

Agenda Item 4.5

Reports

Reports from Observer Organizations

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UNEP**

**Action Requested**

- Take note

Submitted by

UNEP



**NOTE:  
DELEGATES ARE KINDLY REMINDED  
TO BRING THEIR OWN COPIES OF DOCUMENTS TO THE MEETING**





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Reference:

Date: 27 July 2016

Dear Mr. Chambers,

Thank you very much for your letter dated 30 November 2015 and the kind invitation to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to participate as an observer in the 8th Meeting of the Parties (MOP8) to the Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic, North East Atlantic, Irish and North Seas (ASCOBANS) to be held from 30 August to 1 September 2016 in Helsinki, Finland.

While we recognize the importance of this meeting, I regret to inform you that due to prior commitments UNEP will not be able to be represented at the meeting.

I would also like to take this opportunity to kindly request you to share with ASCOBANS Parties the outcomes of the second session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of UNEP available at <http://web.unep.org/unea/list-resolutions-adopted-unea-2>, particularly the following:

- Resolution 2/5 on Delivering on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,
- Resolution 2/8 on Sustainable consumption and production,
- Resolution 2/10 on Oceans and seas,
- Resolution 2/11 on Marine plastic litter and micro-plastics and
- Resolution 2/14 on Illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products
- Resolution 2/17 on Enhancing the work of UNEP in facilitating cooperation, collaboration and synergies among biodiversity-related conventions,
- Resolution 2/18 on Relationship between UNEP and the multilateral environmental agreements for which it provides the secretariat and
- Resolution 2/20 on Proposed medium-term strategy for 2018-2021 and programme of work and budget for 2018-2019.

I wish you and your team a successful meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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