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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

United Nations Headquarters, New York
8 to 11 September 2015

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Tuesday, 8 September 2015

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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

5. The Co-Chairs will report on the activities and progress in the context of the Regular Process and in particular on the activities of the Bureau since the last meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole.

Item 5. Consideration of the first global integrated marine assessment, including its summary

6. Following introductory remarks by the Co-Chairs, the Group of Experts will present the first global integrated marine assessment including the process of preparing it. The advance and unedited draft chapters of the first global integrated marine assessment were made available to all participants in the Working Group, while the Summary is available as document A/70/112.



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7. Delegations will be given the opportunity to make General Statements.
8. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider the first global integrated marine assessment, including its summary.

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Item 5. (continued.)

9. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will continue its consideration of the first global integrated marine assessment, including its summary.

Wednesday, 9 September 2015

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Item 5. (continued)

10. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will continue its consideration of the first global integrated marine assessment, including its summary.

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Item 6. Consideration of lessons learned from the first global integrated marine assessment of the Regular Process

11. Following introductory remarks by the Co-Chairs, the Joint Coordinators of the Group of Experts will be invited to report on the Group of Experts periodic self-evaluation of its work in order to enhance its performance, including the lessons learned by the Group of Experts during the first cycle of the Regular Process, and in the preparation of the first global integrated marine assessment, as well as present their recommendations thereon. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider lessons learned by the Working Group, including from the perspective of members of the Bureau. The secretariat of the Regular Process will be invited to present its lessons learned.

12. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider all the lessons learned.



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Thursday, 10 September 2015

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Item 6. (continued)

13. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will continue its consideration of the lessons learned from the first global integrated marine assessment.

Item 7. Consideration of the way forward for the Regular Process

14. The Co-Chairs will recall that the General Assembly in resolution 64/71 had decided that in the first cycle, the scope would focus on establishing a baseline, while in subsequent cycles, the scope of the Regular Process would extend to evaluating trends. The length, scope, objectives and guiding principles of future cycles would be determined by the General Assembly following the completion of the first cycle. At that time, the modalities for the evaluation of the process and its products would also be reviewed by the Assembly.

15. The Joint Coordinators of the Group of Experts will be invited to present the Group of Experts' post-assessment evaluations of outcomes and products of the first cycle, including, in relation to future assessments, capacity-building, resource needs, strengthening the science-policy interface, communications strategies and awareness raising needs.

16. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider the way forward for the Regular Process, following the completion of the first cycle.

3 p.m.– 6 p.m.

Item 7. (continued)

17. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will continue its consideration of the way forward for the Regular Process, following the completion of the first cycle.

Friday, 11 September 2015

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Item 7. (continued)

18. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will continue its consideration of the way forward for the Regular Process, following the completion of the first cycle.



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Item 8. Adoption of recommendations to the seventieth session of the General Assembly

19. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider and adopt recommendations to be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration at its seventieth session under the agenda item entitled, “Oceans and the law of the sea”.

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Item 8. (continued)

20. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will continue its consideration and adoption of recommendations to be submitted to the General Assembly.

Item 9. Other matters

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

Item 10. Closure of the meeting

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