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

Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole

United Nations Headquarters, New York

23 to 24 August 2018

FORMAT

Methods of work

1. The eleventh 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 72/73 of 5 December 2017 on “Oceans and the law of the sea”. In paragraph 330 of the resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to convene, in 2018, two meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of no more than four days total duration, the tenth meeting on 28 February and 1 March 2018 to approve the outline of the second world ocean assessment, and the eleventh meeting on 23 and 24 August 2018, with a view to providing recommendations to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session on the preparation of that assessment, which is to be carried out in the second cycle and on the implementation of the second cycle. 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.

3. The meeting will be coordinated by the Co-Chairs, Ms. Juliette Babb-Riley (Barbados) and Ms. Minna Liina Lind (Estonia) representing developing and developed countries respectively, appointed by the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with regional groups.



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4. Pursuant to paragraphs 205 and 206 of resolution 66/231, paragraph 229 of resolution 67/78 and paragraph 305 of resolution 71/257, 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, a provisional annotated 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 330 of resolution 72/73, the Co-Chairs will propose that the outcome of the meeting consist of a set of recommendations to the General Assembly.

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 seventy-third session of the General Assembly.