

Agenda Item 7.6

Further implementation of the Agreement  
(2010-2012)

Activities of the ASCOBANS Advisory  
Committee / Triennial Work Plan  
(2010-2012)

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**Draft Resolution on Activities of the  
ASCOBANS Advisory Committee  
and Work Plan for the Triennium  
2010-2012**

**Action Requested**

- Review the draft Resolution
- Introduce any changes as appropriate
- Adopt

Submitted by

Advisory Committee



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

## **Secretariat's Note**

This draft Resolution Activities of the ASCOBANS Advisory Committee and Work Plan for the Triennium 2010-2012 covers the endorsement of three documents made available to the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Parties:

- MOP6/Doc.7-06 – Draft Triennial Work Plan (2010-2012) – Tasks for the Secretariat / Advisory Committee (proposed as Annex 1 of the Resolution)
- MOP6/Doc.6-01 – Strategy Paper on the Options for Future Arrangements for ASCOBANS (proposed as Annex 2 of the Resolution)
- MOP6/Doc.7-05 – Communication, Education and Public Awareness Plan for ASCOBANS (proposed as Annex 3 of the Resolution)

## DRAFT RESOLUTION

### Activities of the ASCOBANS Advisory Committee and Work Plan for the Triennium 2010-2012

*Reaffirming* the importance of cooperating with, and not duplicating the work of, other international bodies and the desirability of drawing upon their expertise;

*Recognising* that much progress is achieved by the commissioning of work by specialists, whether members of the Advisory Committee or otherwise;

*Reaffirming* that the Advisory Committee, as a body tasked to provide advice on scientific, policy-related and administrative matters, needs a balance of scientists, policy-makers and administrators to cover its role adequately;

*Stressing* that the successful work of the Advisory Committee depends on the ability of its members to allocate sufficient time to the work of the Committee and its working groups;

*Welcoming* the draft Work Plan for the Triennium 2010-2012 developed by the Secretariat and Advisory Committee;

*Also welcoming* the strategy to focus ASCOBANS' work recommended by the Advisory Committee, which establishes clear priorities to guide the work of the Contracting Parties, the Advisory Committee and the Secretariat;

*Further welcoming* the Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) Plan proposed for the Agreement;

#### *The Meeting of the Parties to ASCOBANS*

1. *Agrees* that, subject to sufficient resources being provided, the Advisory Committee and Secretariat should carry out the Work Plan attached as Annex 1;
2. *Instructs* the Secretariat to provide reports on its progress with the implementation of relevant parts of the Work Plan to each meeting of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Decides* that the priorities outlined in the strategy paper attached as Annex 2 to this Resolution should serve as guiding principles in the implementation of the activities requested of the Parties, the Advisory Committee and the Secretariat;
4. *Encourages* Parties, partners and the Secretariat to follow the recommendations made in the Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) Plan for the Agreement attached as Annex 3;
5. *Urges* Parties to implement activities for which they have primary responsibility;

6. *Reiterates* its request that Parties:
- (a) *Ensure* that all nominated Advisory Committee members and their advisors can allocate time to attend Advisory Committee meetings, to intersessional work, and to participate in the intersessional Advisory Committee working groups;
  - (b) *Continue to ensure* where possible suitable expertise within delegations to the Advisory Committee;
7. *Encourages* Parties to support the activities outlined in Annex 1 and Annex 3 by means of financial and in-kind contributions.