



**General Assembly Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole**

**30 August – 3 September 2010  
United Nations, New York**

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**Monday, 30 August 2010**

**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

*Item 1. Opening of the meeting*

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

*Item 2. Adoption of the agenda*

4. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be 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*

5. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting.

*Item 4. General remarks*

6. Delegations will be invited to make remarks of a general nature. It is respectfully requested that the interventions be limited to no more than five minutes. Written statements are encouraged.

*Item 5. Consideration of the modalities for the implementation of the Regular Process*

7. The General Assembly, in paragraph 177 of its resolution 64/71, endorsed the recommendations adopted by the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole at its meeting in 2009 (document A/64/347, annex) that propose a framework for the Regular Process, describe its first cycle and a way forward and stress the need for further progress to be made on the modalities for the implementation of the Regular Process prior to the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

8. In paragraph 178 of the resolution, the General Assembly mandated the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole to further consider and make recommendations to it, at its sixty-fifth session, on the modalities for the implementation of the Regular Process, including the key features, institutional arrangements and financing.

9. The General Assembly also invited States, as a means to facilitate decisions on the first cycle of the Regular Process, to submit their views to the Secretary-General on the fundamental building blocks of the Regular Process, and requested the Secretary-General to present these views at the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly in the context of his annual report on oceans and the law of the sea. The report of the Secretary-General is available as document A/65/69/Add.1. The report presents the views submitted by States on the fundamental building blocks, including building capacity, improving knowledge and methods of analysis, enhancing networking, and ensuring effective communication, as well as on other fundamental building blocks identified by States such as the objective, scope and characteristics of the Regular Process, institutional arrangements, and financial and other support.

10. It is proposed that the consideration of the modalities for the implementation of the Regular Process be divided as outlined in paragraphs 11-16 below.

*Item 5 (a). Key features*

11. The views of States on the key features of the Regular Process are described in paragraphs 23-34 of the report (A/65/69/Add.1). Additional information can also be found in document A/64/88, annex, paragraphs 40-41. Delegations will be invited to exchange further views on the matter.

*Item 5 (b). Institutional arrangements*

12. The views of States on institutional arrangements for the Regular Process are described in paragraphs 35-57 of the report (A/65/69/Add.1). Additional information can also be found in documents A/64/88, annex, paragraphs 63-111, and A/64/347, as well as resolution 64/71. Delegations will be invited to exchange further views on the matter.



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*Item 5. Consideration of the modalities for the implementation of the Regular Process (continued)*

*Item 5 (b). Institutional arrangements (continued)*

13. Delegations will continue exchanging views on the institutional arrangements for the Regular Process.

**Tuesday, 31 August 2010**

**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

*Item 5. Consideration of the modalities for the implementation of the Regular Process (continued)*

*Item 5 (b). Institutional arrangements (continued)*

14. Delegations will continue exchanging views on the institutional arrangements for the Regular Process.

*Item 5 (c). Financing*

15. At its meeting in 2009, the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole recommended that the operation of the first five-year cycle of the Regular Process would be supported through financial and other resources from Member States, international financial institutions, donor agencies, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and natural and juridical persons. To that end, a voluntary trust fund would be established. A special scholarship fund would be established to support training programmes for developing countries. Member States, international financial institutions, donor agencies, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and natural and juridical persons would be urged to make contributions to the funds (A/64/347, annex, paragraphs 33-35).

16. The views of States on financing for the Regular Process and its first five-year cycle are described in paragraphs 58-60 of the report (A/65/69/Add.1). Additional information can also be found in document A/64/88, annex, paragraphs 112-115, as well as General Assembly resolution 64/71. Delegations will be invited to exchange further views on the matter.

**3 – 6 p.m.**

*Item 6. Dialogue with the Group of Experts established pursuant to paragraph 180 of General Assembly resolution 64/71 on the issues listed in paragraph 60 of document A/64/88*

17. In paragraph 181 of its resolution 64/71, the General Assembly requested the Group of Experts established pursuant to paragraph 180 to respond and make suggestions on the issues listed in paragraph 60 of the report on the results of the “assessment of assessments” (A/64/88, annex), at the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, including the possibility of conducting preparatory work, as appropriate, and subject to the availability of funds, taking into account the views and observations submitted by States.

18. It is anticipated that there will be an interactive dialogue between delegations and the Group of Experts, in accordance with paragraph 181 of resolution 64/71.

**Wednesday, 1 September 2010**

**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

*Item 7. Specification of the objective and scope of the first cycle, key questions to be answered and primary target audiences*

19. In paragraph 178 of its resolution 64/71, the General Assembly mandated the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole to specify the objective and scope of the first cycle of the Regular Process, key questions to be answered and primary target audiences, in order to ensure that assessments are relevant for decision-makers.

20. It is proposed that discussions under this item be divided as outlined in paragraphs 22-24 below.

*Item 7(a). Objective and scope of the first cycle*

21. At its meeting in 2009, the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole recommended that in the first cycle, the scope of the Regular Process would focus on establishing a baseline (A/64/347, annex, paragraph 19). It also recommended that the first phase of the first cycle of the Regular Process, covering the years from 2010 to 2012, would be devoted to the development of a strategy and timetable for the production of an integrated assessment of the world’s oceans and seas, taking into consideration the scope, guiding principles and best practice guidance on key design features for the Regular Process proposed by the Group of Experts, as well as the promotion and development of capacity-building activities and transfer of technology (A/64/347, annex, paragraph 23).



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22. Delegations will be invited to exchange views on the issues referred to above, in particular with a view to further specifying the objective and scope of the first cycle of the Regular Process, including of each individual assessment to be undertaken under the Regular Process in order to ensure that assessments are relevant for decision-makers (see also document A/64/88, annex, paragraphs 40 and 43).

*Item 7(b). Key questions to be answered and primary target audiences*

23. Delegations will be invited to exchange views on the key questions to be answered by assessments and primary target audiences. Information on those issues is contained in paragraphs 64 and 67 of document A/64/88, annex.

**3 – 6 p.m.**

*Item 8. Consideration of the terms of reference of the voluntary trust fund and scholarship fund*

24. In paragraph 183 of its resolution 64/71, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to establish a voluntary Trust Fund for the purpose of supporting the operations of the first five-year cycle of the Regular Process, including for the provision of assistance to the experts referred to in paragraph 180 above from developing countries, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States and landlocked developing States, attending the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole in 2010, as well as a special scholarship fund to support training programmes for developing countries, and encouraged Member States, international financial institutions, donor agencies, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and natural and juridical persons to contribute to the funds.

25. Under this agenda item, the Director of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of Sea will brief the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the establishment of the Funds.

26. In paragraph 178 of its resolution 64/71, the General Assembly mandated the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole to make recommendations on the terms of reference for the voluntary trust fund and the scholarship fund. Delegations will be invited to exchange views on this matter.

**Thursday, 2 September 2010**

**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

*Item 9. Consideration of recommendations to the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly*

27. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider recommendations to be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration under the agenda item, entitled “Oceans and the law of the sea”, at its sixty-fifth session.

**3 – 6 p.m.**

*[Reserved]*

**Friday, 3 September 2010**

**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

*Item 9. Consideration of recommendations to the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly*

*(continued)*

*Item 10. Adoption of recommendations to the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly*

28. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to adopt recommendations to be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration under the agenda item, entitled “Oceans and the law of the sea”, at its sixty-fifth session.

*Item 11. Other matters.*

29. Delegations will be invited to raise any other matters if they so wish.

*Item 12. Closure of the meeting.*

30. The meeting will be closed by the Co-Chairpersons.

**3 – 6 p.m.**

*[Reserved]*