

Wadden Sea Board

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Subject:	Draft Ministerial Council Declaration
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The draft Ministerial Council Declaration (MCD version: 27 June 2013) including Annexes was adopted at WSB 8 and has now been made subject to consultations in the countries. It is referred to the documents at <http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/about-us/events/wadden-sea-board-wsb/wadden-sea-board-wsb-8-2013-190>.

It is understood that the consultations will be continued beyond the meeting and be concluded by the end November. It is not possible to comprehensively discuss and amend the Draft MCD before all comments resulting from the consultations have been collected and reviewed by the responsible national authorities.

The meeting should however take stock of the situation and the comments and discussions received so far to inform the remaining period of the consultations in the region and to discuss, as appropriate, comments of a principle nature, with the aim to reach a common view.

The meeting should also discuss the procedural aspects of the draft Declaration including the issue of the signing of the relevant documents.

WSB 10 will realistically be the last meeting where the draft can be amended substantially. The meeting may therefore wish to instruct the ad-hoc group to review the comments ensuing from the consultations and prepare an amended draft for consideration at the WSB 10.

Proposal

The meeting is proposed to

- (1) Take stock of the national consultations and to discuss, as appropriate, any issues of a more principal character to inform the remaining part of the consultations.
- (2) Discuss the outstanding procedural aspects of the Declaration including the issue of signing the relevant Annexes.
- (3) Instruct the ad-hoc group to review the comments ensuing from the consultations and prepare an amended draft for consideration at the WSB 10.