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Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole

Second Informal Open Meeting

United Nations Headquarters, New York

10 June 2016

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Friday 10 June 2016

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The Co-Chairs will open the proceedings and make opening remarks. The Co-Chairs will also report on the intersessional activities of the Bureau of 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 since the first informal open meeting held on 6 May 2016.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

2. The informal open meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider and adopt the agenda for the meeting.

Item 3. Consideration of views on lessons learned from the first cycle of the Regular Process and the way forward towards implementation of the second cycle.

3. Pursuant to paragraph 283 of General Assembly resolution 70/235, the seventh meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group of the Whole is mandated to provide recommendations to the General Assembly on the follow-up to the First Global Integrated Marine Assessment (“the Assessment”), the implementation of the second cycle of the Regular Process, including its budget and duration, and any adjustments that might be necessary in the light of lessons learned from the first cycle, including with regard to resource requirements, before the end of the seventieth session of the Assembly, and taking into full consideration the discussions on lessons learned and the way forward.

4. The Co-Chairs will recall the discussions of the first informal open meeting of 6 May 2016 on lessons learned, and that the views on lessons learned received by the



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secretariat pursuant to paragraph 282 of General Assembly resolution 235, were made available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea for those Member States, observers and other participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group who provided their consent for the secretariat to publicize their views.

5. In support of the consideration of this and subsequent agenda items, the informal open meeting will be invited to build upon the preliminary discussions of the first informal open meeting on a way forward with a view to providing policy guidance on the required elements on such a way forward. In this context, consideration would also need to be given to actions required in relation to the follow up to the Assessment, including in respect of capacity-building.

(i) Scope and duration of the second cycle of the Regular Process

6. The Co-Chairs will recall that in paragraph 280 of General Assembly resolution 70/235, the Assembly recalled its decision in paragraph 177 of its resolution 64/71 that, in the first cycle, the scope of the Regular Process would focus on establishing a baseline and, in subsequent cycles, extend to the evaluation of trends.

7. The Co-Chairs will also recall that in paragraph 274 of General Assembly resolution 70/235, the Assembly encouraged States, and invited relevant intergovernmental organizations to take the Assessment fully into account as part of various processes, such as the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, and recognized the supporting role of the Assessment in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

8. The Co-Chairs will note that, in paragraph 275 of General Assembly 70/235, the Assembly recalled the importance of ensuring that assessments, such as those prepared under the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Regular Process, support one another and avoid unnecessary duplication, and the importance of taking into account assessments at the regional level.

9. The Co-Chairs will recall the views expressed by Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations regarding the scope and duration of the second cycle of the Regular Process.

10. Delegations will be invited to consider the scope and duration of the second cycle, taking into account the elements on the way forward arising from the views on lessons learned, and also bearing in mind the inventory of available information on recent and ongoing assessments and other processes at the regional and global levels relevant to the Regular Process.



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(ii) Resource requirements for the second cycle of the Regular Process

11. Pursuant to paragraph 285 of General Assembly resolution 70/235, the Secretary-General is mandated to review the resource requirements for the second cycle of the Regular Process and report to Member States in advance of the seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole.

12. The Co-Chairs will recall that, in paragraph 279 of General Assembly resolution 70/235, the General Assembly noted the significant human and financial resource constraints under which the first cycle of the Regular Process was conducted, and in paragraph 278 of the same resolution, expressed its concern about the difficulty in raising sufficient funds for the Regular Process.

13. The Co-Chairs will recall the views expressed by Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations related to resources and funding of the Regular Process, including those expressed during the first informal open meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole. Delegations will be invited to consider the resource requirements for the second cycle, taking into account the elements on the way forward arising from the views on lessons learned and the way forward.

Item 4. Establishment of, and support to, the Group of Experts.

14. The Co-Chairs will recall that the General Assembly in paragraph 287 of its resolution 70/235, requested the Secretary-General to invite the Chairs of the regional groups to constitute a group of experts, ensuring adequate expertise and geographical distribution, comprising a maximum of 25 experts, with no more than five experts per regional group, for the duration of the second cycle of the Regular Process, taking into account the desirability of some degree of continuity, and in accordance with the terms of reference of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process. The Co-chairs will update the meeting on the progress in the nomination of experts to the Group of Experts since the first informal open meeting, including the geographical distribution and distribution of subject-matter expertise.

15. Delegations will be invited to consider the modalities for the establishment of the full complement of the Group of Experts, initial functions to be performed, as well as possible working methods, taking into account the views on lessons learned and the elements on the way forward, as well as the scope and duration of the second cycle of the Regular Process.

Item 5. Other matters

16. The Co-Chairs will invite Delegations to raise other matters if they so wish, in particular with regard to the following:



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- i. Any additional inputs on the consideration of available information on recent and ongoing assessments and other processes at the regional and global levels relevant to the Regular Process.
- ii. Any additional comments on the consideration of views on lessons learned from the first cycle of the Regular Process and the way forward towards implementation of the second cycle.
- iii. Any other matters.

Item 6. Closure of the meeting

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