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Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the General Assembly

The Twenty-first Meeting

United Nations Headquarters, New York

4-5 September 2024

FORMAT

Methods of work

1. The twenty-first meeting of the General Assembly Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects, is convened pursuant to General Assembly resolution 77/248 of 30 December 2022 aw of
52 of the resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to convene, in 2024, up to two meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group of no more than two days of total duration each.

2. The twenty-first meeting will be held from 4 to 5 September 2024 with a view to, inter alia, consider **(i) Report of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole (ii) Information from the Group of Experts regarding implementation of the preliminary timetable and implementation plan for the third cycle of the Regular Process (iii) Possible outcomes and building blocks of the 4th cycle of the Regular Process (iv) Preliminary lessons learned from the 3rd cycle of the Regular Process (v) Draft recommendations to the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly, for consideration for submission under the agenda item entitled**

third cycle of the Regular Process and the launch of the 4th cycle. The General Assembly encourages the widest possible attendance of participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group.

3. Pursuant to paragraph 204 of General Assembly resolution 65/37 A of 7 December 2010 , the meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole are open to Member States and observers of the United Nations. In accordance with past practice of the United Nations, relevant intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council will be invited to participate in the meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole. Relevant scientific institutions, and major

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groups identified in Agenda 21 may request an invitation to participate in the meetings