Provisional Draft Agenda

1. Introduction

2. Adoption of Rules of procedure

3. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee for the Triennium 2001 – 2003

4. Adoption of the Agenda

5. Matters related to research
   5.1. By-catch issues
       – Report by A. Read, “A Review of Bycatch Mitigation Measures with Special Reference to the ASCOBANS Area”
       – Implementation of Resolution 3, MOP3
       – Bycatch monitoring in the ASCOBANS Area
       – Other research related to bycatch
       – Bycatch issues in relation CFP
   5.2. Further survey and research needs
       – Final Report of the ASCOBANS Baltic Discussion Group
       – Preparations for SCANS II and other surveys
   5.3. Preparations for the workshop aimed at drafting a recovery plan for harbour porpoises in the Baltic Sea
   5.4. Post-mortem research & stranding schemes
       – Data provided by Parties
   5.5. Pollutants issues
       – Report by Pollutants WG on relevant publications
   5.6. Fisheries statistics (data submitted by parties)

6. Matters related to Parties and Range States
   6.1. National legislation
       – Update on relevant new legislation of Parties
   6.2. Protected areas
   6.3. Progress in the accession of Range States
   6.4. Southward extension of the Agreement area
   6.5. Disturbance by seismic surveys
       – Location and extent of seismic activities in the ASCOBANS and neighbouring areas during 1999 and 2000 and mitigation measures
   6.6. Disturbance by high-speed ferries
   6.7. Disturbance by military activities
   6.8. Educational programmes ‘Blue School’ and ‘Alliance with Nature’ in Poland

7. Cooperation with international organisations
   – Report on meeting between ASCOBANS and EU Commission, in February 2001
   – ASCOBANS-AC involvement in developmental process of OSPAR-HELCOM Pollution Strategy
   – Update by ACCOBAMS Interim Executive Secretary
8 PR issues
8.1 New ASCOBANS brochure
8.2 New ASCOBANS website
8.3 Showing of ASCOBANS exhibition “Harbour Porpoise in Distress” in 2000/2001
8.4 Polish version of ASCOBANS exhibition “Harbour Porpoise in Distress”
8.5 Finnish version of ASCOBANS poster
8.6 10th anniversary of ASCOBANS
8.7 Any other issues

9 Business session
9.1 Budgetary issues
   – Outline of budget for 2000
   – Establishment of AC Budget WG
9.2 Administrative issues
   – Report of the Secretariat on integration of the Secretariat into the CMS Agreements Unit
9.3 Meetings to be attended during 2001

10 Establishment of a comprehensive 2001-2003 Triennial Workplan: goals and timepath

11 Agreement on the draft report

12 Date and venue of next meeting

13 Any other business

14 Close of meeting

Note:

In order to save time, opening statements are not included. Should any state or observer wish to make a statement, this should be made available in writing only.