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

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Meeting of National Experts on the  
Revision of the Regional Strategy for  
Prevention and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships

REMPEC/WG.36/3/2  
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Malta, 11-12 March 2015

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Agenda Item 3

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**Note by the Secretariat**

**SUMMARY**

**Executive Summary:** This document provides brief information on the action to be taken by the Meeting.

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

**Related documents:** REMPEC/WG.36/3/1 and REMPEC/WG.36/3/3.

**Introduction**

1. The Meeting of National Experts on the Revision of the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2005-2015) has been convened in Malta between the 11 and 12 March 2015, pursuant to the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP)'s Programme of Work for 2014-2015 adopted by the 18<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (Barcelona Convention) and its Protocols, (Istanbul, Turkey, 3-6 December 2013) is partly financed by a voluntary contribution from the Government of Malta to REMPEC activities.

2. The principal objective of the Meeting will be to discuss and agree on the Draft Revised Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2016-2021), hereinafter referred to as "the Draft Revised Regional Strategy (2016-2021)".

3. All REMPEC Prevention and OPRC Focal Points have been invited to nominate jointly and in consultation with all national authorities concerned their representatives in the Meeting. The invitation to attend the Meeting was also extended to observers from relevant international organizations, MAP Partners, and concerned industries whose activities are relevant for the work of REMPEC.

4. The Draft Revised Regional Strategy (2016-2021) agreed to by the Meeting of National Experts on the Revision of the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2005-2015), will be submitted to the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC, scheduled to be tentatively held in Malta, between 15 and 17 June 2015, for further review.

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

**Agenda Item 1**            **Opening of the Meeting**

6. The Meeting of National Experts on the Revision of the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2005-2015) will open on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 09.00 hours and is expected to close on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 17.00hrs.

**Agenda Item 2**            **Organization of the Meeting**

**2.1**    **Rules of Procedure**

7. 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**

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

**2.3**    **Working Languages**

9. The working languages of the Meeting will be English and French. Simultaneous English/French/English interpretation will be provided during the Meeting, however, during the Group discussions interpretation services will be limited. 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 has been provided in the second working language.

**Agenda Item 3**            **Adoption of the Agenda**

10. The agenda, as proposed in document REMPEC/WG.36/3/1 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 document REMPEC/WG.36/3/3.

**Agenda Item 4**            **Synthetic report on the Assessment of the Implementation of the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2005-2015)**

11. The Head office of REMPEC will present document REMPEC/WG.36/4 entitled "Synthetic report on the Assessment of the Implementation of the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2005-2015)", which contains an Assessment of the Implementation of the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2005-2015) based on the Contracting Parties' response and proposes a set of recommendations, which were taken into consideration when drafting the Draft Revised Regional Strategy (2016-2021).

**The Meeting will be invited** to comment and take note of the information provided in the Synthetic report on the Assessment of the Implementation of the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2005-2015).

**Agenda Item 5**            **Comparative Report on ongoing and existing Mediterranean, European and international strategies / sectorial action plans / initiatives on marine environment protection**

12. The Head office of REMPEC will present document REMPEC/WG.36/5, which contains a comparative analysis of existing Mediterranean ((e.g. MAP Phase II, Draft UNEP/MAP's Mid-Term Strategy (2016-2021), Ecosystem Approach (EcAp), Revision of Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD), Regional Strategy on Ships' Ballast Water Management, Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management, Draft Offshore Protocol Action Plan), European (e.g. European Maritime Safety Agency Action Plan, Union Civil Protection Mechanism) and International (e.g. IMO Member State Audit Scheme, IMO Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme priorities) strategies/sectorial action plans/initiatives on marine environment protection, and a set of recommendations on potential

synergies which were considered in the preparation of the Draft Revised Regional Strategy (2016-2021).

**The Meeting will be invited** to comment and take note of the information provided in the Comparative Report on ongoing and existing Mediterranean, European and international strategies/sectorial action plans/initiatives on marine environment protection and take action as deem appropriate.

**Agenda Item 6**                    **Introduction to the Draft Revised Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2016-2021)**

13. The consultant will introduce document REMPEC/WG.36/6, entitled "Draft Revised Regional Strategy for Prevention and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2016-2021)", which includes realistic objectives to be achieved by 2021, as well as a set of implementation goals, a timetable for its implementation, an estimated budget for its implementation, and a list of relevant international Conventions and European legislation.

**The Meeting will be invited** to comment the structure and the introduction part of the document REMPEC/WG.36/6 as well as the proposed General Objectives.

**Agenda Item 7**                    **Group discussions on the Draft Revised Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2016-2021)**

14. The Secretariat of the Meeting will facilitate the discussions on the Specific Objectives and the associated Annexes of the Draft Revised Regional Strategy (2016-2021) related to Prevention of Marine Pollution from Ships on one hand and to Response to Marine Pollution from Ships on the other hand, to be carried out in two separated Groups (Prevention and Response).

**The Meeting will be invited** to examine and comment within the respective Groups, the part of the Draft Revised Regional Strategy (2016-2021) related to Prevention of Marine Pollution from Ships on one hand and to Response to Marine Pollution from Ships on the other hand.

**Agenda Item 8**                    **Outcome of the Group discussions on the Draft Revised Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2016-2021)**

15. The Rapporteur nominated by each Group, with the support of the Secretariat of the Meeting, will present the results and conclusions of the Group discussions on the Draft Revised Regional Strategy (2016-2021).

**The Meeting will be invited** to examine and comment the outcome of the Group discussions on the Draft Revised Regional Strategy (2016-2021).

*Following the Plenary Session under Agenda Item 8, the Secretariat will prepare a reviewed version of the Draft Revised Regional Strategy (2016-2021). The Meeting will be reconvened at 3pm on Thursday 12 March 2015.*

**Agenda Item 9**                    **Consideration and adoption of the Draft Revised Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2016-2021)**

16. A reviewed version of the Draft Revised Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2016-2021) will be submitted to the participants for consideration and adoption.

**Agenda Item 10**                    **Closure of the Meeting**

17. The Meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairperson at 17.00 hours on Thursday, 12 March 2015.