

## Provisional Annotated Agenda

- 1 Introduction  
*The Chairman will open the meeting at 14.00 hrs on Monday, 13 March.  
Welcome to Finland as new Party.*
- 2 Adoption of Rules of procedure
- 3 Adoption of the Agenda
- 4 AC Triennial Workplan 2000 – 2003
  - 4.1 Next Triennial Workplan  
*Chairman and Vice-Chairman will present an outline of a Workplan for the next Triennium.*
  - 4.2 Preparations for MOP 3  
*The United Kingdom will present an update on preparations for the upcoming meeting in Bristol; Recommendations.*
- 5 Matters related to research
  - 5.1 Bycatch issues
    - 5.1.1 Preparations for the meeting and workshop "A review of bycatch mitigation measures with special reference to the ASCOBANS area"  
*The Chairman will present an update on progress in preparing this workshop.*
    - 5.1.2 Other matters  
*German paper on echolocation behaviour of harbour porpoises.*
  - 5.2 Disturbance by seismic surveys  
*Information submitted by Parties in response to the request of the 6<sup>th</sup> AC meeting.*
  - 5.3 Disturbance by high-speed ferries  
*Secretariat's update on high-speed ferries in the ASCOBANS and neighbouring areas.*
  - 5.4 Post-mortem research and stranding schemes
    - 5.4.1 Information submitted by Parties in response to cetaceans stranding schemes questionnaire
    - 5.4.2 Other matters  
*Belgium will present a paper on harbour porpoise strandings on Belgian beaches from 1990 to 1999.*
  - 5.5 Pollutants issues
    - 5.5.1 Report by pollutants WG on relevant publications
    - 5.5.2 Other matters  
*German paper on the influence of pollutants on the endocrine and immune systems of harbour porpoises in German waters.*
  - 5.6 Further survey and research needs
  - 5.7 Recovery plan for harbour porpoises in the Baltic Sea  
*The Chairman will present an update on progress made in elaborating this plan.*
  - 5.8 Fisheries statistics  
*Data and comments on fishing effort submitted by the Parties.*

- 6 Matters related to Parties and Range States
  - 6.1 National legislation
    - 6.1.1 Potential conflicts between national legislation and the Agreement  
*German letter on this issue.*
    - 6.1.2 Other matters
  - 6.2 Protected areas  
*German statement on the specially protected area off the islands of Sylt and Amrum*
  - 6.3 Progress on the accession of Range States
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*The Secretariat will present an update on progress in the accession of Range States.*
    - 6.3.2 (Southward) Extension of the Agreement Area  
*Introductory remarks by the Secretariat.*
  - 6.4 New information regarding population status
- 7 Cooperation with IWC, OSPAR, HELCOM and other international organisations
  - 7.1 Harmonisation of reporting schemes regarding HELCOM Recommendation 17/2  
*Secretariat's update.*
  - 7.2 Letter of 15 December 1999 from HELCOM to the International Baltic Sea Fishery Commission
  - 7.3 Protected Areas  
*Reports on OSPAR Impact workshops in Horta, Azores (July 1999) and Brest (November 1999); papers on protected areas by Peter Evans.*
- 8 Business session  
*(Please note that only delegates of Parties will be admitted to this session)*
  - 8.1 AEWG report on future status and location of the ASCOBANS Secretariat
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    - 8.1.2 Draft Resolution No.1: Integration of the ASCOBANS Secretariat into the UNEP/CMS Agreements Unit
  - 8.2 Budgetary issues
    - 8.2.1 Succession AC/MOP financial/administrative officer
    - 8.2.2 Budget for 1999  
*The Secretariat will report on the financial situation of ASCOBANS; Germany will report on the German voluntary contribution.*
    - 8.2.3 Budget for 2001 – 2003
      - 8.2.3.1 Draft Resolution No. 2: Financial, Budgetary and Administrative matters
      - 8.2.3.2 Basis for calculation of Annual National Contributions to ASCOBANS\*
  - 8.3 PR issues
    - 8.3.1 New ASCOBANS poster  
*The Secretariat will present the new ASCOBANS poster.*
    - 8.3.2 New ASCOBANS exhibition “Harbour Porpoise in Distress”  
*The Secretariat will present the new exhibition.*

8.3.3 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ASCOBANS

8.4 Meetings of interest to ASCOBANS during 2000

8.5 Agenda for MOP 3

9 Agreement on the draft report

10 Date and venue of next meeting

11 Any other business

*Presentation of the UK conservation strategy for the harbour porpoise*

12 Close of meeting

\* Item subject to decision on Draft Resolutions Nos. 1 and 2

Notes:

1. In order to save time, opening statements are not included. Should any state or observer wish to make a statement, this should be submitted in writing only.
2. An annotated draft agenda will be distributed in time to Parties, AC members, Range States and invited observers.