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## Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

### Introduction

The Fifth Meeting of the HELCOM Maritime Sub-group on Green Technology and Alternative Fuels for Shipping (GREEN TEAM) will be held online on **Friday 24 September 2021** from **10:00 to 15:00 (EEST)** (9:00 to 14:00 CEST).

Documents for the Meeting will be made available on the [GREEN TEAM 5-2021 Meeting site](#) in the HELCOM Meeting Portal.

The participants are kindly requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#).

The Meeting will be co-chaired by Ms. Anita Mäkinen (Finland) and Ms. Nariné Svensson (Sweden).

### Agenda item 1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Annotations to the Provisional Agenda have been prepared on the basis of consultations between the co-chairs and the Secretariat.

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda as contained in document 1-1.

The Meeting is invited to note that as a general rule and mindful of the limited time available, information documents will not be introduced at the Meeting but will be taken as read. Comments of particular interest related to such documents may, however, be considered by the Meeting. Participants are therefore invited to familiarize themselves with all submitted documents prior to the Meeting.

### Agenda item 2. Outcomes of recent HELCOM meetings with relevance to GREEN TEAM

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the 20th Meeting of the HELCOM Maritime Working Group (online, 5-8 October 2020) as well as of the Intersessional 20th Meeting of the HELCOM Maritime Working Group (online, 15-16 April 2021) and, in particular, matters related to GREEN TEAM.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the Outcome of the Intersessional Meeting of the Heads of Delegation on the socio-economics and financing segment of the updated BSAP (online, 17 September 2020), the Outcome of the 59th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (online, 7-8 December 2020) and the Outcome of the 60th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (online, 3-4 June 2020).

The Meeting will be invited to take note of the Outcome of the Intersessional Meeting of the Heads of Delegation to be held online on 8-9 September 2021.

The Meeting is invited to note that the HELCOM 2021 Ministerial Meeting is expected to adopt the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP) in October 2021, and to discuss the future implementation of relevant actions in the updated BSAP, noting also the related information under Agenda Item 4 (document to be submitted).

#### Agenda item 3. [GREEN TEAM reporting mechanism and method](#)

The Meeting is invited to recall that HELCOM MARITIME 18-2018 approved the establishment of the GREEN TEAM Reporting mechanism and method based on the traffic light idea and agreed on the proposal to develop a digitalized reporting system to be established on the HELCOM website as a tool. The Finnish Maritime Cluster offered to finance the development of this tool.

The Meeting is invited to recall that GREEN TEAM 2-2018 agreed that reports should be submitted intersessionally once per year.

The Meeting is invited to take note that following discussions by GREEN TEAM 4-2020, MARITIME 20-2020 invited Contracting Parties to nationally consider ways to best engage the relevant stakeholders in responding to the online survey for the GREEN TEAM Reporting Mechanism. The Meeting agreed that Contracting Parties should circulate the online survey to various stakeholders to increase the response rate spread. In particular, the Meeting agreed that equipment manufacturers, shipyards and other stakeholders with a low response rate so far, should be contacted and encouraged to respond to the survey. The Meeting encouraged Contracting Parties, observers and other stakeholders to contribute to the GREEN TEAM Reporting Mechanism by completing the online survey by 30 June 2021 for consideration by GREEN TEAM 5-2021 ([Outcome of MARITIME 20-2020](#), para. 2.9-2.10).

The Meeting will be invited to consider the reporting received and take action as appropriate (document to be submitted).

GREEN TEAM 4-2021 discussed needs for improvement of the online survey and invited participants to send proposed improvements to the survey to the Secretariat at their earliest convenience, noting however that changes to the substance and contents of the Reporting Mechanism, as developed and agreed by GREEN TEAM and approved by MARITIME 18-2018, cannot be implemented without agreement by the GREEN TEAM ([Outcome of GREEN TEAM 4-2020](#), para. 3.7-3.8).

The Meeting is invited to take note that the Secretariat has not received any additional input for improving the online survey.

Following discussions by GREEN TEAM 4-2020 ([Outcome of GREEN TEAM 4-2020](#), para. 3.6) and the request by MARITIME 20-2020, the Meeting is invited to consider the challenges related to financing, alternative fuels and onshore power supply (OPS) ([Outcome of MARITIME 20-2020](#), para. 2.4).

