Agenda Item 7.6  Further implementation of the Agreement (2010-2012)

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

Document 7-07  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
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 6th 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.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.