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Background

The following comments to the draft preamble for the hazardous substances and litter segment ([document 2-1](#)) were given at PRESSURE 13-2020:

- combining hazardous substances and marine litter in one section makes the text difficult to read, thus some additional structuring (e.g. sub-headings) should be integrated. More specific aspects of HELCOM work are to be reflected in the part dedicated to hazardous substances but not only pharmaceuticals (e.g. screening campaign);
- submerged munitions and dangerous wrecks should be also mentioned in the preamble;
- the sentence on page 11 (“Among land-based sources, household-related waste, including sanitary waste, are major sources of marine litter as well as micro litter including microplastics.”) contains a statement related to the sources of marine litter which should be revised in terms of the role of the household waste.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the comments.