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## Background

This document includes as *Attachment 1* the outcome of the 18th Meeting of the HELCOM Response Group (HELCOM RESPONSE 18/2014) which was held in Szczecin, Poland, on 21-23 January 2014.

The main highlights are as follows:

The Meeting took note of the oral information on recent developments regarding exchange of accident data between HELCOM and EMSA (EMCIP) (§3.2).

The Meeting took note of the information by the Secretariat concerning the ongoing work on streamlining the structure and work of HELCOM (§2.4).

The Meeting kept the streamlining activity in mind when considering the work in sub-groups and task groups by i.a. minimizing the number of live meetings and maximizing the use of online correspondence and back-to-back/side event meetings.

The Meeting found the work of the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Response on the Shore (HELCOM EWG SHORE) important and requested the Secretariat to resubmit the Terms of Reference to HELCOM 35/2014 for adoption (§6.2-6.5) (cf document 4-11).

The Meeting drafted the Terms of Reference for an oiled wildlife response expert working group (HELCOM EWG OWR) and requested the Secretariat to submit the ToR to HELCOM 35/2014 for adoption (§6.7-6.8) (cf document 4-12).

The Meeting took note of the information on HELCOM BALEX DELTA 2014 operational response exercise to be held 10-12 June in Ventspils, Latvia (§8.3).

The Meeting took note of the information on HELCOM CEPCO North 2014 aerial surveillance flight to be organized by Estonia (§9.8).

The Meeting agreed on the revised timeline of ToR of the Task Group to draft a HELCOM Recommendation for means of communication to be used for HELCOM POLREPs when alerting and requesting/offering assistance for pollution incidents at sea and on the shore in Baltic Sea Area (HELCOM TG POLREP) (§10.11) (cf document 4-10-Add.1) and agreed that the first meeting will be held 27-28 March in Kotka, hosted by Finland (§10.12).

The Meeting welcomed the information that Finland and Sweden would be willing to fund project staff at the HELCOM Secretariat to co-ordinate the work to revise the Manual 2014-2015 and requested also other Contracting Parties to contribute to the initiative by 14 February 2014 to the Secretariat ([hermanni.backer@helcom.fi](mailto:hermanni.backer@helcom.fi)) (§10.15).

The Meeting agreed on the revised timeline of ToR of the Task Group on revising the HELCOM Response Manual Volume II (HELCOM TG HNS MANUAL) (§10.13) (cf document 4-10-Add.2) and decided that the first meeting will be held online 19 March 2014.

The Meeting welcomed the Polish offer to host the first meeting of the HELCOM expert group on environmental risks of hazardous submerged objects (HELCOM SUBMERGED) during spring 2014 (date to be decided) (§12.4).

The Meeting provided minor updates to the HELCOM RESPONSE working programme (§13.1).

The Meeting drafted a timeline of REPOSE related meetings, included as Annex 5 (§13.2).

The Meeting agreed that the next meeting of the Response Group will be held 25-27 November 2014, tentatively in Estonia (§13.3).

### Action required

The Meeting is invited to:

- take note of the outcome in general;
- decide regarding the expert working groups (cf documents 4-10-Add.1 and Add.2);
- approve organizing the 19th Meeting of the Response Group (HELCOM RESPONSE 19/2014) on 25-27 November 2014 and note the preliminary offer by Estonia to host the meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE 18TH MEETING OF  
RESPONSE GROUP  
(HELCOM RESPONSE)**

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## MINUTES OF THE 18TH MEETING OF RESPONSE GROUP (HELCOM RESPONSE)

### INTRODUCTION

0.1 In accordance with the Minutes of the 17th Meeting of the Response Group (HELCOM RESPONSE 17/2013, Paragraph 15.2) the 18th Meeting of the HELCOM Response Group was held in Szczecin, Poland, from 21 to 23 January 2014.

0.2 The Meeting was attended by Delegations from all the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention, as well as by an Observer from WWF Finland and an invited guest from Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex 1**.

0.3 Mr. Rafal Banaszkiwicz, Head of the Department for International Cooperation and European Union Funds of the Maritime Office in Szczecin, welcomed the participants to the Meeting. The Chairman of HELCOM RESPONSE, Mr. Bernt Stedt, opened the Meeting.

0.4 Mr. Bernt Stedt from Sweden, Chairman of the HELCOM Response Group, acted as Chairman of the Meeting, and Mr. Marek Reszko from Poland, Vice-Chairman of the HELCOM Response Group, acted as Vice-Chairman of the Meeting. Mr. Hermanni Backer, Professional Secretary of the Helsinki Commission, acted as Secretary of the Meeting.

