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Background

The 30th Meeting of HELCOM AIS EWG will be opened on **Tuesday, 28 May 2019 at 11:30**, and it is expected to terminate on **Wednesday, 29 May 2019 at 14:00**. The Meeting will be held in Helsinki, Finland, at the premises of the Finnish Transport Infrastructure Agency (Opastinsilta 12 A, Helsinki).

The Contracting Parties are requested to submit documents for the Meeting to the Secretariat (markus.helavuori@helcom.fi) according to the Rules of Procedure of HELCOM not later than by **6 May 2019**. Information documents (take note, indicating no action or decision) or comments (comments on other documents) can be sent by **21 May 2019**.

The Contracting Parties are also requested to inform the Secretariat beforehand about any presentations to be made during the Meeting. In case presentations are to address the Meeting with some requests for decisions, they should be preceded with a paper summarizing the presentation and stating the actions requested.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Agenda for the Meeting.

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

The Provisional Agenda has been prepared on the basis of the Outcome of the 29th Meeting of the Expert Working Group for Mutual Exchange and Deliveries of AIS & Data (HELCOM AIS EWG 29-2018) as well as consultations between the Chair and Vice-Chairs of HELCOM AIS EWG and the Secretariat.

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Agenda for the Meeting as contained in document 1-1.

Agenda Item 2 Matters arising from other HELCOM meetings

The Meeting is invited to take note of information on other HELCOM meetings and decisions within HELCOM in the intersessional period having relevance to the work of HELCOM AIS EWG, to be submitted at a later stage, including, e.g.:

- 40th Meeting of the Helsinki Commission ([HELCOM 40-2019](#));
- 18th Meeting of the Maritime Working Group ([MARITIME 18-2018](#));
- 25th Meeting of the Response Working Group ([RESPONSE 25-2018](#));
- 9th meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Safety of Navigation ([SAFE NAV 9-2018](#));
- 4th Inter-regional Workshop on Risk Assessment methods for Pollution Prevention and Response ([OPENRISK WS 4-2018](#)); and
- 54th and 55th Meetings of the Heads of Delegation ([HOD 54-2018](#), and [HOD 55-2018](#)).

The Meeting is invited to take note of the update of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP), being a priority for the HELCOM working groups, and note that the update of the BSAP will be based on the existing expertise in the HELCOM working structure according to the mandates of the working groups and will be overseen by the Heads of Delegation. In this context, the Meeting is invited to take note of the strategic plan and work plan for the update of the BSAP.

Agenda Item 3 Recent national developments of AIS

The Contracting Parties are invited to present any new information relevant to HELCOM AIS in their respective countries.

AIS coverage

The Meeting is invited to exchange information on AIS transmission coverage.

Monitoring of VDL loading

The Meeting is invited to exchange information on measurements and results of VDL loading.

Application specific AIS messages and VHF Data Exchange (VDE)

The Meeting is invited to discuss regional applications of global VHF Data Exchange (VDE) developments.

As requested by HELCOM AIS EWG 26-2015 (c.f. Outcome, paragraph 5.2), Denmark is invited to provide information about the EfficienSea 2 project and the development of AIS related solutions for monitoring the compliancy with environmental regulations, including possibly application-specific messages on fuel temperature.

The Contracting Parties are invited to inform on their activities related to enhancing the use of AIS application-specific messages.

E-navigation

The Contracting Parties are invited to inform on outcomes of work and projects related to e-navigation, including dynamic route planning and route exchange.

Exchange of AIS information

The Contracting Parties are invited to exchange information about public availability or limitations of AIS data for class A and B data, respectively.

Agenda Item 4 Maintaining and further development of HELCOM AIS

The Meeting is invited to take note that HELCOM 40-2019 adopted the revised [HELCOM Recommendation 33/1](#) “Unified interpretation in relation to access to and use of HELCOM AIS” to reflect the migration of hosting of the HELCOM AIS Server.

As agreed at AIS EWG 29-2018 (c.f. Outcome, paragraph 4.4), the Meeting is invited to revisit the matter of AIS data format, and the possible need and practicability to use standard IEC 61162-450 (Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems - Digital interfaces - Part 450: Multiple talkers and multiple listeners - Ethernet interconnection).

Further development of HELCOM AIS

The Meeting is invited to discuss possible ways to provide additional services to the basic exchange provided by Norway.

Agenda Item 5 Access to and use of HELCOM AIS information

Access to HELCOM AIS

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information on the requests received by the Secretariat on the AIS data (document to be submitted at a later stage).

Agenda Item 6 Cooperation with other organizations

The Contracting Parties are invited to inform on recent developments at IALA and ITU-R including the re-organisation of AIS channels as well as on progress with VDES standard.

EMSA is invited to inform on cooperation between regional AIS services in Europe including best practices and new developments.

Agenda Item 7 Any other business

The Meeting is invited to check and update the lists of contact persons and technical representatives for HELCOM AIS EWG as well as contact persons for the HELCOM AIS Agreement (document to be submitted at a later stage).

As agreed by AIS EWG 28-2017 (c.f. Outcome, paragraph 8.2) the HELCOM Secretariat will incorporate the contact details of HELCOM AIS members from the separate Norwegian Coastal Administration list of contact points, including also 24/7 system contact addresses, to the contact address list for the HELCOM AIS EWG. The Meeting is invited to endorse the updated list.

The Meeting might wish to consider any other matters related to this Agenda Item.

Agenda Item 8 Election of Chair

The Meeting is invited to recall that AIS EWG 28-2017 elected Mr. Alar Siht, Estonia, as Chair of HELCOM AIS EWG for the period 2017-2019 and Mr. Sergei Rostopshin, Russia, as Vice-Chair of HELCOM AIS EWG for the period 2017-2019 and that AIS EWG 27-2016 had re-elected Mr. Marek Dziewicki, Poland, as Vice-Chair of HELCOM AIS EWG for the period 2017-2019.

The Meeting is invited to elect/re-elect Chair and Vice-Chairs for HELCOM AIS EWG for the period 2020-2021.

Agenda Item 9 **Future work and meetings**

The Meeting is invited to decide on the date and place of the next meeting of the Group.

Agenda Item 10 **Outcome of the Meeting**

A draft Outcome of the Meeting will be prepared at the end of the Meeting and presented for consideration and adoption.