

	Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects
--	--

Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the General Assembly

The Thirteenth Meeting (by correspondence)

Provisional Agenda Item 3

Report of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole

Note by the Bureau

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 321 of resolution 74/

period 2017-2020 for the second cycle of the Regular Process, in particular with respect to the nomination process for additional experts to the Pool of Experts, the swift communication between the scientific community, the Group of Experts, the Pool of Experts, the Bureau and the secretariat of the Regular Process and awareness-raising. The General Assembly in its resolution 74/19 (paragraph 325) urged States that have not yet done so to designate their National Focal Points as soon as possible.

5. As of today, a total of 67 designations have been received. A list of National Focal Points is available on the website of the Regular Process at <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/content/national-focal-points-0>. Experience so far has shown that those States that have designated National Focal Points have been particularly active in nominating experts to the Pool of Experts, as well as to ensure swift communication between the scientific community, the Group of Experts, the Pool of Experts, the Bureau and the secretariat on other matters relevant to the Regular Process.

Group of Experts

6. With regard to the Group of Experts, it is recalled that the General Assembly, in paragraph 287 of its resolution 70/235, requested the Secretary-General to invite the Chairs of the Regional Groups to constitute a Group of Experts, ensuring adequate expertise and geographical distribution, comprising a maximum of 25 experts, with no more than five experts per regional group, for the duration of the second cycle of the Regular Process, taking into account the desirability of some degree of continuity, and in accordance with the terms of reference of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process. The General Assembly in paragraph 323 of its resolution 74/19 urged regional groups that have not yet done so to appoint experts to the Group of Experts in accordance with resolution 70/235, taking into account the need to ensure geographical distribution and adequate expertise in socioeconomic disciplines.

7. The Group of Experts currently stands at 19 experts with nominatio1 503.32 66r2r8x003.mf

Pacific Group, 19 from the Eastern European Group, 134 from the Latin American and Caribbean Group, and 423 from the Western European and Others Group. Of all experts, 553 are men and 238 women.

Approval of the lists of writing teams of the second world ocean assessment

9. During the intersessional period, the Bureau approved the full composition of the writing teams of WOA II. The list is available on the website of the Regular Process at: https://www.un.org/regularprocess/sites/www.un.org.regularprocess/files/list_of_writing_teams_asof_13_april_2020.pdf

Lessons learned from the second cycle of the Regular Process

10. The General Assembly, in paragraph 319 of resolution 74/19, requested the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole to consider the lessons learned from the second cycle of the Regular Process, including with regard to the duration of the cycle and its outputs, in line with the modalities set forth in paragraph 282 of resolution 70/235 and on the basis of input received from Member States and other participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group and the Group of Experts, as well as from the secretariat, and also requested the Bureau to inform the Ad Hoc Working Group of the views received and to circulate that information in advance of the thirteenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

11. On 19 February 2020, the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole agreed that the lessons learned exercise for the second cycle would consist only of the submission of written input by Member States, observers and other participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, which would be compiled by the secretariat and submitted for consideration by the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole

Draft programme of work and resource requirements for the third cycle

14. In