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24 February 2015

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

42nd session of the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine
Environmental Protection (GESAMP) to be held at IOC-UNESCO,
Paris, France, from 31 August to 3 September 2015

Monday, 31 August

Informal meeting of the members of GESAMP

Initial meeting of the Executive Committee of GESAMP (ExCom)

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 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: UNIDO and UNEP leading)

Tuesday, 1 September

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

- .7 Report of the correspondence group on mine tailings
- 5 Contributions to other UN processes

Wednesday, 2 September

Morning session

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

Afternoon session

- 8 GESAMP side event: Topic to be determined

Thursday, 3 September

Morning session

- 9 Date and place of GESAMP 43
- 10 Future work programme
- 11 Any other business
- 12 Election of chairpersons
- 13 Consideration and adoption of the report of GESAMP 42
- 14 Closure of the session

Afternoon session (closed session)

Concluding Meeting of the Executive Committee of GESAMP (ExCom)
