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Meeting of the Hazardous substances and litter segment team

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Drafting Group for the Updated Baltic Sea Action Plan

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Background

HELCOM Ministerial Declaration 2018 HELCOM committed Contracting Parties to develop ambitious, regionally coordinated, quantitative targets to reduce input of litter. With the reference to this commitment Sweden proposed to HOD 59-2020 that the HELCOM Expert Network for Marine Litter would develop a proposal for a potential strategic decision on (quantitative) reductions of marine litter, to be included in the BSAP ([document 5-1](#)).

HOD 59-2020 considered ([outcome](#), items 73-77) and welcomed the proposal by Sweden. Finland and the EU offered to provide reports as background material for this work. In case the quantitative reduction targets could not be developed by the 2021 Ministerial Meeting, an option could be that EN-marine litter will focus on the development of the methods to set the targets as the first step, aiming at proposing the targets in 2022.

HOD 59-2020 tasked EN-marine litter to consider in two months an opportunity to develop the quantitative targets, utilizing available knowledge and also the results of SOM analysis and conclude on the possibility of proposing transparent and substantiated quantitative targets as well as on the timeframe when such a proposal can be presented to the Pressure working group and subsequently to HODs.

The discussion will be launched at the closest meeting of the EN-marine litter in February 2021.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information.