Agenda Item 1.3 — Opening of the Meeting
Adoption of the Agenda

Document 1-03

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Action Requested

- Review the Provisional Agenda
- Make proposals for amendment if desired
- Adopt the Agenda

Submitted by — Secretariat

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

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1. Opening of the Meeting The Meeting will be opened at 9.30am on Monday, 22 October 2012. The Chair of the Advisory Committee will preside temporarily over the meeting in accordance with Rule 5 (1) of the Rules of Procedure. The representative of the host country and the Secretariat will make introductory remarks.		Plenary	
1.1 Adoption of Rules of Procedure The meeting is invited to adopt the draft Rules of Procedure.	Doc.1-01	Plenary	Rules of Procedure adopted
1.2 Election of Officers In accordance with Rule 5 (2) of the Rules of Procedure, the following officers shall be elected from among the delegates of the contracting Parties: a Chair and a Vice-Chair.		Plenary	Chair and Vice-Chair elected
1.3 Adoption of the Agenda The meeting is invited to review the Provisional Agenda and Timetable and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. This includes a decision on which items will be handled in working groups.	Doc.1-02 rev.1 Doc.1-03	Plenary	Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable
1.4 Admission of Observers The Secretariat will remind the meeting which observers had been admitted in accordance with Rule 2 (2) of the Rules of Procedure. Observers have the right to participate in the debates, but not to vote. The meeting retains the right to discuss some items in closed session.		Plenary	Decision about release of restricted documents made
1.5 Establishment of Credentials Committee / Report Parties will be invited to nominate a Chair and members of a Credentials Committee, for the purpose of reviewing the *original* credentials of official delegations.		Plenary	Credentials Committee established Committee Report delivered and adopted

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2. Opening Statements Delegates and observers will be given opportunity to make brief oral statements, if desired. All are kindly requested to submit any opening statements in writing in advance of the meeting.	Doc.2-01 Doc.2-02	Plenary	
3. ASCOBANS Outreach and Education Award The winner of the 4th ASCOBANS Outreach and Education Award, Mats Amundin, will receive his trophy. The winner will be given opportunity to address the meeting. The meeting will be requested to decide on the future periodicity of offering the Award.		Plenary	Periodicity of offering the Award decided
4. Accession of Range States and Status of Ratification of Extension of the Agreement Area The Secretariat will report on the status of accessions and acceptance of the Agreement Amendment of 2003. Parties that have not yet formally accepted the Amendment will be given opportunity to inform the meeting on the progress made.	Doc.4-01	Plenary	Guidance on priorities for recruitment efforts given Oral reports on progress towards acceptance of the 2003 Amendment provided
5. Review of Implementation of the ASCOBANS Triennial Work Plan (2010-2012)			
5.1 Report of the Chair/Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee The Chair and Vice-Chair of the AC will report on the work of the Committee since the 6th Meeting of Parties.	Doc.5-01	Plenary	Note taken
5.2 Report of the Secretariat Pursuant to Article 4.3 of the Agreement, the Secretariat will report on its activities, progress made and difficulties encountered since the 6th Meeting of Parties. Relations with other bodies will be covered under item 5.7. Financial and administrative issues will be addressed under agenda item 8.2.	Doc.5-02	Plenary	Note taken

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5.3 Annual National Reports of ASCOBANS Parties The Secretariat will introduce the compilations of the Annual National Reports received for 2009, 2010 and 2011. Parties will be invited to give brief oral reports on their implementation of the Agreement and cooperation with each other.	Doc.5-03	Plenary	Note taken
5.4 Reports from Non-Party Range States Representatives of non-Party Range States will be invited to give brief oral reports on their small cetacean conservation activities.		Plenary	
5.5 Implementation of the Harbour Porpoise Action Plans			
5.5.1 Baltic Sea Recovery Plan (Jastarnia Plan) This item will be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). The Chair of the Jastarnia Group will report on activities of the group.		WG1	Note taken
5.5.2 North Sea Conservation Plan This item will be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). The Chair of the North Sea Group will report on activities of the group.		WG1	Note taken
5.6 Addressing of Threats			
5.6.1 Bycatch This item will be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). Parties and observers will be given opportunity to report on developments and progress made since the 6th Meeting of Parties.		WG1	Note taken
5.6.2 Underwater Noise This item will be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). Parties and observers will be given opportunity to report on developments and progress made since the 6th Meeting of Parties.		WG1	Note taken

