



**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 Thirteenth Meeting (by correspondence)

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

1. 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”) will be declared open on 9 September 2020 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

3. The above-mentioned letter will place a decision of the thirteenth meeting on the adoption of the agenda under a silence procedure until 5 P.M. on 14 September 2020.

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

5. 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 twelfth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, including in relation to the preparation of the draft programme of work and resource requirements for the third cycle on 8 September 2020. Any views on such information may be provided in writing no later than 16 September 2020.

Item 4. Information from the Group of Experts on the progress in the finalization of the second world ocean assessment

6. At its twelfth meeting on 29 and 30 July 2019, the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole took note of the progress in the implementation of the revised preliminary timetable and implementation plan for the second cycle of the Regular Process.

7. The Joint Coordinators of the Group of Experts, Mr. Renison Ruwa and Mr. Alan Simcock, and the assistant to the Joint Coordinators, Mr. Jörn Schmidt, will circulate a note providing information on the progress in the finalization of the second world ocean assessment on 8 September 2020. Any views on such information may be provided in writing no later than 16 September 2020.

Item 5. Lessons learned from the second cycle

8. Pursuant to paragraph 319 of General Assembly resolution 74/19, the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole was requested to consider the lessons learned from the second cycle of the Regular Process, including with regard to the duration of the cycle and its outputs, on the basis of input received from Member States and other participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group and the Group of Experts, as well as from the secretariat. The Bureau was also requested to inform the Working Group at its thirteenth meeting of the views received and to circulate that information in advance of the thirteenth meeting of the Working Group.

9. A compilation of all written input received from Member States and other participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on lessons learned from the second cycle, as well as the written input by the Group of Experts and by the secretariat on lessons learned from the second cycle are available on the website of the Regular Process at <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/content/second-cycle-regular-process/lessons-learned>.

10. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to take into account the lessons learned from the second cycle when considering the draft programme of work and resources requirements for the third cycle.

Item 6. Draft programme of work for the third cycle

11. The General Assembly, in paragraph 318 of resolution 74/19, decided to launch the third cycle of the Regular Process to cover five years, from 2021 to 2025. The General Assembly also requested the Bureau, with the assistance of the Group of Experts and the secretariat, to develop a draft programme of work for the third cycle, on the basis of the possible outcomes and building blocks of the third cycle prepared by the Bureau and endorsed by the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole at its twelfth meeting and taking into account lessons learned from the second cycle, and to report to Member States in advance of the thirteenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole.

12. The draft programme of work for the third cycle prepared by the Bureau pursuant to paragraph 318 of resolution 74/19 has been circulated to Member States, observers and other participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole by the secretariat on 10 August 2020. The draft programme of work for the third cycle is available on the website of the Regular Process at: <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/events/thirteenth-meeting>.

13. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider the draft programme of work for the third cycle and to submit any comments by email to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (doalos@un.org; temnova@un.org; legesseh@un.org) no later than 16 September 2020.

Item 7. Preliminary resource requirements for the third cycle

14. In paragraph 320 of resolution 74/19, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare the resource requirements for the third cycle of the Regular Process on the basis of the draft programme of work for the third cycle, to be developed in the intersessional period by the Bureau, and to report to Member States in advance of the thirteenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole.

15. The preliminary resource requirements for the third cycle of the Regular Process prepared in light of the above-mentioned requests of the General Assembly has been circulated to Member States, observers and other participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole by the secretariat on 10 August 2020. The preliminary resource requirements for the third cycle is available on the website of the Regular Process at: <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/events/thirteenth-meeting>

16. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider the preliminary resource requirements for the third cycle and to submit any comments by email to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (doalos@un.org; temnova@un.org; legesseh@un.org) no later than 16 September 2020.

Item 8. Recommendations to the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly

17. In light of the written submissions received, the Bureau will prepare draft recommendations to the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly, for consideration for submission under the agenda item entitled “Oceans and the law of the sea”, 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. 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.