

## Notification

### **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**

#### Convening of the thirteenth meeting (by correspondence)

Pursuant to paragraph 327 of General Assembly resolution 74/19 of 10 December 2019 on “Oceans and the law of the sea”, the thirteenth 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”) is to be held on 9 and 10 September 2020.

In that resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to convene the thirteenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole with a view to providing recommendations to the General Assembly on progress in the implementation of the second cycle and on the draft programme of work and resource requirements for the third cycle of the Regular Process.

Due to the constraints imposed on the conduct of in-person meetings at UN Headquarters and further to the letter dated 13 August 2020 from the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the proposed modalities for the conduct of the thirteenth meeting of the Working Group, and after consultation with the concerned delegations, Member States, observers and other participants in the Ad Hoc Work Group of the Whole are hereby informed that the modalities of the thirteenth meeting will be set forth as follows:

- (i) The thirteenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be declared open on 9 September 2020 via a letter from the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole which will also place a decision of the thirteenth meeting on the item “*Adoption of the agenda*” under a silence procedure **until 5 p.m. on 14 September 2020**.
- (ii) The Report by the Bureau and the information provided by the Group of Experts concerning the progress in the implementation of the second cycle will be circulated to Member States and other participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole by correspondence in advance of the opening of the meeting. Any views on such information may be provided in writing **no later than 16 September 2020**.

- (iii) Comments on the draft programme of work and resource requirements for the third cycle of the Regular Process, which have been circulated to all participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on 10 August 2020, should be submitted by email to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs ([doalos@un.org](mailto:doalos@un.org); [temnova@un.org](mailto:temnova@un.org); [legesseh@un.org](mailto:legesseh@un.org)) **no later than 16 September 2020**.
- (iv) In light of the written submissions received, draft recommendations to the General Assembly on the progress in the implementation of the second cycle and on the draft programme of work and resource requirements for the third cycle of the Regular Process will be prepared by the Bureau. The Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will then place a decision of the thirteenth meeting on “*Adoption of recommendations to the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly*” under a silence procedure of at least 72 hours.
- (v) An informal virtual meeting may be held through MS Teams platform to facilitate the informal exchange of views if necessary. No decisions will be taken as a result of the informal virtual meeting.

#### *Documents*

The documentation for the thirteenth meeting relative to the draft programme of work and resource requirements for the third cycle of the Regular Process has been circulated to all participants to the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on 10 August 2020, and it can also be retrieved from the website of the Regular Process at (<https://www.un.org/regularprocess/content/ad-hoc-working-group-whole>). Remaining documentation will be circulated to delegations in advance of the opening of the meeting.

#### *Participants to the thirteenth meeting (by correspondence)*

All Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations, specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations, relevant intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council are kindly requested to communicate to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs ([doalos@un.org](mailto:doalos@un.org); [temnova@un.org](mailto:temnova@un.org); [legesseh@un.org](mailto:legesseh@un.org)) the **names and email addresses** of their representatives attending the thirteenth meeting (by correspondence), with “the thirteenth AHWGW meeting (by correspondence) of the Regular Process” in the subject line, **no later than 8 September 2020**.

Other non-governmental organizations, that is relevant scientific institutions and major groups identified in Agenda 21, wishing to attend the thirteenth meeting (by correspondence) should send a request for invitation to the Division for Ocean Affairs and

the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs ([doalos@un.org](mailto:doalos@un.org); [temnova@un.org](mailto:temnova@un.org); [legesseh@un.org](mailto:legesseh@un.org)), indicating the **names and email addresses** of their representatives who would attend the meeting, with “the thirteenth AHWGW meeting (by correspondence) of the Regular Process” in the subject line, **no later than 4 September 2020**.