Draft Annotated Agenda

1. Introduction
   *The Chairman will open the meeting at 14.00 hrs on Monday, 2 April 2001*

2. Adoption of Rules of procedure
   *The Secretariat will present amended 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”
     *The Chairman will introduce the report*
   - Implementation of Resolution 3, MOP3
     *A working group will be established*
   - Bycatch monitoring in the ASCOBANS Area
     *A working group will be established*
   - Other research related to bycatch
     *Denmark will present the final report of the EPIC project. WDCS will report on an ongoing mitigation project in the Bay of Fundy*  
     *Bycatch issues in relation to CFP*

5.2. Further survey and research needs
   - Final Report of the ASCOBANS Baltic Discussion Group
     *A member of the ABDG or the Chairman will introduce the report*
   - Preparations for SCANS II and other surveys
     *The Chairman will report on ongoing preparations*

5.3. Preparations for the workshop aimed at drafting a recovery plan for harbour porpoises in the Baltic Sea
   *The Chairman will present a draft outline for the workshop and an update on progress in preparing it. An ad-hoc Working Group will be established.*

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
  *Parties will report on new legislation*

6.2. Protected areas
  *Parties will report on newly established or projected protected areas*

6.3. Progress in the accession of Range States
  *The Secretariat will present an update on progress in the accession of Range States*

6.4. Southward extension of the Agreement area
  *The Secretariat will present a report on the current state of negotiations with Portugal and Spain.*
  *Portugal will present a paper outlining the precise extent of Portuguese waters to be included in a future extended 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
  *The Secretariat will present an update on information submitted by Parties and provided by IAGC*

6.6. Disturbance by high-speed ferries
  *The Secretariat will present an update*

6.7. Disturbance by military activities
  *WDCS will report on recent military activities with potentially detrimental effects on cetaceans in the Agreement Range*

6.8. Educational programmes ‘Blue School’ and ‘Alliance with Nature’ in Poland
  *Poland will report on two educational programmes aimed at schoolchildren and the military*

7. Cooperation with international organisations
- Report on meeting between ASCOBANS and EU Commission, in February 2001
  *Dr Reijnders will report on the meeting*
- ASCOBANS-AC involvement in development of OSPAR-HELCOM Pollution Strategy
8. PR issues

8.1. New ASCOBANS brochure

8.2. New ASCOBANS website


8.1 - 8.3: The Secretariat will introduce the new ASCOBANS brochure, website and other promotional material and report on showing of the ASCOBANS exhibition “Harbour Porpoise in Distress”

8.4. Polish version of ASCOBANS exhibition “Harbour Porpoise in Distress”

Poland will report on the newly produced Polish version of the ASCOBANS exhibition

8.5. Finnish version of ASCOBANS poster; Finnish brochure on harbour porpoises

Finland will report on progress in producing a Finnish version of the ASCOBANS poster and a planned brochure on harbour porpoises

8.6. 10th anniversary of ASCOBANS

The Secretariat will report on activities in connection with the Agreement’s 10th anniversary

8.7. Any other issues

9. Business session (N.B.: This session will only be open to delegates of Parties)

9.1. Budgetary issues

- Outline of budget for 2000

The Secretariat will present the audited 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


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.