



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

General Assembly Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole

**22 to 26 April 2013
United Nations, New York**

FORMAT

Methods of work

1. The fourth meeting of the General Assembly Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole is convened pursuant to General Assembly resolution 67/78 of 11 December 2012. In paragraph 231 of the resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to convene the meeting from 22 to 26 April 2013, 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-eighth session.
2. Pursuant to paragraph 204 of General Assembly resolution 65/37 A of 7 December 2010, the meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole are open to Member States and Observers of the United Nations. 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. The meeting will be coordinated by two Co-Chairs, Mr. João Madureira (Portugal) and H.E. Mr. Camillo Gonsalves (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines), representing, respectively, developed and developing countries, appointed by the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with regional groups.
4. Pursuant to paragraph 205 and 206 of resolution 66/231 and paragraph 229 of resolution 67/78, the Co-Chairs will be assisted by the members of the Bureau who have been appointed by their respective regional groups.

Agenda

5. The Co-Chairs will propose a provisional agenda and an organization of work, including a timetable, for the meeting.

Outcome

6. In accordance with the mandate of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole as set out in paragraph 231 of resolution 67/78, the Co-Chairs will propose that the outcome



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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 Bureau, will prepare draft recommendations for consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole. 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-eighth session of the General Assembly.