### **Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda**

Documents: 1/1, 1/2

1.1 The Meeting adopted the Agenda (document 1/1) as contained in **Annex 2**.

### **Agenda Item 2 Matters arising from HELCOM meetings, including Ministerial Meeting 2013**

Documents: 2/1, 2/2, 2/3

2.1 The Meeting took note of the information on the outcome of the HELCOM Copenhagen Ministerial Meeting on 3 October 2013 (document 2/1) and considered the response related commitments included in the HELCOM Copenhagen Ministerial Declaration in the context of the relevant substantial agenda items.

2.2 The Meeting took note of the video "Baltic Sea Shipping Visualized" commissioned for the 2013 HELCOM Copenhagen Ministerial Meeting, presenting work on response and maritime issues, also available on the internet <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CBgs5O1WPc>.

2.3 The Meeting took note of the information that further details of implementation of HELCOM Recommendation 34E/2 adopted by the Ministerial Meeting "Further testing and developing the concept of pro-active route planning as well as other e-navigation solutions to enhance safety of navigation and protection of the marine environment in the Baltic Sea Region" will be further discussed at the forthcoming meeting of HELCOM SAFE NAV on 4 February 2014.

2.4 The Meeting took note of the information by the Secretariat concerning the ongoing work on streamlining the structure and work of HELCOM and that the proposal by the Task Group on Streamlining will be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation in February 2014.

2.5 The Meeting took note of the outcome of the 13th Meeting of the HELCOM Maritime Group (HELCOM MARITIME 13/2013) held in Szczecin, Poland, on 26-28

November 2013 (document 2/3), including, e.g, the following issues of relevance to the RESPONSE Group:

- HELCOM report on Shipping Accidents in the Baltic Sea 2012;
- planning of a comprehensive HELCOM Assessment on Maritime Activities in the Baltic Sea region to be completed by 2016;
- ship-to-ship operations.

2.6 The Meeting took note of the progress in implementing the maritime activities segment of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan (document 2/2) and requested the Contracting Parties to update the index with any additional information where needed and to provide written comments by **14 February 2014**.

2.7 The Meeting noted that beside updating progress in national implementation in the index table, the task of the RESPONSE group is to conclude on the level of fulfilment of the regional level commitments to the included labels “starting”, “in progress” (has started but no concrete results), “partly accomplished” (some parts concluded) and “accomplished” (fully accomplished).

### **Agenda Item 3 Maritime traffic situation**

Documents: None

3.1 The Meeting took note of the oral information by the Secretariat on the draft 2012 HELCOM report on ship accidents in the Baltic Sea region, which was approved by HELCOM MARITIME 13/2013 for publishing on the HELCOM web page but which has not yet been published due to mail exchange initiated by Denmark in December 2013 due to some questions regarding Danish data. The Meeting noted that the finalization of the report will be further discussed at HELCOM SAFE NAV 4/2014 (4 February 2014).

3.2 The Meeting acknowledged the ongoing discussions between the HELCOM Secretariat and EMSA regarding access to the EU data base (EMCIP) and that the Secretariat is planning to have a meeting with EMSA during spring 2014 on technical details.

3.3 The Meeting took note of the information by Finland on the Chembaltic Conference held on 12 November 2013 and on a new project “Chemare” which will be initiated with the help of EU seed money.

3.4 The Meeting took note of the wish by the European Union that a database on ongoing projects be established on HELCOM website to have some overview on ongoing Baltic Sea regional initiatives when project proposals are received by the EU.

3.5 The Meeting took note of the information by the Secretariat that the HELCOM AIS system is being transferred into another format, which could possibly explain lack of functionality observed by some participants.

### **Agenda Item 4 Sub-regional risk assessments**

Documents: 10/1, 10/1/Rev.1

4.1 The Meeting considered the existing bi- and multilateral agreements on joint response operations and response plans in response regions (revised Chapter 2 of Volume 1 of the HELCOM Response Manual; cf. document 10/1) and approved the contents of the document to replace the current Chapter 2, as well as made additional amendments to the map and table as contained in document 10/1/Rev.1.

4.2 The Meeting requested the Secretariat to finalize the map in document 10/1 by:

- removing from the map agreements which have not been signed;
- limiting the extent of the Germany-Poland operational agreement;
- extending the Finland-Russia agreement also to cover the Kaliningrad region.

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4.3 The Meeting noted the need for material for an overview list of regional, sub-regional and international agreements related to shoreline response in the Baltic Sea area for inclusion into the HELCOM Response Manual and requested that this would be further considered by EWG SHORE in its future work (cf Agenda item 6).

## **Agenda Item 5 Matters related to response operations**

### **5.1 Recent operations**

Documents: None

5.1 The Meeting recalled an incident in the Gulf of Finland in October 2012, which demonstrated the value of VTS cooperation as Finnish-Russian cooperation made it possible for the ship to change its course and avoid a potentially serious accident and spill.

