

Wadden Sea Board

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The Ad-hoc working group which is instructed with the drafting of the Ministerial Council Declaration met on 28 May to further draft the Ministerial Council Declaration presented at WSB 7 on the basis of the comments received and further suggestions from the delegations.

Attached, as separate files, are the track version of the amendments to the draft that was presented at WSB 7 and a clean version which includes an overview of the Annexes referred to in the draft with an indication where these annexes are presented.

It is suggested the meeting goes through the draft Declaration on a para.-by-para. basis with a view to have a consolidated comprehensive draft agreed by the end of the meeting which can then be made subject to consultations in the countries in July-August with a view to having the comments by the delegations and advisors at the beginning of September for review by the ad-hoc group. The ad-hoc group should be instructed to draft a further Declaration for WSB 9.

Proposal

The meeting is proposed to

- (1) Discuss in detail and, as appropriate, amend the draft with a view to have a comprehensively consolidated draft agreed at the end of the meeting.
- (2) Agree to a consultation on the draft in July – August.
- (3) Instruct the Ad-hoc Working Group with reviewing the comments and proposals resulting from the consultation phase and other suggestions and comments with a view to have a further draft of the Declaration presented at WSB 9.