

General Assembly Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole to recommend a course of action to the General Assembly on the regular process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects

**31 August – 4 September 2009
United Nations, New York
(Conference Room 1)**

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Monday, 31 August 2009

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, or his designated representative, will open the proceedings.
2. The Co-Chairpersons will make opening remarks.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole is invited to consider and to adopt the agenda for the meeting. The schedule of agenda items is indicative: agenda items may be advanced depending on the progress made in the discussions.

Item 3. Organization of work

4. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole is invited to consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting.

Item 4. General exchange of views

5. Delegations are respectfully requested to limit their interventions to no more than five minutes.

3 – 6 p.m.

Item 5. Consideration of the report on the results of the “assessment of assessments”

6. The General Assembly, in its resolution 60/30, launched the start-up phase, the “assessment of assessments”, as a preparatory stage towards the establishment of the regular process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment,

including socio-economic aspects (the “Regular Process”). For that purpose, the General Assembly established the Ad Hoc Steering Group to oversee the execution of the “assessment of assessments” and the Group of Experts to undertake the actual work, and invited the United Nations Environment Programme and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO to jointly undertake the role of lead agencies, under the guidance of the Ad Hoc Steering Group. The resolution also called, in paragraph 94(d), for the preparation by the lead agencies of a report on the results of the “assessment of assessments” for the General Assembly. That report was transmitted by the two lead agencies to the Secretary-General in May 2009 and is reproduced in document A/64/88.

7. Document A/64/88 contains the report of the fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Steering Group and reflects a summary of the information provided in the comprehensive “assessment of assessments” report prepared by the Group of Experts.

8. The General Assembly, in its resolution 63/111, established the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole to recommend a course of action to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session, based on the outcomes of the fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Steering Group referred to above.

9. It is proposed that the consideration of the report on the results of the “assessment of assessments” (A/64/88) commence with brief presentations followed by question and answer sessions, as outlined in paragraphs 10-17 below.

Item 5 (a). “Assessment of assessments”: general introduction and presentation of the outcomes of the Ad Hoc Steering Group

10. It is proposed that a general introduction to the “assessment of assessments” be provided through presentations by:

- The representatives of the lead agencies (IOC of UNESCO and UNEP);
- The Co-Chairpersons of the Ad Hoc Steering Group (Ms. Elva Escobar (Mexico); Mr. Peter Harris (Australia)).

11. The presentations will be followed by a question and answer session.

Item 5 (b). Presentation of the report of the Group of Experts

12. It is proposed that following a presentation by the Co-Chairpersons of the Group of Experts, each of the main chapters of the comprehensive “assessment of assessments” report be presented by the respective experts of the Group of Experts. A summary of the comprehensive “assessment of assessments” report is reflected in the report on the results of the “assessments of assessments” (A/64/88).

- Introduction of the report on the “assessment of assessments” (Chapter 1);
- Definitions and analytical framework, including map of the “assessment of assessments” regions (Chapter 2).

13. The presentations will be followed by a question and answer session.

Tuesday, 1 September 2009

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Item 5 (b). Presentation of the report of the Group of Experts (continued)

14. Experts will continue to make presentations on:

- Findings of the “assessment of assessments” (Chapter 3);
- Regional perspectives;
- Best practices (Chapter 4).

15. The presentations will be followed by a question and answer session.

3 – 6 p.m.

Item 5 (b). Presentation of the report of the Group of Experts (continued)

16. Experts will continue to make presentations on:

- Framework and options for the Regular Process (Chapter 5).

17. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

Wednesday, 2 September 2009

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Item 6. Consideration of a course of action to the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly

18. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole is tasked by paragraph 157 of resolution 63/111 to recommend a course of action to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session. Delegations will be invited to provide views and suggestions on a possible course of action for the Regular Process.

3 – 6 p.m.

Item 6. Consideration of a course of action to the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly

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Thursday, 3 September 2009

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Item 6. Consideration of a course of action to the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly

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3 – 6 p.m.

Item 6. Consideration of a course of action to the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly

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Friday, 4 September 2009

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Item 7. Consideration and adoption of draft recommendations on a course of action to the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly

19. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider and adopt recommendations to be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration under its agenda item entitled “Oceans and the law of the sea”.

Item 8. Other matters.

Item 9. Closure of the meeting.