

**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  
United Nations, New York**

**FORMAT**

**Methods of work**

1. The meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole is convened pursuant to resolution 63/111, paragraph 157, in which the General Assembly decided to establish the Group to recommend a course of action to its sixty-fourth session based on the outcomes of the fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Steering Group, and requested the Secretary-General to convene the informal meeting of the Working Group for one week, no later than September 2009. The informal character of the upcoming meeting pertains to the need to avoid any financial implications. In all other respects, the meeting is considered formal and governed by the Rules of Procedure and practices of the General Assembly.
2. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure and practices of the General Assembly, the plenary sessions will be open to participation by representatives of the Member States, specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations, and other entities and organizations having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly.
3. The meeting will be presided over by two Co-Chairpersons, Hilario G. Davide, Jr. (Philippines) and Gunnar Pálsson (Iceland), appointed by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with Member States and taking into account the need for representation from developed and developing countries, in accordance with the practice established by the General Assembly regarding the chairing of its processes on oceans and the law of the sea.
4. Each of the regional groups will be invited to nominate a representative to the “Friends of the Co-Chairpersons” Group established to assist the Co-Chairpersons in their task during the meeting.

**Agenda**

5. The two Co-Chairpersons will propose a provisional agenda and a programme of work along with 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 157 of its resolution 63/111, the Co-Chairpersons will propose that the outcome of the meeting consist of a set of suggested recommendations to the General Assembly annexed to a brief procedural report.

7. The Co-Chairpersons will prepare draft recommendations for the consideration of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole. Delegations will have the opportunity to propose amendments to the draft recommendations. The recommendations adopted by the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be transmitted by the Co-Chairpersons to the President of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly.