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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

39th session of the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP) to be held at the UNDP FF Building, New York, from 15 to 20 April 2012

Sunday, 15 April, 1:30 – 5:30¹ p.m. (closed sessions)

- 1 Informal meeting of the members of GESAMP
- 2 First meeting of the Executive Committee of GESAMP (ExCom)

Monday, 16 April

Opening of the session

- 1 Adoption of the agenda
- 2 Report of the Chairperson of GESAMP
- 3 Report of the Administrative Secretary of GESAMP
- 4 GESAMP Office matters
- 5 Planning of GESAMP activities:
 - .1 Evaluation of the hazards of harmful substances carried by ships (WG 1: IMO leading)
 - .2 Review of applications for 'active substances' to be used in ballast water management systems (WG 34: IMO leading)
 - .3 Expanded scientific review of mercury and its compounds and threats to the marine environment (WG 37: UNEP leading)

Tuesday, 17 April

- .4 Atmospheric input of pollutants to the oceans (WG 38: WMO leading)

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- .5 Establishment of trends in global pollution in coastal environments (WG 39: IAEA leading)
 - .6 Sources, fate and effects of micro-plastics in the environment – a global assessment (WG 40: IOC leading)
- 6 Contributions to the UN Regular Process/GEF Transboundary Water Assessment Programme

Wednesday, 18 April

- 7 Identification of new and emerging issues regarding the degradation of the marine environment of relevance to governments and sponsoring organizations

Afternoon session: 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

- 8 GESAMP Side event: “The global implications of hypoxia – causes and effects?”

Thursday, 19 April

- 9 Scoping activities:
- Hypoxia
 - Biomagnification
 - Byproducts of discharged disinfection and anti-fouling agents
 - Others - discussion

Friday, 20 April, 09.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

- 10 Date and place of GESAMP 40
- 11 Future work programme
- 12 Any other business
- 13 Election of chairpersons
- 14 Consideration and adoption of the report of GESAMP 39
- 15 Closure of the session

Friday, 20 April, p.m. (closed session)

Second meeting of the Executive Committee of GESAMP (ExCom)