### **5.2 Use of dispersants**

Documents: 5.2/1/INF

5.2 The Meeting took note of the information on the update on EMSA's activities in the field of oil spill dispersants (document 5.2/1/INF).

### **5.3 Response operations at night/in bad visibility**

Documents: None

5.3 The Meeting took note of the information by Sweden on the outcome of the "oil on water" exercise organized by Norway on the North Sea in June 2013 (**Presentation 1**).

### **5.4 Emergency towing**

Documents: None

5.4 The Meeting considered how to proceed with the assessment of escort towing for major routes called for by HELCOM Recommendation 25/5 "Assessment of the need for escort towing in tanker transport routes to prevent accidents in the Baltic Sea area". Due to time limitations and lack of a concrete document submission, HELCOM MARITIME 13/2013 did not consider the topic as requested by HELCOM RESPONSE 17/2013.

5.5 The Meeting requested the Contracting Parties to provide input to a questionnaire to be circulated by the Secretariat by 14 February 2014 regarding any assessments of the need for escort towing as called for by HELCOM Recommendation 25/5 in order to be in the position to submit a document one month in advance of the next MARITIME meeting to be held on 4-6 November 2014, i.e. by 7 October 2014.

5.6 The Meeting took note of the information by Sweden on an emergency towing operation by the Swedish Coast Guard on 23 December 2013.

5.7 The Meeting took note of the information by Finland on a new vessel "Turva" to be delivered in April with emergency towing capacity of 100 tons bollard pull.

### **5.5 Oil in ice**

Documents: 5.5/1/INF

5.8 The Meeting took note of the information submitted by Finland on International Oil Spill Response Seminar and Oil In Ice Recovery Equipment Demonstration, to be arranged in March 2014 in the city of Kotka (document 5.5/1/INF) and that a more detailed invitation will be sent via the HELCOM Secretariat.

5.9 The Meeting took note of the invitation by Finland to a large scale oil in ice exercise in the Gulf of Bothnia area to be held in the context of the Agreement on Cooperation on Marine Oil Pollution, Preparedness and Response in the Arctic in March-April 2015.

5.10 The Meeting took note of the information by EMSA that they have two arctic skimmers as special equipment for oil recovery in ice.

## 5.6 Places of Refuge

Documents: 5.6/1/INF

5.11 The Meeting took note of the information by the Secretariat that HELCOM HOD 41/2013 approved the RESPONSE 17/2013 proposal for a revision of HELCOM Recommendation 31E/5 "Mutual plan for places of refuge in the Baltic Sea area" and that the proposal has been forwarded for adoption by HELCOM 35/2014 (5-6 March 2014), as required by the Convention.

5.12 The Meeting took note of the report submitted by Finland on ratification of relevant conventions in accordance with Recommendation 31E/5 "Places of Refuge" (document 5.6/1/INF) and the HELCOM RESPONSE working programme.

5.13 The Meeting took note of the information by Estonia and Poland that the Recommendation requirements have been met, that Estonia has undergone EMSA's audit 2013 regarding places of refuge and is preparing action plans for designated areas in the near future.

5.14 The Meeting took note of the information that the EU Working Group on Places of Refuge on 15 January 2014 also discussed places of refuge.

## Agenda Item 6 Shoreline response and wildlife response

Documents: 6/1, 6/1/Rev.1, 6/2/INF, 6/3/WP.1

6.1 The Meeting took note that the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting 3 October 2013 adopted HELCOM Recommendation 34E/3 "Amendments to Annex VII "Response to pollution incidents" of the 1992 Helsinki Convention, concerning response on the shore", which will enter into force on 1 July 2014 pending ratification by the Contracting Parties.

6.2 The Meeting took note of the information by the Secretariat that HELCOM HOD 42/2013 considered the Terms of Reference for the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Response on the Shore (HELCOM EWG SHORE) for the period 2013-2016 and supported it in principle, noted that some of the Contracting Parties needed to clarify their positions due to the ongoing HELCOM Streamlining activity and agreed to come back to this matter by the Heads of Delegation at the next suitable occasion.

6.3 The Meeting formed a drafting group to consider the future work of EWG SHORE, which submitted a proposal as included in document 6/3/WP.1.

6.4 The Meeting found it important that the work of EWG SHORE continues 2013-2016 in order to help the Contracting Parties to fulfil the commitments of the revised Annex VII of the Helsinki Convention and of recent Ministerial Meetings.

6.5 The Meeting requested the Secretariat to resubmit the Terms of Reference of EWG SHORE 2013-2016 and document 6/3/WP.1 to HELCOM 35/2014 for adoption.

6.6 The Meeting considered the proposal by WWF Finland and Sea Alarm regarding the work on oiled wildlife response (document 6/1, **Presentation 2**) and welcomed the initiative for an expert working group on oiled wildlife response.

