



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

Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the General Assembly

The Sixteenth Meeting (by correspondence)

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The sixteenth meeting 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 (the “Regular Process”) will be declared open on 21 March 2022 via a letter from the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole addressed to all participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

2. The above-mentioned letter will include the provisional agenda of the meeting and place a decision of the sixteenth meeting on the adoption of the agenda under a silence procedure until 5 P.M. (New York time) on 28 March 2022.

Item 3. Report of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole

3. The Co-Chairs will circulate a note providing information on the activities of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process since the fifteenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole. Any views on such information may be provided in writing no later than midnight (New York time) on Monday, 4 April 2022.

Item 4. Consideration of the four brief documents of the Second World Ocean Assessment (WOA II) and the preliminary timetable and implementation plan for the third cycle of the Regular Process (2021-2025)

4. The draft preliminary timetable and implementation plan for the third cycle of the Regular Process (2021-2025), and the four brief documents of the second World Ocean Assessment (WOA II) have been made available on the website of the Regular Process (<https://www.un.org/regularprocess/events/sixteenth-meeting-date-be-confirmed>). The topics covered in the brief documents are (i) Climate Change, (ii) Marine Biodiversity, (iii) United Nations Decade for Ocean Science and Sustainable Development and United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, and (iv) Sustainable Development Goal 14. Any comments on these documents may be provided in writing no later than midnight (New York time) on Monday, 4 April 2022. For the four brief documents of WOA II, comments should be provided using

the template made available on the website of the Regular Process. The documents under consideration will be revised in light of the comments received and then placed under the silence procedure, together with the responses from the Group of Experts to all the comments received.

Item 5. Adoption of recommendations to the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly

5. In light of the written submissions received, the Bureau will prepare draft recommendations to the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly, for consideration for submission under the agenda item entitled “Oceans and the law of the sea”, on the draft preliminary timetable and implementation plan for the third cycle of the Regular Process (2021-2025), and the four brief documents of the second World Ocean Assessment (WOA II). The Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will then place a decision of the sixteenth meeting on “Adoption of recommendations to the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly” under a silence procedure of at least 72 hours.