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Nineteenth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and Sixteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region

Virtual, 28-30 July 2021

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. The Nineteenth Intergovernmental Meeting (IGM) on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme (CEP) and Sixteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region is convened virtually from 28th to 30th July 2021.
2. This Meeting proposes to review the achievements of the Caribbean Environment Programme during 2019- 2020 and to review and approve the Draft Workplan and Budget of the Cartagena Convention Secretariat for the 2021-2022 biennium.
3. The Secretariat, on behalf of the CEP Governments and Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention, has convened the Meeting to:
 - **Evaluate** the projects and activities implemented within the framework of the Caribbean Environment Programme during the period 2019-2020;
 - **Review** the progress made in the implementation of the Decisions of the Eighteenth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and Fifteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region, held in Roatán, Honduras, 5 to 6 June 2019;
 - **Review** and **adopt** the Decisions of the Eleventh Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region held virtually, 27 July 2021;

For reasons of economy and the environment, Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of the Working and Information documents to the Meeting, and not to request additional copies.

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- **Review** and **adopt** the Decisions of the Fifth Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS) in the Wider Caribbean Region, held virtually, 26 July 2021;
 - **Review** and **approve** the Draft Workplan and Budget for Cartagena Convention Secretariat for the 2021-2022 Biennium, including activities of the Regional Activity Centres; and
 - **Decide** on the composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Bureau of Contracting Parties for the 2021-2022 Biennium.
4. National focal points or their designated representatives of all States and Territories participating in the Caribbean Environment Programme and the Commission of the European Union are invited to attend the Meeting. Other States that have demonstrated concern for the protection of the marine environment of the Wider Caribbean Region, UN and non-UN regional and international organisations, NGOs, donors and private sector representatives participating or interested in the Caribbean Environment Programme are also invited to attend the Meeting as Observers. Regional and international experts may also be invited to make special presentations to the Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. The Meeting will be opened on Wednesday, 28 July 2021 at 7:30 a.m. (GMT -5) through virtual means. Opening statements will be made by Honourable Pearnel Charles Jnr., Ministry of Housing, Urban Renewal, Environment and Climate Change of Jamaica as host of the Cartagena Convention Secretariat, Her Excellency Liliam Lizeth Rivera Hipp, Ministry of Ministry of Energy, Natural Resources, Environment and Mining of Honduras as outgoing chair, Honourable Kirk D. M. Humphrey, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy of Barbados, as the host of the meeting, as well as Ms. Joyce Msuya, Deputy Executive Director of UN Environment Programme.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING

2.1 Rules of Procedure

6. The Rules of Procedure for the Meetings of the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (Cartagena Convention) (UNEP, 2010) will apply for the conduct of the Meeting.

2.2 Election of Officers

7. The Meeting shall elect from amongst its participants the following officers: the Chairperson, three Vice- Chairpersons and a Rapporteur. These officers will form the Bureau of Contracting Parties for the period until the Twentieth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan and Seventeenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties the Cartagena Convention is convened. The President of the Bureau shall also serve as Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee.

Action: The Meeting is being asked to approve by acclamation the members of the Bureau.

2.3 Organisation of Work

8. English, French and Spanish will be the working languages of the Meeting. Simultaneous interpretation in these languages will be provided by the Secretariat for the plenary sessions. The working documents of the Meeting will be available in all working languages. The Meeting will also adopt its hours of work and such other arrangements of a procedural or organisational nature as may

be deemed necessary. The Provisional List of Documents of the Meeting is presented in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.45/INF.1.

Action: The Meeting is being asked to adopt the hours of work and other procedural and organisational matters.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

9. The Meeting will consider the Provisional Agenda that has been circulated by the Secretariat as document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.45/1 and introduce such changes as it deems appropriate.

Actions: The Meeting is being asked to: (a) note any amendments proposed to the Agenda by Delegates (if any); and (b) adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended.

AGENDA ITEM 4: REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE MONITORING COMMITTEE AND PRESIDENT OF THE BUREAU OF CONTRACTING PARTIES

10. The outgoing Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee and the President of the Bureau of Contracting Parties, who is one and the same, from the Government of Honduras will present their Report for the period 2019-2020 as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.45/INF.5.

Action: The Meeting is being invited to review and make comments on the Chairperson's Report as deemed necessary.

AGENDA ITEM 5: REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WORKPLAN AND PROGRAMME AND BUDGET (2019-2020)

11. The Secretariat will invite the Government of Colombia as depositary for the Cartagena Convention to provide the Meeting with a report on any ratifications and/or accessions that took place during the period 2019-2020.

12. The Secretariat will present the Report of the Executive Director of UN Environment Programme on the Implementation of the Workplan and Budget for 2019-2020, as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.45/INF.4. Emphasis will be placed on the response to the Decisions of the Eighteenth Intergovernmental Meeting and Fifteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties (5-6 June 2019, Roatán, Honduras). This presentation will include highlights by the Secretariat on the work carried out by the technical Sub-programmes of the CEP (i.e. Pollution – AMEP and Marine Biodiversity – SPAW) with a more detailed presentation about the Communications Sub-programme, CETA) and the overall budget expenditure and personnel status.