6.7 The Meeting established a drafting group to consider the formation of and Terms of Reference for an oiled wildlife response expert working group, which revised document 6/1 as included in document 6/1/Rev.1.

6.8 The Meeting requested the Secretariat to submit the ToR of OWR EWG as included in document 6/1/Rev.1 to HELCOM 35/2014 for adoption after editorial work.

6.9 The Meeting considered the proposal for an updated and extended oiled wildlife response work plan for the years 2014 - 2017 as included in document 6/1/Rev.1 and agreed that OWR EWG will update its work plan at the first meeting.

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6.10 The Meeting welcomed the information from Estonia, Finland, Germany and Sweden that they will nominate members to the HELCOM OWR EWG. The remaining countries were asked to nominate their representatives for the working group by **14 February 2014** ([hermanni.backer@helcom.fi](mailto:hermanni.backer@helcom.fi)).

6.11 The Meeting took note of the summary of the Finnish national oiled wildlife response plan (document 6/2/INF) and that Finland aims to report similar issues once per year according to the working programme of HELCOM RESPONSE.

6.12 The Meeting welcomed the information by Estonia that their national wildlife response plan was adopted on 20 December 2013 and that the overview of the plan will be presented to the next RESPONSE meeting.

## **Agenda Item 7 National reports on emergency/response planning**

Documents: 7/1/INF, 7/2/INF, 7/3/INF, 7/4/INF

7.1 The Meeting took note of the information on the work of the State Marine Pollution Control, Salvage & Rescue Administration of Russian Federation in 2013 (**Presentation 3**), e.g. on an emergency rescue vessel "Spasatel Zaborschikov" equipped with latest technology, an exercise at Barents in 2013 between Russia and Norway, activities of search and rescue of people in the framework of joint contingency plan, search and rescue and oil combating, information on oil spills in 2013 in the Baltic Sea by Russia. Besides that Russia gave information on a complex exercise on Kirinskoye gas condensate field on 27-28 August 2013 and also informed about a big international exercise "Arctic 2014" which will be held on 5-7 August 2014 in the area of oil field Prirazlomnoye in the [Pechora Sea](#), south of [Novaya Zemlya, Russia](#).

7.2 The Meeting took note of the information by Germany on building of a new vessel MV HAITHABU for oil spill response, monitoring of water quality and salvage operation of warfare material, equipped with LAMOR oil recovery system (**Presentation 4**).

7.3 The Meeting took note of the information by Sweden that at the end of February 2013 a new ship had been delivered to complete a series of four similar ships (031-series).

7.4 The Meeting took note of the information by Finland that no new information has been received from the Contracting Parties during the intersessional period on national guidelines or other decisions on minimum response capacity to remain in home waters. Such input is still welcome ([heli.haapasaari@ymparisto.fi](mailto:heli.haapasaari@ymparisto.fi)).

7.5 The Meeting took note of the information by Sweden that no new information has been received from the Contracting Parties during the intersessional period on experiences from response operations involving vegetable oils. Such input is still welcome ([Alexander.Von.Buxhoeveden@kustbevakningen.se](mailto:Alexander.Von.Buxhoeveden@kustbevakningen.se)).

7.6 The Meeting took note of the information on the national strategy for oil spill protection in Sweden (document 7/1/INF) and that more information will be provided at the next RESPONSE meeting.

7.7 The Meeting took note of the information by Finland on oil combating and the special status of the Åland Islands, having its own Provincial Act on combating oil pollution from 1977 (document 7/2/INF, **Presentation 5**).

7.8 The Meeting took note of the information on EMSA's action plan for response to marine pollution from oil and gas installations (document 7/3/INF) as well as on EMSA's Pollution Response Services, including overview of vessel network and information on 2014 updates (**Presentation 6**).

7.9 The Meeting took note of the report submitted by the European Union of the *ad hoc* Meeting with the Marine Pollution Community held in Brussels, 28 November 2013 (document 7/4/INF) and the invitation to consider strategic regional priorities for the future calls for proposals in prevention and preparedness.



**Agenda Item 8****Exercises**

Documents: 8/1, 8/2, 8/3, 8/4/INF

8.1 The Meeting took note of the report of BALEX DELTA 2013, held in Warnemünde, Germany, 13 June 2013 (document 8/1) as well as the report of the Exercise Evaluation Team (document 8/2).

8.2 The Meeting welcomed the BALEX DELTA 2013 video presented by Germany.

8.3 The Meeting took note of the information by Latvia on BALEX DELTA 2014 international HELCOM Baltic Sea oil spill response exercise to be held on 10-12 June 2014 in the vicinity of Ventspils (document 8/4/INF), possibly including also an OWR tabletop exercise.