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5.6.3 Other Threats This item will be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). Parties and observers will be given opportunity to report on developments and progress made since the 6th Meeting of Parties.		WG1	Note taken
5.7 Relations with Other Bodies The Secretariat will report on its activities and progress made relating to cooperation with international organizations since the 6th Meeting of Parties. Observers will be given opportunity to report on developments and progress made.	Doc.5-02	Plenary	Note taken
6. Future Priorities of the Agreement			
6.1 Outcome of the Future Shape of CMS Process The Secretariat will brief the meeting on the key outcomes of the process. The meeting will be asked to consider the implications of CMS Res.10.9 for the Agreement.	Doc.6-01	Plenary	CMS Resolution 10.9 endorsed Secretariat instructed to report regularly on progress
6.2 Priorities for the Implementation of the Agreement This item will first be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). Based on discussions under item 5 and issues raised under item 6.1, the meeting will be invited to agree on strategic priorities in the implementation of ASCOBANS in the coming intersessional period.	Doc.5-01 Doc.5-02 Doc.5-03	WG1 Plenary	Priorities set for the implementation of the Agreement in the coming intersessional period
7. Further Implementation of the Agreement (2013-2015/16)			
7.1 Conservation Plan for the Harbour Porpoise Population in the Western Baltic, the Inner Danish Waters and the Kattegat This item will first be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). The Chair/Vice-Chair of the AC will introduce the Draft Conservation Plan. The plenary will be asked to review and adopt the draft Resolution.	Doc.7-01	WG1 Plenary	Adoption of the Draft Resolution

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7.2 Activities of the ASCOBANS Advisory Committee and Work Plan for the Triennium 2013-2015 / Quadrennium 2013-2016 This item will first be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). The Chair/Vice-Chair of the AC will introduce the draft Work Plan for the coming intersessional period. The plenary will be asked to review and adopt the draft Resolution.	Doc.7-02	WG1 Plenary	Adoption of the Draft Resolution
7.3 Extension of the Work of the Agreement into the New Agreement Area This item will first be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). The representative of France/the United Kingdom will introduce the draft Resolution, which the plenary will be asked to review and adopt.	Doc.7-03	WG1 Plenary	Adoption of the Draft Resolution
7.4 Impacts of Chemical Pollution on Small Cetaceans This item will first be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). The representative of the United Kingdom will introduce the draft Resolution, which the plenary will be asked to review and adopt.	Doc.7-04	WG1 Plenary	Adoption of the Draft Resolution
7.5 Online Tools This item will first be addressed by the Technical Working Group (WG1). The Secretariat will outline recent developments and proposals and seek the meeting's endorsement.	Doc.7-05	WG1 Plenary	Proposals endorsed

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8. Administrative and Budgetary Issues			
8.1 Evaluation of the Secretariat Arrangements This item will be addressed by the Administrative Working Group (WG2). The representative of the Netherlands will outline the conclusions reached in the evaluation Parties requested of the AC. The Secretariat will highlight its views on lessons learnt. Parties will be invited to consider the implications for future Secretariat arrangements of ASCOBANS.	Doc.8-01	WG2	Note taken
8.2 Financial and Administrative Matters 2010-2012 This item will be addressed by the Administrative Working Group (WG2). Pursuant to Article 4.3 of the Agreement, the Secretariat will report on its activities, progress made and difficulties encountered since the 6th Meeting of Parties with respect to the finances and administration of the Agreement. Parties will be invited to consider the implications of the report for future arrangements for ASCOBANS.	Doc.8-02 (restricted)	WG2	Note taken
8.3 Expenditures 2009-2011 This item will first be addressed by the Administrative Working Group (WG2). The Secretariat will introduce the certified financial reports on the ASCOBANS Trust Fund received from the United Nations Offices in Nairobi. The plenary will be asked to review and adopt the draft Resolution to approve the accounts.	Doc.8-03 (restricted)	WG2 Plenary	Adoption of the Draft Resolution
8.4 Financial, Budgetary and Administrative Matters 2013-2015/16 This item will first be addressed by the Administrative Working Group (WG2). The Secretariat will introduce the budget proposals for the coming period, as well as its analysis of the legal implications of a deviation from the three-year MOP cycle. Parties will decide on the budget to be included in the draft Resolution, which the plenary will be asked to review and adopt.	Doc.8-04 Doc.8-05 (restricted) Doc.8-06	Plenary WG2 Plenary	Decision on the interval between MOP7 and MOP8 Decision on the budget to be included in the Resolution Adoption of the Draft Resolution

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9. Any Other Business Issues not covered elsewhere in the agenda may be raised under this agenda item.		Plenary	
10. Date and Venue of the 8th Meeting of Parties Parties are encouraged to announce their interest in hosting the 8th Meeting of the Parties in 2015/16.		Plenary	
11. Adoption of the Report and Press Release The meeting will be asked to approve the formal adoption of the report by correspondence in the weeks following the meeting. Advance copies of the final text of the adopted resolutions will be made available promptly. A draft press release will be presented to the meeting for comments.		Plenary	
12. Close of Meeting The Chair will declare the meeting closed in the afternoon / evening of Wednesday, 24 October 2012.		Plenary	