13. A representative from the Regional Activity Centre/Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Information and Training Centre RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe will be invited to make a presentation on the work done within the framework of the Oil Spills Protocol, and in collaboration with the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

14. The Secretariat will present the Summary of the Cartagena Convention Reports from Contracting Parties and the Revised Cartagena Convention Reporting Template. Additional questions recommended from the LBS STAC will be presented for inclusion and consideration by the COP.

Action: The Meeting will be invited to provide comments to the report of the Executive Director as appropriate and provide specific comments on the implementation of the work plan and budget for 2019-2020 and to seek clarification on any aspect of the Report where necessary. Agreement will also be sought regarding the revised reporting template, and how to ensure that all parties provide national reports on their implementation of the Convention during each biennium.

AGENDA ITEM 6: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FOR THE 2021-2022 BIENNIUM

15. The Secretariat will present the document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.45/INF.3, entitled “Strategic and Functional Review of the Cartagena Convention Secretariat” for the 2021–2022 Biennium.
16. The Secretariat will present the document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.41/INF.22 Rev.1, entitled “Caribbean Environment Programme: Draft Regional Strategy for the Protection and Development Of The Wider Caribbean Region 2020-2030 – Implementing the Cartagena Convention and Supporting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.
17. The Secretariat will present the document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.45/INF.6, entitled “Sustainable Blue Economy SBE) – A Crucial Solution for a Sustainable Future in the Caribbean” for the 2021 – 2022 Biennium.
18. The Secretariat will present the document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.40/INF.4, entitled “CLME+ Paper on the Coordination Mechanism (Status of the development of a permanent Coordinating and Financing Mechanism for improving Oceans Governance in the Wider Caribbean Region) (Updated May 13, 2019)”.

Action: The Meeting is being invited to make additional observations on the implications of the findings and recommendations of these reports for the implementation of the workplan for 2021-2022 and to seek clarification on any aspect of the Reports where necessary.

AGENDA ITEM 7: DRAFT WORKPLAN AND BUDGET FOR THE CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE 2021-2022 BIENNIUM

19. The Secretariat will present the document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.45/3, entitled “Draft Workplan and Budget for the Caribbean Environment Programme for the 2021-2022 Biennium.”

Action: The Meeting is being invited to: (a) make additional comments on the 2021-2022 Draft Workplan and Budget; and (b) approve the Workplan and Budget as presented or as amended by the Meeting.

Action: The Meeting is invited to agree on any further actions and/or decisions relating to the information documents presented.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE MONITORING COMMITTEE ON THE ACTION PLAN FOR THE CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE 2021-2022 BIENNIUM

20. The Meeting will be invited to decide on the composition of the Monitoring Committee for the 2021-

2022 period. Eight Governments will be elected to the membership of the Monitoring Committee, recalling that the President of the Bureau of Contracting Parties, elected under Agenda Item 2, will serve as the Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee and thus as the ninth member.

Action: The Meeting is being invited to decide on the composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Bureau of Contracting Parties for the 2021-2022 Biennium.

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

21. The participants of the Meeting will be invited to raise any other matter not covered by the preceding Agenda items, but relevant to the scope of the Meeting. Invited observers may also be invited to make short presentations of relevance to the IGM.

- Review the *Presentation by NOAA/Trinidad and Tobago on Project to Track Oil Spills*;
- Review the *Presentation on Economic Valuation/Natural Resource Accounts Project in the UK Overseas Territories with potential for replication in other Small Island Developing States (SIDS)*;
- Review the *Technical Presentation on the Barbados' Approach to Establishing a Blue Economy*.

Action: The Meeting is being invited to note the various interventions and to decide on appropriate follow-up actions.

The Meeting will be invited to set a date and venue for the Twentieth Intergovernmental Meeting (IGM) on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and Seventeenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention or to agree that arrangements will be determined based on future consultations by the Secretariat.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADOPTION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE MEETING

22. The draft Decisions of the Meeting (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.45/5) will be presented by the Rapporteur for review and adoption by the Meeting, with amendments and corrections as appropriate.

Actions: The Meeting is being invited to: (a) adopt the Decisions with amendments and corrections as appropriate; and (b) agree on a period for submission of final comments and finalization of the Decisions and Meeting Report.

The Meeting is being invited to:

- Adopt the Decisions of the Eleventh Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW);
- Adopt the Decisions of the Fifth Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS) in the Wider Caribbean Region;
- Agree on any further actions and/or decisions in response to the recommendations and decisions of the Meetings of the three Protocols to the Cartagena Convention.

AGENDA ITEM 11: CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

23. Upon the conclusion of discussions on the preceding Agenda items, the Meeting will be brought to a close with statements by the representative of the Government of Barbados as Host of the Meeting, and the Principal Coordination Officer of the Caribbean Environment Programme and of the

Secretariat of the Cartagena Convention. The Meeting is expected to close by 4:30 p.m. on 30 July 2021.