8.4 The Meeting took note of the information by Poland on BALEX DELTA 2015 which will be a combined exercise with shoreline and oiled wildlife response and that it will take place in the Bay of Gdansk during the last week of August 2015 (week 35).

8.5 The Meeting was of the opinion that a fixed month should be agreed for BALEX DELTA exercises and decided that there might be a need to establish it either in June or August in view of other exercises and events planned for a certain date.

8.6 The Meeting took note that the use of the HELCOM grid in BALEX DELTA exercises is dating from times before electronic aids to navigation.

8.7 The Meeting took note of the report of an Operational Oil Spill Response Exercise between Finland and Estonia (new ship "Kindral Kurvits"), which took place outside the city of Kotka on 26-28 August 2013 (document 8/3).

8.8 The Meeting took note of the information by Sweden on a tabletop exercise in memory of the Fu Shan Hai incident.

8.9 The Meeting noted the information from Denmark that the wreck of Fu Shan Hai has now been cleaned from oil and is no longer an environmental hazard.

8.10 The Meeting noted that the IMO will discuss International Offers of Assistance Guidelines at the IMO OPRC-HNS TG 16th meeting and that terminology could be streamlined also in the Baltic Sea region.

**Agenda Item 9****Detection, investigation and prosecution of offenders of anti-pollution regulations**

Documents: 9/1/INF, 9/2/INF, 9/3/INF

9.1 The Meeting discussed further cooperation with the Network of the Prosecutors on Environmental Crime (ENPRO) and took note of the updated ENPRO Manual on Prosecuting Environmental Crime in the Baltic Sea Region (document 9/1/INF), available also on the HELCOM website.

9.2 The Meeting took note of the remark by Estonia about a small error in the Manual (page 56 regarding a reference to cooperation between Latvia and Estonia in the Gulf of Riga, not Finland) and requested the Secretariat to contact ENPRO for correcting the error.

9.3 The Meeting took note of the information submitted by Sweden on a seminar concerning spills of other substances than oil, conducted in Gothenburg on 6-7 November 2013 (document 9/2/INF) and that in some cases the interpretation of the compatibility between the relevant MARPOL Annexes and national legislation concerning HNS spills is not straight forward.

9.4 The Meeting noted that Sweden intends to organize a follow-up seminar on this topic. Sweden has also discussed the possibility to invite participants from other countries.

9.5 The Meeting took note of the information provided by the European Union (EMSA) on addressing illegal ship-source pollution in the marine environment (document 9/3/INF, **Presentation 7**) and encouraged use of the document by interested audiences.

### 9.1 Aerial surveillance

Documents: 9.1/1/INF

9.6 The Meeting took note of the information that the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting 3 October 2013 adopted HELCOM Recommendation 34E/4 "Airborne surveillance with remote sensing equipment in the Baltic Sea area" (cf document 2/1).

9.7 The Meeting took note of the information by Germany on the outcome of the HELCOM-BONN SuperCEPCO 2013 operation conducted in Nordholz on 11-16 August 2013 (originally intended for the Baltic Sea but carried out in the North Sea), with participation by six countries, 26 flights with total flight time of 73 hrs 36 min and five pollution incidents detected. The CEPCO organizers hoped for somewhat more attention from the media.

9.8 The Meeting took note of the preliminary information by Estonia that CEPCO North 2014 will be held in the timeframe of end of August – beginning of September, to be confirmed at the IWGAS 2014 meeting.

9.9 The Meeting took note of the information provided by the European Union (EMSA) on the outcome of the two regional training courses on "The use of surveillance systems for marine pollution detection and assessment" held in 2013 (document 9.1/1/INF), co-organized by Finland and France.

9.10 The Meeting took note of the information by Lithuania that the next IWGAS meeting will be held in Klaipeda on 3-4 March 2014 and that the normal illegal spills reporting from IWGAS will be made available at the next meeting of HELCOM RESPONSE.

### 9.2 Use of satellites for detecting illegal discharges

Documents: 9.2/1/INF

9.11 The Meeting took note of the information by the European Union (EMSA) on CleanSeaNet Statistics for 2013 (document 9.2/1/INF, **Presentation 7**) and informed that the statistics will be made available via the HELCOM website.

### 9.3 STW/AIS/SAT model

Documents: 9.3/1/INF, 9.3/2/INF

9.12 The Meeting took note of the information by Sweden on developments related to the HELCOM Seatrack Web (STW) (document 9.3/1/INF, **Presentation 8**), including a new webmap application which will be available by the end of 2014. The Meeting was also informed that the current/old version will be running until the end of 2014.

9.13 The Meeting took note of the information from Sweden that SMHI needs to cover its STW maintenance costs and considers usage fees as from April 2014 and recalled some earlier discussions and decisions on the financial issues related to STW during HELCOM RESPONSE 16/2012.

9.14 The Meeting requested the Secretariat to collect views of the Contracting Parties on such fees and possible proposals for financing of STW, decided to come back to this item at the next meeting of HELCOM RESPONSE and invited an expert of SMHI to participate in the next meeting.

9.15 The Meeting took note of Finland's initial idea of a common situational awareness system to support HELCOM fleet and the invitation to join the discussion to further develop the idea (document 9.3/2/INF), and requested the Contracting Parties to inform about their

willingness to participate in the discussion by e-mail to Finland ([meri.hietala@environment.fi](mailto:meri.hietala@environment.fi)) and the Secretariat ([hermanni.backer@helcom.fi](mailto:hermanni.backer@helcom.fi)) before **14 February 2014**.

## **Agenda Item 10**

### **HELCOM Recommendations and Response Manual**

Documents: 10/1, 10/1/Rev.1, 10/2, 10/3, 10/4, 10/4/Corr.1, 10/5, 10/5/Corr.1, 10/6, 10/7/INF, 10/8/INF, 10/9/INF, 10/10/INF

10.1 The Meeting took note of the updated (December 2013) contact information by Finland (document 10/7/INF) and EMSA (document 10/8/INF) in Chapter 1 of Volume 1 of the HELCOM Response Manual.

10.2 The Meeting also took note of the oral information by Poland and Sweden on their updated contact information to be submitted to the Secretariat.

10.3 The Meeting requested all Contracting Parties to submit their updated contact information regularly to the Secretariat.

10.4 The Meeting took note of the new text on oil sampling in Chapter 6 of the HELCOM Response Manual, Volume 1 (document 10/2) and approved the contents to be published on HELCOM website.

10.5 The Meeting took note of the information on the overview of updates to the HELCOM Response Manual (document 10/9/INF) and decided to use it when planning future updates for the Manual.

10.6 The Meeting considered the Terms of Reference for the Task Group to draft a HELCOM Recommendation for means of communication to be used for HELCOM POLREPs when alerting and requesting/offering assistance for pollution incidents at sea and on the shore in Baltic Sea Area (HELCOM TG POLREP), approved by HELCOM HOD 41/2013 (document 10/4), including a Secretariat proposal for a new timetable.

10.7 The Meeting took note that there have been some delays in making the new version of CECIS available but that the system is now emerging for testing.

10.8 The Meeting took note of the EU efforts to create a link between SafeSeaNet (SSN) and CECIS, relevant for dissemination of POLREP (document 10/10/INF) and welcomed the preview by the European Union on the features of the new CECIS and the inter-linkage between CECIS and SSN.

10.9 The Meeting noted that the two new EU systems CECIS and SSN are managed in many cases by different responsible national authorities. The Meeting also noted that there is a need for some clarification in order to avoid duplication of reporting (by different national authorities) for the same incident via SSN.

10.10 The Meeting took note of the comments by Finland to document 10/4 "Update on HELCOM TG POLREP: revised timetable and current members" (document 10/6) and agreed that more time is needed to test the communication systems to be able to draw any conclusions from the technical point of view and that the TG should also update the Response Manual (relevant chapters listed in document 10/6, page 2) and Recommendation 33/3 as appropriate.

10.11 The Meeting amended and agreed on the revised timetable (document 10/4/Corr.1) for TG POLREP as well as welcomed that Estonia and EMSA will provide members to TG POLREP.

10.12 The Meeting agreed that the work of TG POLREP should begin with a more in-depth demonstration of the new CECIS and SafeSeaNet and welcomed the offer of Finland to host the first TG POLREP meeting in Kotka, Finland, 27-28 March 2014.

10.13 The Meeting considered the Terms of Reference for the Task Group on revising the HELCOM Response Manual Volume II (HELCOM TG HNS MANUAL), approved by HELCOM HOD 41/2013 (document 10/5), including a Secretariat proposal for a revised

timetable. The Meeting agreed on the revised timetable (document 5/1/Corr.1) and the work plan of TG HNS MANUAL.

10.14 The Meeting noted that so far only four Contracting Parties have nominated members to TG HNS MANUAL and requested the remaining Contracting Parties to consider participating and to notify the Secretariat ([hermanni.backer@helcom.fi](mailto:hermanni.backer@helcom.fi)) by **14 February 2014**.

10.15 The Meeting considered the proposal by the Secretariat for a core project idea to support HELCOM TG HNS MANUAL (document 10/3) and welcomed the information that Finland and Sweden would be willing to fund project staff at the HELCOM Secretariat to coordinate the work to revise the Manual 2014-2015 and requested also other Contracting Parties to contribute to the initiative by **14 February 2014** to the Secretariat ([hermanni.backer@helcom.fi](mailto:hermanni.backer@helcom.fi)).

