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## MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN (MAP) REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA (REMPEC)

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Regional Expert Meeting on National Action Plans  
for the Implementation of the Regional Strategy  
for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution  
from Ships (2016-2021)

REMPEC/WG.39/1/1  
Date: 11 October 2016

Barcelona, Spain, 8-9 November 2016

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Agenda Item 1

### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DRAFT TIMETABLE

#### Note by the Secretariat

#### SUMMARY

**Executive Summary:** This document provides brief information on the action to be taken by the Meeting as well as a draft timetable for the Meeting. This timetable prepared by the Secretariat is of a tentative nature and may be modified by the Meeting, as appropriate.

**Action to be taken:** As indicated under each agenda item.

**Related document:** REMPEC/WG.39/1/Rev.1

#### Introduction

1 The Regional Expert Meeting on National Action Plans for the Implementation of the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2016-2021) is being convened in Barcelona, Spain between the 8 and 9 November 2016, pursuant to the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP)'s Programme of Work for 2016-2017 adopted by the Nineteenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean ("the Barcelona Convention") and its Protocols, which was held in Athens, Greece from 9 to 12 February 2016.

2 The principal objective of the Meeting will be to support the preparation of National Action Plans (NAPs) for the implementation of the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2016-2021), hereinafter referred to as the Regional Strategy (2016-2021), which was adopted by the Nineteenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, according to a common template including national assessment, prior to onward transmission to the Twelfth Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC), to be tentatively held in Malta in May 2017, for their review and recommendations. The Meeting will also be an opportunity to present international, regional and national perspectives on NAPs for the implementation of the Regional Strategy (2016-2021).

3 Considering the scope of the Meeting, all REMPEC Prevention and OPRC Focal Points have been invited to attend the Meeting. The invitation to participate in the Meeting has also been extended to observers from relevant regional and international organisations whose activities are linked with the implementation of the Regional Strategy (2016-2021).

4 In order to assist the Meeting in its work, the Secretariat prepared the following annotations to the proposed provisional agenda of the Meeting.

### **Opening of the Meeting**

5 The Meeting will open on Tuesday, 8 November 2016 at 0900 hours and is expected to close on Wednesday, 9 November 2016 at 1300 hours.

### **Organisation of the Meeting**

#### **Rules of Procedure**

6 The Rules of procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its related Protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the deliberations of this Meeting.

#### **Election of Officers**

**The Meeting will be invited** to elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Rapporteur.

#### **Working Languages**

7 The working languages of the Meeting will be English and French. Simultaneous English/French/English interpretation will be provided during the Meeting. All working documents will be available in both official languages of the Centre, i.e. in English and in French. Information documents will be available in their original language unless a translation is provided in the second working language.

#### **Agenda Item 1**

#### **Adoption of the Agenda**

8 The agenda, as proposed in document REMPEC/WG.39/1/Rev.1 and annotated in the present document, will be proposed for adoption by the Meeting. The Meeting will also be invited to agree on a timetable to carry out its work. A draft timetable is proposed in the Annex to the present document.

#### **Agenda Item 2**

#### **International and regional perspectives on National Action Plans for the implementation of the Regional Strategy (2016-2021)**

9 Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will provide information on NAPs for the implementation of the Regional Strategy (2016-2021), as detailed in the said Strategy.

10 The MAP representative will deliver a presentation on the lessons learned and the way forward with regard to the NAPs for the implementation of the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities ("the LBS Protocol") and its Regional Plans in the framework of the Strategic Action Programme to address Pollution from Land-Based Activities ("SAP MED") to achieve Good Environmental Status for pollution related Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) ecological objectives.

11 The representative of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) will deliver a presentation on how the NAPs for the implementation of the Regional Strategy (2016-2021) are linked with IMO efforts concerning the definition of IMO instruments compliance gaps, *inter alia* the IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS), including the IMO Instruments Implementation Code (IIC Code), IMO's plans to assist developing countries with the preparation of national maritime policies focusing on IMO related issues, and, ultimately, to define a plan of action to fill the identified gaps.

