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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
3 to 9 August 2016

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Wednesday, 3 August 2016

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

5. The Co-Chairs will report on the activities of the Bureau since the last meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole.
6. The Co-Chairs will introduce the members of the Group of Experts that have been nominated thus far for the second cycle of the Regular Process. Due to budgetary constraints, those members, apart from the Joint Coordinators, will only be in attendance for the first three days of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole. They will also be meeting in the margins of the Working Group in order to, inter alia, appoint their Joint Coordinators.



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3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Item 5. Consideration of lessons learned from the first cycle of the Regular Process and the way forward, including with regard to resource requirements

6. Pursuant to paragraph 282 of General Assembly resolution 70/235, the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole was requested to continue the consideration of lessons learned from the first cycle of the Regular Process with a view to the implementation of the second cycle, including by inviting Member States, observers and other participants in the Working Group, through the Co-Chairs, to contribute by sending their views in writing to the Bureau and convening one or more informal open meetings with Member States, observers and other participants in the Working Group. The Bureau was also requested to inform the Working Group at its seventh meeting of the views received and to circulate that information in advance of the seventh meeting of the Working Group.

7. Following introductory remarks by the Co-Chairs, the Co-Chairs will present the Abstract, prepared and made available by the Secretariat of the Regular Process, on lessons learned from the first cycle of the Regular Process and the way forward towards implementation of the second cycle. The Abstract was prepared on the basis of the views provided through written submissions by Member States and other participants in the Working Group on the lessons learned from the first cycle of the Regular Process and the way forward, the views expressed during the informal open meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole held on 6 May and 10 June 2016, and those expressed during the sixth meeting of the Working Group, held from 8 to 12 September 2015. It is available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at: www.un.org/depts/los/rp. The aforementioned written submissions are also available on the same website.

8. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to take note of the Abstract and consider the way forward towards implementation of the second cycle under agenda item 6.

Item 6. Implementation of the second cycle of the Regular Process, including its budget and duration

9. Based on the information contained in the Abstract and discussions in the Bureau, a draft programme of work for the implementation of the second cycle of the Regular Process, presented by the Co-Chairs in consultation with the members of the Bureau, is made available to the participants of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at: www.un.org/depts/los/rp.



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10. Following the presentation of the draft programme of work by the Co-Chairs, the Working Group will also be invited to provide any further views on the way forward and the implementation of the second cycle, including its scope and duration, in light of the draft programme of work.

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10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Item 6. (continued)

11. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will continue its consideration of the way forward and the implementation of the second cycle in light of the draft programme of work.

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Item 6. (continued)

12. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will continue its consideration of the way forward and the implementation of the second cycle in light of the draft programme of work.

Friday, 5 August 2016

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Item 6. (continued)

13. Pursuant to paragraph 285 of resolution 70/235, the Secretary-General was requested to review the resource requirements for the second cycle of the Regular Process and to report to Member States in advance of the seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole. The secretariat will be invited to present the Secretary-General's report on the resource requirements for the second cycle of the Regular Process.

14. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider the Secretary-General's report on the resource requirements for the second cycle of the Regular Process in light of the discussions on the draft programme of work.



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3 p.m.– 6 p.m.

Item 6. (continued)

15. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will continue its consideration of the Secretary-General's report on the resource requirements for the second cycle of the Regular Process.

16. The Joint Coordinators of the Group of Experts of the second cycle will be invited to address the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole.

Monday, 8 August 2016

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Item 6. (continued)

17. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will continue its consideration of the Secretary-General's report on the resource requirements for the second cycle of the Regular Process.

Item 7. Adoption of recommendations to the seventieth session of the General Assembly

18. The Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will prepare, for the consideration of the Working Group, draft recommendations to be submitted before the end of the seventieth session of the General Assembly for its consideration at its seventy-first session under the agenda item entitled, "Oceans and the law of the sea".

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Item 7. (continued)

19. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider the draft recommendations prepared by the Bureau of the Working Group with a view to adopting them for submission to the General Assembly for its consideration at its seventy-first session under the agenda item entitled, "Oceans and the law of the sea".



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Tuesday, 9 August 2016

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Item 7. (continued)

20. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will continue its consideration of recommendations to be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration at its seventy-first session under the agenda item entitled, “Oceans and the law of the sea”.

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Item 7. (continued)

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

Item 8. Other matters

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

Item 9. Closure of the meeting

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