10.16 The Meeting noted that the Secretariat can draft a HELCOM project description for this initiative if needed.

10.17 The Meeting agreed that the recent EMSA tools including MAR-ICE and MAR-CIS should also be considered by the work within TG HNS MANUAL.

#### **Agenda Item 11**

#### **Activities within other organizations and initiatives**

Documents: 12/5/INF

11.1 The Meeting took note of the information that the 10th Inter-Secretariat Meeting will be held on 27 February 2014 in Helsinki, Finland, in which the Regional agreements, EMSA and EU will communicate about different issues of common interest.

11.2 The Meeting took note of the information on the outcome of the 8th Meeting of the EMSA CTG MPPR, held in Lisbon on 23 October 2013 and that the 9th CTG MPPR Meeting will be held on 22 October 2014 (**Presentation 9**).

11.3 The Meeting took note of the information by Lithuania on development of solutions for effective oil spill management in South-Eastern Baltic (document 12/5/INF), i.e. sensitivity mapping between Lithuania and Russia. The Meeting requested the Contracting Parties to contact [igor.kuzmenko@mil.lt](mailto:igor.kuzmenko@mil.lt) if they wish to participate in the project activities.

#### **Agenda Item 12**

#### **Any other business**

Documents: 12/1, 12/2, 12/3/INF, 12/4/INF

12.1 The Meeting took note of the Terms of Reference of the HELCOM expert group on environmental risks of hazardous submerged objects (HELCOM SUBMERGED) agreed by HELCOM HOD 43/2013 (document 12/2) and the presentation by Ms. Anna Sosnowska and Mr. Jacek Beldowski, Poland (**Presentation 10**).

12.2 The Meeting noted that according to the agreed ToR the group aims to produce a one-off thematic assessment on environmental risks of hazardous submerged objects covering contaminated wrecks, lost or dumped dangerous goods (e.g. containers), and other objects.

12.3 The Meeting welcomed the information that Poland, Sweden and Finland will nominate members to the group and requested the remaining Contracting Parties to nominate members of SUBMERGED by **14 February 2014**.

12.4 The Meeting appreciated the offer of Poland to consider hosting the first meeting of HELCOM SUBMERGED. A proposal for the date of the meeting will be decided between Poland and the Secretariat, taking into account the timeline of other RESPONSE related meetings.

12.5 The Meeting took note of the presentation by Ms. Hanna Landquist, the invited guest from Chalmers Technical University in Gothenburg, Sweden, on the model "Risk

assessment of possibly polluting ship wrecks” (project VRAKA) (**Presentation 11**), and requested the SUBMERGED group to consider the project output in its future work.

12.6 The Meeting noted that Finland, Sweden and Estonia have applied for a joint project SWERA that will utilise the results of VRAKA, but that no decisions have been made yet.

12.7 The Meeting took note of the the report of the *ad hoc* Expert Group to Update and Review the Existing Information on Dumped Chemical Munitions in the Baltic Sea (HELCOM MUNI) “Chemical Munitions Dumped in the Baltic Sea”, published as Baltic Sea Environment Proceeding (BSEP) No. 142 and available only in electronic form on the [HELCOM website](#) (document 12/3/INF).

12.8 The Meeting took note of the information by the Secretariat on HELCOM Assessment on Maritime Activities in the Baltic Sea region 2016 (document 12/4/INF) and agreed that it would be useful if the upcoming assessment would provide information on response related matters including oil and chemical transportations.

12.9 The Meeting requested any interested assessment co-authors from the Contracting Parties and Observers to inform the Secretariat ([hermanni.backer@helcom.fi](mailto:hermanni.backer@helcom.fi)) by **14 February 2014**.

12.10 The Meeting took note of the list of Contact Addresses and Observers of the Response Group (HELCOM RESPONSE) (document 12/1) and updated it as contained in **Annex 3**.

12.11 The Meeting welcomed Ms. Marit Mätik, Ministry of the Interior, as a new contact person from Estonia.

12.12 The Meeting took note of the information by Lithuania on offshore activities on oil rig in Kaliningrad area and that the Russian Federation provided information on these activities to the HELCOM HOD 41 meeting in June 2013 (<http://goo.gl/Fp5WPK>).

12.13 The Meeting took note of the information by Latvia that exploratory drills at sea were carried out in May 2013 but no oil was found.

12.14 The Meeting expressed its thanks to the Polish hosts for the excellent organization of the Meeting and for the great hospitality.

### **Agenda Item 13 Future work and meetings**

Documents: 13/1, 13/1/Rev.1, 13/2

13.1 The Meeting considered the Working Programme for HELCOM RESPONSE 2014-2016 (document 13/1) and updated it (document 13/1/Rev.1) as contained in **Annex 4**.

