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# **General Assembly**

## **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 Seventeenth Meeting**

**United Nations Headquarters, New York**

**1 to 2 November 2022**

#### **FORMAT**

#### **Methods of work**

1. The seventeenth meeting of the General Assembly 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, is convened pursuant to General Assembly resolution 76/72 of 9 December 2021 on “Oceans and the law of the sea”. In paragraph 331 of the resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to convene, in 2022, up to two meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of no more than two days total duration for each meeting. The sixteenth meeting from 21 March to 1 September 2022, which was held in correspondence due to the constraints imposed on the conduct of in-person meetings at the United Nations Headquarters, considered, inter alia, the four brief documents of the second World Ocean Assessment and the preliminary timetable and implementation for the third cycle of the Regular Process (2021-2025). The seventeenth meeting from 1 to 2 November 2022 will be held with a view to, inter alia, provide recommendations to the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session on the implementation of the programme of work of the third cycle of the Regular Process. The General Assembly encourages the widest possible attendance of participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group.

2. Pursuant to paragraph 204 of General Assembly resolution 65/37 A of 7 December 2010 on “Oceans and the law of the sea”, 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 in the meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole. 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.



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3. The meeting will be coordinated by the Co-Chairs, Ms. Yolannie Cerrato (Honduras) and Mr. Mark Zellenrath (Netherlands) representing developing and developed countries respectively, appointed by the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with regional groups.

#### **Agenda**

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

#### **Outcome**

5. In accordance with the mandate of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, the Co-Chairs will propose that the outcome of the meeting consist of a set of recommendations to the General Assembly.

6. 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 seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly.