on Municipal Wastewater Treatment; Sewage Sludge Management; Agriculture Nutrients Management; Aquaculture Nutrients Management; Urban Storm Water Management; and Marine Litter (upgrade).

14. The Meeting is expected to review the additional provisions on the main elements, and to provide its feedback as appropriate with the view to have the document finalized and submitted to the MED POL Focal Points Meeting for their review and approval.

**Agenda item 4: Evaluation on the Implementation of the existing Regional Plans**

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| <b>Working Documents</b> | UNEP/MED WG.472/4 |
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- a) Reduction of inputs of BOD from Urban Wastewater from in the food sector
- b) Reduction of inputs of Mercury
- c) Phasing out of POPs
- d) Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean

15. The Secretariat will introduce document (UNEP/MED WG.472/4) on the status of implementation of the legal, institutional and technical measures contained in existing Regional Plans on: (i) reduction of BOD5 from Urban Wastewater and in the Food Sector; (ii) reduction of inputs of Mercury; (iii) elimination/phase out of POPs; and (iv) management of Marine Litter .

16. The Meeting is expected to provide comments and feedback, as appropriate, with regards to information presented on the status of implementation of the existing Regional Plans, with the aim of updating these documents in line with the PoW 2018-2019 once PRTR and NBB reporting is completed.

**Agenda item 5: Proposed Timetable for Preparation of the new Regional Plans**

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| <i>Working Documents</i>     | <i>UNEP/MED WG.472/3</i>     |
| <i>Information Documents</i> | <i>UNEP/MED WG.472/Inf.4</i> |

17. The Secretariat will present the timetable for preparation of the new Regional Plans as elaborated in document UNEP/MED WG.472/3.

18. The Meeting is expected to undertake a final review and confirm the timetable and proposed plan for the preparation of the six new Regional Plans with the view to have the proposed plan and its timetable finalized and submitted to the MED POL Focal Points Meeting.

**Agenda item 6: Any other Business**

8. Under this Agenda item, participants may raise any other business related to the subject of the Meeting.

**Agenda item 7: Conclusions and Recommendations**

9. Under this Agenda item, the Meeting will review, amend and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the Meeting discussions as prepared by the Secretariat with the Rapporteur.

**Agenda item 8: Closure of the Meeting**

10. The Chair will close the Meeting at 17:30 hours on 28 May 2019.

### PROPOSED TIMETABLE

| Tuesday 28 May, 2019 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Related documents                                                                                |
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| 09:00 – 09:30        | Registration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                  |
| 09:30 – 09:45        | Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                  |
| 09:45 – 10:00        | Agenda item 2: Election of Officers, Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <i>UNEP/MED WG.472/1/Rev.1</i><br><i>UNEP/MED WG.472/2</i><br><i>UNEP/MED WG.472/Inf.1/Rev.1</i> |
| 10:00 – 12:30        | Agenda item 3: Proposed main elements of the six pollution reduction Regional Plans:<br>a) Municipal WWTP<br>b) Sewage Sludge Management<br>c) Agriculture Nutrients Management<br>d) Aquaculture Nutrients Management<br>e) Urban Storm Water Management<br>f) Marine Litter        | <i>UNEP/MED WG.472/3</i><br><i>UNEP/MED WG.472/Inf.3</i><br><i>UNEP/MED WG.472/Inf.4</i>         |
| 12:30 – 14:30        | Lunch break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                  |
| 14:30 – 15:30        | Agenda item 4: Evaluation of the implementation of the existing Regional Plans on:<br>a) Reduction of inputs of BOD from urban wastewater from in the food sector<br>b) Reduction of inputs of Mercury<br>c) Phasing out of POPs<br>d) Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean | <i>UNEP/MED WG.472/4</i>                                                                         |
| 15:30 – 16:00        | Agenda item 5: Proposed timetable for preparation of the new Regional Plans                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <i>UNEP/MED WG.472/3</i><br><i>UNEP/MED WG.472/Inf.4</i>                                         |
| 16:00 – 16:15        | Agenda item 6: Any Other Business                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                  |
| 16:15 – 17:30        | Agenda item 7: Conclusions and recommendations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                  |
| 17:30                | Agenda item 8: Closure of the Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                  |