



**Regular process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects**

**General Assembly Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole**

**27 and 28 June 2011  
United Nations, New York**

**FORMAT**

**Methods of work**

1. The second meeting of the General Assembly Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole is convened pursuant to General Assembly resolution 65/37 B of 4 April 2011. In paragraph 7 of the resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to convene the meeting on 27 and 28 June 2011. The resolution mandates the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole to address outstanding issues identified in the report of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole (A/65/759), with a view to enabling the first cycle of the first global integrated assessment to proceed, and to provide recommendations to the General Assembly for consideration at its sixty-sixth session.
2. Pursuant to paragraph 204 of resolution 65/37 A of 7 December 2010, the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be open to Member States and Observers of the United Nations. In addition, 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. Relevant scientific institutions and major groups identified in Agenda 21 may request an invitation to participate in the meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole.
3. Pursuant to paragraph 207 of resolution 65/37 A, the meeting will be coordinated by two Co-Chairs, Donatus St Aimee (St Lucia) and Renée Sauvé (Canada), representing, respectively, developing and developed countries, appointed by the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with regional groups.
4. Each regional group was invited to nominate a representative to the “Friends of the Co-Chairs” to assist the Co-Chairs during the first meeting. “Friends of the Co-Chairs” nominated by the regional groups were: Walter Schuldt (Ecuador), Jacqueline Kemunto Mosei (Kenya), Abdul Hameed (Pakistan) and Kent Blom (Sweden). Unless otherwise notified, these representatives will continue to assist the Co-Chairs in this regard during the second meeting.

**Agenda**

5. The Co-Chairs will propose a provisional agenda and a programme 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 7 of resolution 65/37 B, the Co-Chairs will propose that the outcome of the meeting consist of a set of suggested recommendations to the General Assembly, annexed to a brief procedural report.

7. The Co-Chairs, in consultation with the Friends, will prepare draft recommendations for consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole. Delegations will have the opportunity to propose amendments to the draft recommendations. 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-sixth session of the General Assembly.