

**DRAFT RESOLUTION 8.23**  
**DATE AND VENUE OF THE NINTH SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES**

*The Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area:*

*Recalling* Article III, paragraph 2, of the Agreement, which states that the Agreement Secretariat shall convene, in consultation with the Convention Secretariat, ordinary sessions of the Meeting of the Parties at intervals of not more than three years, unless the Meeting of the Parties decides otherwise,

*Noting* that the Eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties was hosted by the Government of Malta, from 29 November to 2 December 2022,

*Aware of* the benefits of hosting the sessions of the Meeting of the Parties in different regions of the Agreement area, for the Agreement and Parties, particularly for developing countries and those with economies in transition,

1. *Decides* that the Ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties shall take place at the end of 2025;
2. [*Welcomes* and accepts with great appreciation the offer of [.....] to host the Ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties.]