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### Background

Publication of the Status report on pharmaceuticals in the Baltic Sea region has been agreed by the HELCOM Heads of Delegation in August 2016. The report was developed jointly by the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission - Helsinki Commission (HELCOM) and Policy Area Hazards of the European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) and it serves as a case study within the framework of UNESCO Emerging Pollutants in Water Series under UNESCO-IHP's International Initiative on Water Quality (IIWQ) Project on 'Emerging Pollutants in Wastewater Reuse in Developing Countries'.

The joint publication of the report by UNESCO and HELCOM will be released by the middle of July 2017. The current document is a draft version of the Status report (**Attachment 1; separate file 4-1-Att1 - 50 pages**) and Annexes to the Status report (**Attachment 2; separate file 4-1-Att2 - 54 pages**) as at May 2017 containing some late comments and corrections. Currently, the publication is being processed by UNESCO for the final release. Any substantial changes in the text or graphics are not expected.

### Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the Status report and use its major findings for the purposes of CG Pharma.