



**Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of
the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects**

General Assembly Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole

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United Nations, New York**

FORMAT

Methods of work

1. The fifth meeting of the General Assembly Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole is convened pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/70 of 9 December 2013. In paragraph 243 of the resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to convene the meeting on 31 March 2014, with a view to assessing the ongoing work of the first cycle of the first global integrated marine assessment and to providing any recommendations to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session, including on the source of funding for issuance of the summary of the first global integrated marine assessment as an official document of the General Assembly.
2. Pursuant to paragraph 204 of General Assembly resolution 65/37 A of 7 December 2010, the meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole are open to Member States and Observers of the United Nations. In accordance with past practice of the United Nations, relevant intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council will be invited to participate in the meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole. Relevant scientific institutions and major groups identified in Agenda 21 that either have consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or, are accredited to the roster for the Commission on Sustainable Development, will also be invited to participate.
3. The meeting will be coordinated by two Co-Chairs, Mr. João Madureira (Portugal) and Ms. Fernanda Millicay (Argentina), representing, respectively, developed and developing countries, appointed by the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with regional groups.
4. Pursuant to paragraphs 205 and 206 of resolution 66/231, paragraph 229 of resolution 67/78 and paragraph 242 of resolution 68/70, the Co-Chairs will be assisted by the members of the Bureau who have been appointed by their respective regional groups.

Agenda

5. The Co-Chairs will propose a provisional agenda and an organization of work, including a timetable, for the meeting.



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Outcome

6. In accordance with the mandate of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole as set out in paragraph 243 of resolution 68/70, the Co-Chairs will propose that the outcome of the meeting consist of a set of suggested recommendations to the General Assembly, including on the source of funding for issuance of the summary of the first global integrated marine assessment as an official document of the General Assembly, which will form part of a brief procedural report.

7. The Co-Chairs, in consultation with the Bureau, will prepare draft recommendations for consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole. The recommendations adopted by the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be transmitted by the Co-Chairs to the President of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly.