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

Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the General Assembly

**United Nations Headquarters, New York
17 to 18 April 2017**

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Monday, 17 April 2017

10am-1pm

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The Co-Chairs will open the proceedings and make opening remarks.
2. The Secretary-General or his representative will make opening remarks.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (the Regular Process) will be invited to consider and adopt the agenda for the meeting.

Item 3. Organization of work

4. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting. The agenda items may be advanced depending on the progress made in the discussions.

Item 4. General statements

5. The Co-Chairs will invite participants to make statements of a general nature.

Item 5. Report of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole

6. The Co-Chairs will report on the activities of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process since the last meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, including, in relation to, awareness-raising, development of a mechanism to establish a Pool of Experts for the second cycle of the Regular Process, and on the process to facilitate the designation of national focal points, pursuant to paragraphs 290, 311 and 312 of resolution 71/257, respectively.



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7. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider and take note of the report.

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Item 6. Regional workshops, including elements for Guidelines for workshops to assist the Regular Process

8. The programme of work for the period 2017-2020 for the second cycle of the Regular Process, which was adopted by the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process at its meeting from 3 to 9 August 2016 and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 71/257 of 23 December 2016 on “Oceans and the Law of the Sea” (paragraph 299), envisages a total of ten regional workshops to be held in two rounds beginning from the second half of 2017 and continuing into 2018. These workshops will serve to, inter alia, raise awareness, provide information, and receive feedback on the First Global Integrated Marine Assessment (“World Ocean Assessment I”), generate interest from the scientific community, contribute to capacity-building and inform the scoping and preparation phases and the collection of regional-level information and data for the preparation of the assessment(s) of the second cycle.

9. Workshops during the first cycle were held within the framework of Guidelines for workshops to assist the Regular Process (A/A66/189, Annex II), which had been adopted by the General Assembly during the first cycle of the Regular Process (paragraph 202 of resolution 66/231) upon the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole (A/66/189). In order to facilitate the holding of workshops for the second cycle of the Regular Process, the Bureau requested the Group of Experts to review the applicability of the Guidelines to the first round of regional workshops of the second cycle of the Regular Process since the focus of the workshops is different from those of the first cycle. In that regard, the Group of Experts was requested to either revise the Guidelines, or prepare new Guidelines as required. The Group of Experts has prepared elements for new Guidelines.

10. Following an introduction of the elements for Guidelines for workshops to assist the first round of workshops of the second cycle of the Regular Process, the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider the elements for Guidelines.



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Item 7. Consideration of the Technical Abstracts in accordance with the programme of work for the period 2017-2020 for the second cycle of the Regular Process

11. Pursuant to paragraphs 299 and 307 of General Assembly resolution 71/257, the Group of Experts prepared three Technical Abstracts based upon World Ocean Assessment I and, in particular, upon the Summary of that Assessment, which was approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/235 of December 2015.

12. These Abstracts have been prepared in accordance with the programme of work for the period 2017-2020 for the second cycle of the Regular Process. That programme of work sets out the two Outputs of the second cycle, namely, a second World Ocean Assessment(s) and Regular Process support for other ocean-related intergovernmental processes, including the preparation of Technical Abstracts specifically tailored to meet the needs of the following: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction; and a third one relevant to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea. It is noted that the eighteenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process will focus its discussions on the theme “The effects of climate change on oceans”.

13. The Joint Coordinators of the Group of Experts, Mr. Renison Ruwa and Mr. Alan Simcock, will introduce the Technical Abstracts and be invited to respond to any comments or questions raised by participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole.

14. Pursuant to paragraph 317 of General Assembly resolution 71/257, the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider the Technical Abstracts.

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Item 8. Revised terms of reference and working methods for the Group of Experts

15. Pursuant to paragraph 310 of General Assembly resolution 71/257, the Group of Experts was requested to, inter alia, review, for their applicability to the second cycle of the Regular Process, the terms of reference and working methods for the Group of Experts of the first cycle (A/67/87, Annex III) which had been adopted by



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the General Assembly during the first cycle of the Regular Process (paragraph 222 of resolution 67/78) upon the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole (A/67/87) and to modify them, as appropriate, so as to ensure, among other things, continuous full membership and engagement by the members of the Group of Experts and inform the Bureau for subsequent endorsement by the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole.

16. The Group of Experts prepared revised terms of reference and working methods for the Group of Experts. The Joint Coordinators will present the terms of reference and working methods of the Group of Experts.

17. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider and adopt the terms of reference and working methods for the Group of Experts.

Item 9. Other matters

18. Delegations will be invited to raise any other matters if they so wish.

Item 10. Closure of the meeting

19. The meeting will be closed by the Co-Chairs.