**The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided as well as to comment as deemed appropriate.

#### **Agenda Item 3**

#### **National perspectives on National Action Plans for the implementation of the Regional Strategy (2016-2021)**

12 Participants will be invited to deliver a short presentation on their national perspectives on NAPs for the implementation of the Regional Strategy (2016-2021) providing information on national Prevention and OPRC activities, including current and future projects or initiatives, as well as to share their views and expectations with regard to the preparation of their NAPs.

**The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided as well as to comment as deemed appropriate.

**Agenda Item 4**                    **Common approach for the preparation of National Action Plans for the implementation of the Regional Strategy (2016-2021)**

13        Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.39/4, which provides information on the development of a common template for the preparation of NAPs for the implementation of the Regional Strategy (2016-2021), including national assessments.

14        The Consultant will present the draft Guidance Document for the preparation of NAPs, including Common Template, List of Examples of National Actions and National Assessment Form, for the implementation of the Regional Strategy (2016-2021), hereinafter referred to as the draft Guidance Document, which is set out in the Appendix to document REMPEC/WG.39/4.

15        Through separate case studies based on two Specific Objectives of the Regional Strategy (2016-2021) respectively related to Prevention and OPRC, the Secretariat will explain how to make use, in practical terms, of the draft Guidance Document, with a view to preparing a NAP for the implementation of the said Strategy.

16        Participants will be encouraged to share their views on how to improve the draft Guidance Document so that the Consultant, in consultation with the Secretariat, may take into account the proposed comments and amendments as well as prepare a final draft prior to its submission to the Twelfth Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC, to be tentatively held in Malta in May 2017, for their review and recommendations.

**The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided as well as to comment as deemed appropriate.

**Agenda Item 5**                    **Practical session**

17        The Secretariat will introduce the practical session aimed at testing the use of the draft Guidance Document, which is set out in the Appendix to document REMPEC/WG.39/4.

18        During this practical session, participants will be invited to complete the common template for the preparation of their NAPs for the implementation of the Regional Strategy (2006-2021) as well as to share their practical experience on the use of the draft Guidance Document and provide, if required, additional comments to amend it, as appropriate.

**The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided as well as to comment as deemed appropriate.

**Agenda Item 6**                    **Other business**

19        **The Meeting will be invited** to consider any other matters that may be raised under this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 7**                    **Conclusions and recommendations**

20        Under this agenda item, the Meeting will review, amend, as appropriate, and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the meeting discussions, as prepared by the Rapporteur.

21        The report of the Meeting will be prepared and circulated after the meeting.

**Closure of the Meeting**

22        The Meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairperson at 1300 hours on Wednesday, 9 November 2016.

**Annex – Draft timetable**

<b>Day 1 – Tuesday, 8 November 2016</b>		
08:30 – 09:00	<i>Registration of the participants</i>	
09:00 – 09:15	Opening of the Meeting	
09:15 – 09:30	Agenda Item 1	Adoption of the Agenda
09:30 – 11:00	Agenda Item 2	International and regional perspectives on National Action Plans for the implementation of the Regional Strategy (2016-2021)
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:30 – 13:00	Agenda Item 3	National perspectives on National Action Plans for the implementation of the Regional Strategy (2016-2021)
13:00 – 14:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:30 – 16:00	Agenda Item 4	Common approach for the preparation of National Action Plans for the implementation of the Regional Strategy (2016-2021)
16:00 – 16:30	<b>Coffee break</b>	
16:30 – 18:00	Agenda Item 4 (cont.)	Common approach for the preparation of National Action Plans for the implementation of the Regional Strategy (2016-2021)

<b>Day 2 – Wednesday, 9 November 2016</b>		
09:00 – 11:00	Agenda Item 5	Practical session
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:30 – 11:45	Agenda Item 6	Other business
11:45 – 12:45	Agenda Item 7	Conclusions and recommendations
12:45 – 13:00	Closure of the Meeting	