#### Agenda item 4. [Economic incentives](#)

The Meeting is invited to note that MARITIME 20-2020 endorsed, in principle, two new proposals for actions to be included in the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP) agreed as part of the [Outcome of GREEN TEAM 4-2020](#) (para. 4.4), noting that a final position could be given only at HOD 59-2020 as the aspects related to financing and taxation in many Contracting Parties lie under the responsibility of other authorities than those represented in the Maritime Working Group ([Outcome of MARITIME 20-2020](#), para. 2.11-2.12 and 3.27). The Meeting is invited to take note that HOD 60-2021 approved the actions “Work towards securing ship financing and innovation funding to support more sustainable shipping and to ensure maritime transport components in applicable funding mechanisms” and “Enable onshore power in the Baltic Sea region by promoting onshore power supply availability and ensuring initial economic incentives for the use and supply of onshore power by 2027” as part of the updated BSAP ([Outcome of HOD 60-2021](#), para. 4.7 and [Attachment to the Outcome](#)).

The Meeting is invited to recall that GREEN TEAM 4-2020 had noted that the issue of economic incentives and port dues is of interest also for the Nordic Council, having funds that could potentially be utilized in this regard. The Meeting had further noted that Sweden will continue looking into options for harmonization of

indexes, and the data on which they are built, for port dues further ([Outcome of GREEN TEAM 4-2020](#), para. 4.6).

Sweden may wish inform the Meeting on the status of work on this issue.

The Meeting is invited to recall that GREEN TEAM 4-2020 had noted that an ongoing study in Sweden is looking into the use of ammonia, hydrogen and electricity as propulsion power for ships ([Outcome of GREEN TEAM 4-2020](#), para. 4.7).

Sweden may wish to provide the Meeting with an update of the work conducted in the project.

The Meeting is invited to take note that following the recommendation by GREEN TEAM 4-2020 ([Outcome of GREEN TEAM 4-2020](#), para. 4.10), MARITIME 20-2020 supported initiating a study to gain more knowledge on financing for sustainable shipping in the Baltic Sea region. The Meeting noted with appreciation that Finland is considering the possibilities of conducting such a study ([Outcome of MARITIME 20-2020](#), para. 2.13). Finland may wish to inform the Meeting about the status of the above-mentioned considerations.

The Meeting is invited to recall that GREEN TEAM 4-2020 noted information on how the European Green Deal Investment Plan be financed, as provided by the EU by email [Outcome of GREEN TEAM 4-2020](#), para. 4.11). EU may wish to provide further information to the Meeting to enable a more comprehensive discussion on the matter.

The Meeting is invited to discuss any other issues related to the matter.

Agenda item 5. [Information regarding relevant projects and funding mechanisms](#)

The Meeting is invited to recall that GREEN TEAM 4-2021 had noted that an ongoing study in Sweden is looking into the use of ammonia, hydrogen and electricity as propulsion power for ships. Sweden may wish to provide further information on this matter to the Meeting.

The Meeting is invited to recall that GREEN TEAM 4-2021 had noted information provided by Finland regarding a project on the management of grey water and food waste in the Baltic Sea, being conducted by the Baltic Sea Action Group. The Meeting is invited to take note that additional information on this project was submitted by Finland to MARITIME 20-2020 ([document 12-7](#) and [Outcome of MARITIME 20-2020](#), para. 12.10-12.12).

Agenda item 6. [Any other business](#)

The Meeting is invited to recall that GREEN TEAM 2-2018 and GREEN TEAM 3-2019 discussed possible ways forward regarding further work to consider the environmental effects/risks of bunkering operations and ship to ship transfers in the Baltic Sea, including possible revision of Recommendation 28/3 on Guidelines on bunkering operations and ship to ship cargo transfer ([Outcome of GREEN TEAM 4-2020](#), para. 6.2).

Interested parties may wish to submit information on recent developments and proposals on the way forward to the Meeting. The Meeting is invited to agree on a way forward to address the matter.

Based on the input provided by GREEN TEAM 4-2021 regarding items to be included in the next Work Plan of the GREEN TEAM (2022-2023) ([Outcome of GREEN TEAM 4-2020](#), para. 4.7 and 4.9), the Meeting is invited to discuss and agree on the GREEN TEAM Work Plan (2022-2023) (document to be submitted).

The Meeting is invited to consider any other issues related to Green Technology and Alternative Fuels.

The Meeting is invited to check and update the contact addresses of the contact list of GREEN TEAM (document to be submitted).

Agenda item 7. [Next meeting](#)

The Meeting is invited to agree on dates and venue for GREEN-TEAM 6-2022.

[Agenda item 8.](#)

[Outcome of the Meeting](#)

The Meeting will be provided with a draft Outcome of the Meeting. The final Outcome, incorporating corrections by the Meeting, will be prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Co- Chairs of the Meeting and made available in the HELCOM Meeting Portal.

[Closing of the Meeting](#)