



Regular process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects

General Assembly Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole

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United Nations, New York**

FORMAT

Methods of work

1. The meeting of the General Assembly Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole is convened pursuant to General Assembly resolution 64/71 of 4 December 2009. In paragraph 178 of the resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to convene an informal meeting of the Working Group from 30 August to 3 September 2010. The resolution mandates the Working Group to further consider and make recommendations to the Assembly at its sixty-fifth session on the modalities for the implementation of the Regular Process, including the key features, institutional arrangements and financing, and to specify the objective and scope of its first cycle, key questions to be answered and primary target audiences, in order to ensure that assessments are relevant for decision makers, as well as on the terms of reference for the voluntary trust fund and the scholarship fund referred to in paragraph 183 of the resolution.

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, as well as non-member States, 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, Ovídio M. B. Pequeno (Sao Tome and Principe) and Gunnar Pálsson (Iceland), appointed by the President of the General Assembly, 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 regional group will be invited to nominate a representative to the “Friends of the Co-Chairpersons” to assist the Co-Chairpersons during the meeting.

Agenda

6. The Co-Chairpersons will propose a provisional agenda and a programme of work, including a timetable, for the meeting.

Outcome

7. In accordance with the mandate of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole as set out in paragraph 178 of resolution 64/71, the Co-Chairpersons will propose that the outcome of the meeting consist of a set of recommendations to the General Assembly, annexed to a brief procedural report.

8. The Co-Chairpersons, in consultation with the Friends, will prepare draft recommendations for consideration by 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-fifth session of the General Assembly.