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

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Regional Meeting of National Experts  
on the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, and Response to  
Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) (Remote Meeting)

REMPEC/WG.49/3/2  
Date: 27 January 2021

Malta, 10 March 2021

Original: English

Agenda Item 3

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DRAFT TIMETABLE**

**Note by the Secretariat**

**SUMMARY**

**Executive Summary:** This document provides brief information on the actions 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.

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

**Related documents:** REMPEC/WG.49/3/1, REMPEC/WG.49/5, REMPEC/WG.49/7

**Annotated provisional agenda and draft timetable**

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

**Agenda Item 1 Opening of the Meeting**

2 The Meeting will open on Wednesday, 10 March 2021 at 0900 hours and is expected to close at 1700 hours.

**Agenda Item 2 Organisation of the Meeting**

**2.1 Rules of Procedure**

3 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.

**2.2 Election of Officers**

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

**2.3 Working Languages**

4 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 3**                    **Adoption of the Agenda**

5        The agenda, as proposed in document REMPEC/WG.49/3/1 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 4**                    **Methodology and consultation process**

6        Under this agenda item, the Secretariat of the Meeting will introduce document REMPEC/WG.49/INF.3, providing an overview of the Comparative analysis between relevant strategies and action plans, National Action Plans for the implementation of the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2016-2021).

7        The Secretariat of the Meeting will then present the outcome of the Online surveys completed by Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and members of the Brainstorming Group composed of representatives from the International Maritime Organization (IMO), UNEP/MAP, the European Union, REMPEC and IPIECA, presented in the document REMPEC/WG.49/INF.4.

**Agenda Item 5**                    **Draft Strategy**

8        The Secretariat of the Meeting will introduce the Second Draft Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) reproduced in REMPEC/WG.49/5.

9        **The Meeting will be invited** to examine and comment on the proposed conclusions and recommendations on the Draft Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031) put forward by the Secretariat under document REMPEC/WG.49/7, based on the feedback received on the draft recommendations and conclusions disseminated by the Secretariat in preparation of the meeting.

**Agenda Item 6**                    **Draft Action Plan**

10       The Secretariat of the Meeting will introduce the proposed Action Plan of the Draft Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031) reproduced in appendix to REMPEC/WG.49/5, as well as the document REMPEC/WG.49/INF.5 presenting the links between the Draft Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031) and its Action Plan and other regional and international goals and objectives.

11       **The Meeting will be invited** to examine and comment on the proposed conclusions and recommendations on the Action Plan of the Draft Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031) put forward by the Secretariat under document REMPEC/WG.49/7, based on the feedback received on the draft recommendations and conclusions disseminated by the Secretariat in preparation of the meeting.

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

12       **The Meeting will be invited** to examine and comment the conclusions and recommendations, as amended by the Meeting as laid down in document REMPEC/WG.49/WP.1.

**Agenda Item 8**                    **Closure of the Meeting**

13       The Meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairperson at 1700 hours on Wednesday, 10 March 2021.

**Annex – Draft timetable**

| <b>Wednesday, 10 March 2021</b> |   |                                      |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 08:30 – 09:00                   | <i>Registration of the participants</i> |                                      |
| 09:00 – 09:30                   | Agenda Item 1                           | Opening of the Meeting               |
| 09:30 – 09:45                   | Agenda Item 2                           | Organisation of the Meeting          |
|                                 | Agenda Item 3                           | Adoption of the Agenda               |
| 09:45 – 10:15                   | Agenda Item 4                           | Methodology and consultation process |
| 10:15 – 10:30                   | <b><i>Break</i></b>                     |                                      |
| 10:30 – 12:00                   | Agenda Item 5                           | Draft Strategy                       |
| 12:00 – 13:30                   | <b><i>Lunch</i></b>                     |                                      |
| 13:30 – 15:00                   | Agenda Item 6                           | Draft Action Plan                    |
| 15:00 – 16:00                   | <b><i>Break</i></b>                     |                                      |
| 16:00 – 16:30                   | Agenda Item 7                           | Conclusions and recommendations      |
| 16:30 – 17:00                   | Agenda item 8                           | Closure of the Meeting               |