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

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Second Coordination Meeting on the Mediterranean  
Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response  
to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)

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**Agenda item 1: Adoption of the Agenda**

**Annotated provisional agenda and draft timetable**

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### **Note by the Secretariat**

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.

## **Introduction**

1. The Second Coordination Meeting on the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031), is being convened in Malta on 21 November 2024, in accordance with the Decision IG.25/16 on the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031), adopted by the Twenty-second 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 (COP 22) (Antalya, Turkey, 7-10 December 2021).
2. The objectives of the Meeting will be:
  - .1 to report and assess the progress made in the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031);
  - .2 to define priority actions and propose related activities for the following biennium;
  - .3 to approve the Guidance Document on the Preparation of National Action Plans for the Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031); and
  - .4 to define roles and responsibilities for the implementation of the proposed activities and establish operational and strategic synergies, through specific partnership agreements, if required, by coordinating parallel initiatives and processes to ensure the capitalisation of past and ongoing efforts, with a view to increasing the effectiveness of the resources and expertise mobilised to meet the Common Strategic Objectives of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031).
3. In accordance with the Practical arrangements for the management and implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031), the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC), in its capacity of Secretariat of the Meeting, invited the following to attend the meeting:
  - .1 Experts on the prevention of, and response to marine pollution from ships from members of the Bureau of Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;
  - .2 Relevant national, regional and international organisations, institutions and agencies as observers; and
  - .3 Accredited UNEP/MAP Partners as observers.
4. In line with the 2017 UN Secretary General’s System-wide Strategy on Gender Parity, the participation of female gender representatives was encouraged, to contribute to joint efforts towards gender-balanced participation.
5. 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**

6. The Meeting will open on, Thursday 21 November 2024 at 0900 hours (Malta local time or CET) and is expected to close on Thursday, 21 November 2024 at 1800 hours (Malta local time or CET).

### **Organisation of the Meeting**

#### **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.

#### **Election of Officers**

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

#### **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. 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**

10. The agenda, as proposed in document REMPEC/WG.58/1 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 Work of the Intersessional Working Groups**

11. The Secretariat will present the work undertaken to establish the seven Intersessional Working Groups (IWGs) and provide a summary of the initial reports of those IWGs that were operationalised, as presented in document REMPEC/WG.58/2. The five completed IWG reports, and the corresponding joint workplans are presented in REMPEC/WG.58/ INF.2.
12. The meeting will be invited to note the reporting from the seven Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031) IWGs.

### **Agenda item 3 Biennial Review Report**

13. The Secretariat will present the Biennial Review Report which assesses the progress and effectiveness of the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031), identifying suggested areas for improvement, as laid down in document REMPEC/WG.58/3.
14. The Meeting will be invited to take note and consider the information provided.

**Agenda item 4 Draft guidance Document on the Preparation of National Action Plans for the Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031)**

15. The Conclusions and Recommendations from the Regional Workshop Regional Workshop on the Preparation of National Action Plans for the Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031), hereinafter referred to as the Workshop, to be held on 20 November 2024, will be presented.
16. The Draft Guidance Document on the Preparation of National Action Plans for the Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031), prepared by REMPEC, as revised and approved by the Workshop, will be presented for consideration and approval by the Meeting. Document REMPEC/WG.58/4, provides the Draft guidance Document, prepared by REMPEC, in preparation for the Workshop. Any amendments approved by the Workshop will be presented as a REMPEC/WG.58/WP. 2 paper (as necessary).

**Agenda item 5 Priority actions for the biennium 2026-2027 and beyond**

17. The Secretariat will recall that according to the practical arrangements for the management and implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031), the outcome of the meeting will be considered for the preparation of the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work (PoW) and Budget to be submitted to the Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC for its review, to the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points for its approval and to the Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols for its adoption. Relevant national, regional and international organisations, institutions and agencies, and accredited UNEP/MAP Partners will be encouraged to build their respective programme of work taking into account the outcome of the meeting.
18. The meeting will be invited to consider the joint work plans submitted by the IWGs, as presented in REMPEC/WG.58/5.
19. The meeting will be invited to consider recommendations from the IWGs and suggested priorities for the next biennium, in the context of preparation for the upcoming mid-term review of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031).
20. The Meeting will also be invited to discuss and agree upon priority actions for the elaboration of the PoW 2026-2027 and assist relevant national, regional and international organisations, institutions and agencies, and accredited UNEP/MAP Partners, in the definition of their respective programmes.

