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Group for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach

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### Background

As outlined in [document 4-6](#) to this Meeting, due to the changes in working mode resulting from the outbreak of Covid-19, as well as recent changes in tasks at the Secretariat in relation to the BSAP Update, it had not been possible to arrange an EN ESA meeting and still meet the original deadline set by GEAR 21B-2020 for presenting revised proposals for the concretized actions under the remit of GEAR. The Secretariat, together with EN ESA, have now elaborated an alternative plan which would allow for the concretized action to be shared with HOD 58-2020 for approval in accordance with the BSAP Update workplan. As highlighted in document 4-6 the alternative plan will be to be shared with GEAR for approval, in the form of an addendum. This document contains such a plan.

### Action requested

The Meeting is invited to approve the alternative plan for further concretization of existing HELCOM actions likely to remain in the BSAP under the remit of GEAR, as contained in this document.

## Plan for finalizing concretized actions

Concretized actions for para. 49, 50 and 51 should be submitted for approval by HOD 58-2020 in accordance with the BSAP Update workplan. The proposed plan to finalize the process of concretizing actions is the following:

- 1) EN ESA will set up an intersessional online meeting and commenting process for late April (exact date TBD), to discuss and consider the guidance from GEAR 21B-2020, the Chair and Vice-Chair of GEAR and additional guidance from the Secretariat to further elaborate on the proposals.
- 2) The revised proposals will be submitted to GEAR for consideration and approval by **4 May 2020**.
- 3) If deemed necessary, the proposals will be further discussed and agreed in an intersessional GEAR meeting **15 May 2020**.
- 4) Final proposals are submitted to HOD 58-2020 **18 May 2020**.