Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1
Opening of the session

1. Through the Manila Declaration on Furthering the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities, Governments requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to convene the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Review on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action in 2016. The secretariat of the Global Programme of Action and the host country of the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Review subsequently agreed to postpone the convening of the session until 2017 to take into consideration international events related to coasts and oceans in 2016 and 2017. The session was further postponed to 2018 because of a volcanic eruption threat in Bali in 2017.

2. The fourth session of the Intergovernmental Review will be opened in Bali, Indonesia, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 31 October 2018 by a representative of the host Government and by the Executive Director of UNEP or, in his absence, by his representative.

Item 2
Organizational matters

3. As the session is convened under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Assembly of UNEP, the rules of procedure of the Assembly will apply, mutatis mutandis, to the proceedings.

(a) Election of officers

4. In accordance with the rules of procedure, a chair and four vice-chairs, one of whom will serve as rapporteur, will be elected from among the representatives of Governments. The principle of equal geographical representation from the five United Nations regions will be duly followed when electing those officers, who will constitute the Bureau of the session.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

5. Subject to the rules of procedure, the representatives may wish to adopt the agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda set out in document UNEP/GPA/IGR.4/1/Rev.1, as proposed by the secretariat.
6. It is proposed that discussions take the form of plenary meetings to be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For those meetings, simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the six official languages of the United Nations. The representatives may wish to establish working groups as they may deem necessary.

7. The list of documents for the session will be circulated as document UNEP/GPA/IGR/4/INF/1. The working documents for the session will be available in the six official languages of the United Nations and information documents in English only.

Item 3

Credentials of representatives

8. The credentials of representatives, issued by a Head of State or Government or a minister for foreign affairs, should be submitted to the secretariat on the first day of the session. Such credentials are required to enable representatives to take necessary decisions during the session. Relevant United Nations bodies, funds, programmes and agencies, as well as other relevant organizations, may participate in the meeting as observers.

9. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of representatives of Governments at the meeting will be examined by the Bureau, which will report thereon in plenary meeting. It should be noted that, under rule 16, each Government is to be represented by one accredited representative, who may be accompanied by alternate representatives and advisers.

Item 4

Review of the implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities at the national, regional and international levels during the period 2012–2018

10. In accordance with paragraph 77 (a) of the Global Programme of Action, the secretariat will present a progress report (UNEP/GPA/IGR.4/2/Rev.1) on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action and the activities of the Coordination Office since 2012.

Item 5

Future of the Global Programme of Action for the period 2018–2022

11. The fourth session of the Intergovernmental Review affords a key opportunity and forum for Governments to consider the way forward for more effective management and use of marine and coastal ecosystem resources over the coming years and greater recognition of the contribution that such ecosystems can make to sustainable development at the national, regional and global levels in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

12. The secretariat will introduce policy guidance for implementing the Global Programme of Action during the period 2018–2022 (UNEP/GPA/IGR.4/3/Rev.1). It is proposed that the Programme serve as a strategic policy platform aimed at accelerating national implementation of measures to control land-based sources of marine pollution. It calls for support for the implementation of the Global Programme of Action, including human and financial resources, taking into account the need for a more sustainable investment and the involvement of the private sector. The policy will take into consideration country and other partnership commitments made to meet Sustainable Development Goals 6 and 14, with particular emphasis on meeting targets 6.3 and 14.1, which aim to reduce pollution of freshwater and marine water respectively.

13. Governments are requested to consider the policy guidance and discuss the approach proposed therein with a view, among other things, to agreeing on the future direction of the Programme, options for its effective implementation and the ways in which to keep it at the forefront of the attention of policymakers between sessions of the Intergovernmental Review.
Item 6
Programme of work of the Global Programme of Action Coordination Office for the period 2018–2022

14. The secretariat will present the draft programme of work of the Global Programme of Action Coordination Office for the period 2018–2022 (UNEP/GPA/IGR.4/4/Rev.1), highlighting the contribution made by the Office to international cross-cutting objectives, its main activities at the national, regional and international levels, and the human and financial resources required to mainstream and implement the programme of work for the period 2018–2022.

15. Representatives will be invited to consider and adopt, as appropriate, the proposed programme of work of the Global Programme of Action Coordination Office.

Item 7
Adoption of the Bali Declaration and any other outcome documents of the session

16. The secretariat will present the draft Bali declaration on furthering the implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (UNEP/GPA/IGR.4/5) and any other draft outcome documents. Representatives will be invited to consider and adopt the outcomes of the session and forward them to the United Nations Environment Assembly for endorsement at its fourth session.

Item 8
Closure of the session

17. The session is expected to conclude its work by 6 p.m. on Thursday, 1 November 2018.