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## Background

HOD 58-2020 discussed the detailed plan for drafting of the updated BSAP and the preliminary timetable and agreed on the year 2030 as the target year for implementing the BSAP. With regard to the target year for achieving good environmental status for the Baltic Sea, the meeting further agreed to include in the updated BSAP a reference to the 2007 BSAP and the HELCOM assessments.

The meeting reiterated that the updated BSAP should be short and concise, the information easily accessible and the content written in clear, simple language, while ensuring that the Plan retains political interest.

The meeting considered the view by Sweden that the updated BSAP would benefit from the inclusion of environmental targets for the new topics (e.g. marine litter), and the possibility to use the outcomes of the SOM analysis as a contribution to the process of identifying targets. The meeting acknowledged that this needs to be considered in more detail when the results of the SOM analysis and the associated background information are available. In this context, the meeting noted that the setting of environmental targets is typically a demanding political process.

The meeting invited the DG BSAP, to be chaired by Mr. Rüdiger Stempel, HELCOM Executive Secretary, to reflect on the level of detail to be included in, and the format of, the operative sections of the updated BSAP.

The meeting supported the inclusion of an additional segment focusing on horizontal actions in the updated BSAP, to be divided by subheadings representing the various identified horizontal topics (including actions on socio-economics and financing, climate change etc.) and invited the DG BSAP to develop a proposed structure for the segment.

The detailed plan for drafting of the updated BSAP approved by HOD 58-2020 can be found [here](#) (document 4-11 from HOD 58-2020). The present document contains the preliminary timetable and division of tasks for the drafting of BSAP approved by HOD 58-2020.

## Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the detailed plan for drafting of the updated BSAP and the preliminary timetable

## Preliminary timetable and division of task for drafting of BSAP

BSAP Section	2020							2021			
	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January-May	June	June-October	October
BSAP Preamble	BSAP Drafting Group, assisted by Secretariat					GEAR 23-2020	HOD 59-2020, comments	BSAP Drafting Group and Secretariat	HOD 60-2021, approval		Ministerial Meeting 2021, adoption
Segment preamble	Secretariat				WG meetings	Secretariat/BSAP Drafting Group lead country	HOD 59-2020, comments	BSAP Drafting Group and Secretariat	HOD 60-2021, approval		Ministerial Meeting 2021, adoption
Operative section: current state	Secretariat				WG meetings	Secretariat/BSAP Drafting Group lead country	HOD 59-2020, comments	BSAP Drafting Group and Secretariat	HOD 60-2021, approval		Ministerial Meeting 2021, adoption
Operative section: desired state	Secretariat				WG meetings	Secretariat/BSAP Drafting Group lead country	HOD 59-2020, comments	BSAP Drafting Group and Secretariat	HOD 60-2021, approval		Ministerial Meeting 2021, adoption
Operative section actions	HOD 58-2020	Working Groups, assisted by Secretariat					HOD 59-2020, comments	BSAP Drafting Group and Secretariat	HOD 60-2021, approval		Ministerial Meeting 2021, adoption
Annex Segment supplementary information	HOD 58-2020	Working Groups, assisted by Secretariat					HOD 59-2020, comments	Working Groups, assisted by Secretariat	HOD 60-2021, approval		Ministerial Meeting 2021, adoption