**Agenda item 6 Roles and responsibilities for the implementation of the proposed actions for the biennium 2026-2027 and beyond: Coordination / Synergy Activities**

21. A number of MAP Partners and interested Stakeholders will provide information on ongoing projects and opportunities for cooperation within the framework of the Mediterranean Strategy 2022-2031.
22. Considering the outcome of the discussion under agenda items 2, 3 and 5, the Meeting will be invited to discuss:
  - .1 the roles and responsibilities for the implementation of the proposed actions for the biennium 2026-2027.
  - .2 the establishment of operational and strategic synergies, through specific partnership agreements, if required, by coordinating parallel initiatives and processes to ensure the capitalisation of past

and ongoing efforts, with a view to increasing the effectiveness of the resources and expertise mobilised to meet the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031) objectives.

**Agenda item 7 Reporting and monitoring procedure**

23. The meeting will be invited to discuss the reporting and monitoring procedure for the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031), considering the discussions under agenda items 2, 3, 4 and 5 and consider how this should be undertaken in future biennium.
24. The meeting is invited to consider the proposal for the establishment of restructured Intersessional Working Groups to support the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031), as set out in REMPEC/WG.58/7.

**Agenda item 8 Gender and Youth Mainstreaming**

25. The Meeting will be invited to lay the groundwork for the development of a Gender and Youth Mainstreaming Framework , drawing on global and regional best practices and tailoring them to the unique needs and challenges of the Mediterranean region. The primary objective will be to present and discuss the development of a policy framework within the context of the Mediterranean Strategy 2022-2031. This framework should aim to ensure that gender and youth considerations are integrated into all aspects of the Strategy, promoting equality, inclusivity and empowerment throughout the Mediterranean region, as presented in REMPEC/WG.58/8.

**Agenda item 9 Other business**

26. The Meeting will be invited to consider any other matters that may be raised under this agenda item; and Contracting Parties as well as partner organisations will have the opportunity to present parallel initiatives, projects and processes.

**Agenda Item 10 Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations**

27. The draft conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting will be submitted under the document REMPEC/WG.58/WP.1, for their consideration and adoption, as amended by the Meeting.

**Closure of the Meeting**

28. The Meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairperson on Thursday, 21 November 2024 at 1800 hours (Malta local time or CET).

**Annex**  
**Draft timetable**

<b>Thursday, 21 November 2024</b>		
<i>08:30 – 09:00</i>	<i>Registration</i>	
<i>09:00 – 09:30</i>		Opening of the Meeting
		Organisation of the Meeting
	Agenda Item 1	Adoption of the Agenda
<i>09:30 – 10:30</i>	Agenda Item 2	Work of the Intersessional Working Groups
<i>10:30 – 11:00</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	
<i>11:00 – 11:45</i>	Agenda Item 3	Biennial Review Report
<i>11:45 – 12:30</i>	Agenda Item 4	Draft Guidance Document on the Preparation of NAPs
<i>12:30 – 14:00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	
<i>14:00 – 14:45</i>	Agenda Item 5	Priority actions for the biennium 2026-2027 and beyond
<i>14:45 – 15:30</i>	Agenda Item 6	Roles and responsibilities for the implementation of the proposed actions for the biennium 2026-2027 and beyond
<i>16:00 – 16:30</i>	Agenda Item 7	Reporting and Monitoring
<i>16:30 – 17:00</i>	Agenda Item 8	Gender and Youth Mainstreaming
<i>17:00 – 17:15</i>	Agenda Item 9	Other Business
<i>17:15 – 17:45</i>	Agenda Item 10	Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations
<i>17:45 – 18:00</i>		Closure of the Meeting
<i>18:00</i>	<b>End of the Meeting</b>	