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### Background

The attached document contains the report by Finland on OWR activities in 2017 and is an addition to document 3-2.

### Action requested

The Meeting is invited to

- take note of the report by Finland.

## Reports by Contracting Parties on OWR activities in 2017 for the EWG OWR report 2017

### **Country: Finland**

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#### **Report on self-assessment categories:**

##### **1. Planning and integration**

Meeting of the national OWR group was carried out in December. Probable administrative changes concerning authorities in charge of the oil spill response will have so far unknown influences over planning and developing of OWR in the near future. If wildlife response does not have official status in oil spill response plan, WWF will have difficulties to operate. WWF troops work always under the officials.

##### **2. Training**

WWF organized two trainings for volunteers in 2017. In total 41 volunteers and 15 veterinarian students were trained. Trainings are very popular and there is obviously need for further education.

##### **3. Exercises**

There were no exercises organized in 2017.

##### **4. Equipment and facilities**

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##### **5. Partnering and funding**

WWF Finland has a three year funding (2017-2020) from The Finnish Oil Pollution Compensation Fund for maintenance of OWR troops. Part of this funding will be used for OWR trainings and equipment updates.

##### **6. Report on incident response to wildlife and experiences/lessons learned from them**