**13.2** The Meeting took note of the draft list of HELCOM and other meetings/exercises in 2014 of relevance to HELCOM RESPONSE (document 13/2), attached as slightly revised as Annex 5, and decided to use it when planning any further meetings.

13.3 The Meeting agreed to hold the next meeting of the Response Group tentatively in Estonia on 25-27 November 2014.

### **Agenda Item 14 Outcome of the Meeting**

Documents: 14/1

14.1 The Meeting adopted the draft Minutes containing the main decisions of the Meeting. The Minutes will be finalized by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chairman of the Meeting, and will then be made available on the HELCOM website in the Meeting Portal.

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## AGENDA

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**WORKING PROGRAMME FOR HELCOM RESPONSE 2014-2016**

ACTION	INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/ RESPONSIBLE	RESULTS/ TIME FRAME
Maintain and further develop the standing operational network for trans-national response in case of incidents		
Keep HELCOM Response Manual up to date including current Volumes 1 (oil) as well as new volume on response on the shore	Contracting Parties/Secretariat	Continuously Scrutiny at HELCOM RESPONSE 19/2014, 20/2015
Improve the usability and ease of updating of HELCOM Response manuals by exploring new electronic means of publishing including i.a. smartphone apps.	Secretariat	Continuously Scrutiny at HELCOM RESPONSE 19/2014, 20/2015
Carry out a major revision of Volume 2 (chemicals)	Contracting Parties/Secretariat	By HELCOM RESPONSE 21/2016
Carry out operational and other kinds of exercises	Lead Countries/Contracting Parties  BALEX DELTA 2014: Lead Country Latvia BALEX DELTA 2015: Lead Country Poland BALEX DELTA 2016: Lead Country Lithuania  Other HELCOM and sub-regional exercises  On shore response exercises and OWR exercises, which can be combined with other exercises, as appropriate.	Annual activities
Build and follow up new knowledge on dispersants' use and applicability in the Baltic Sea	Contracting Parties	Continuously
Implement a three-tier approach to ensure adequate response to incidents in the Baltic Sea Area, with a special focus on the second tier (sub-regional level)		
Based upon the HELCOM BRISK/BRISK-RU risk assessment of oil and chemical pollution to identify the gaps in emergency and response resources at the sub-regional level and to prepare concrete plans/programmes for fulfilling them by 2014/2016	Contracting Parties	Continuously
Conclude/implement sub-regional agreements	Contracting Parties	Continuously
Co-operate by conducting trainings and organizing exchange programmes to ensure swift and adequate response capacity to shoreline pollution and to develop best practices	Contracting Parties	Continuously

Further develop and implement the Manual for pollution response on the shore  Ensure that adequate equipment and capacities for response on the shore are in place  Ensure that response on the shore is integrated with overall contingency planning  Ensure wide participation	Contracting Parties  Expert Working Group on Response on the shore (EWG SHORE) proposed to continue its work 2013-2016	Continuously
Integrate oiled wildlife response (OWR) into existing contingency plans Exchange of information on development of national OWR plans, authority-NGO cooperation, national trainings and exercises Develop OWR protocols and facilities Develop OWR preparedness and response Ensure wide participation	Contracting Parties, Sea Alarm, WWF Finland and other stakeholders.  Proposed EWG OWR 2013-2016	Reports to HELCOM RESPONSE
Larger event on Post Release Survival and Euthanasia of oiled birds	Contracting Parties, Sea Alarm, WWF Finland and other stakeholders, possibly in co-operation with BONN Agreement.	2015
Enhance co-operation with regard to places of refuge according to HELCOM Recommendation 31E/5		
Make the Mutual Plan for Places of Refuge operational and implemented within/through sub-regional agreements	Contracting Parties	Continuously Reports to HELCOM RESPONSE and HELCOM MARITIME
Ratify the relevant compensation and liability conventions according to HELCOM 31E/5	Contracting Parties Secretariat to provide update of the ratification status of relevant conventions at each RESPONSE meeting	Reports to HELCOM RESPONSE and HELCOM MARITIME
Detection, investigation and prosecution of anti-pollution regulations		
Co-ordinate aerial surveillance flights and harmonize aerial surveillance with satellite surveillance	IWGAS (Lead Country 2015-2016: Poland) In co-operation with EMSA (CleanSeaNet)	Meetings of IWGAS and HELCOM RESPONSE
Identify operational needs for satellite surveillance in each sub-region of the Baltic	IWGAS (Lead Country 2015-2016: Poland)	Continuously
Carry out CEPCO and other flights:	Lead Countries/Contracting Parties  CEPCO North 2014: Lead Country Estonia  HELCOM/BONN SUPER CEPCO Spring 2015 hosted by Denmark	Annual activities
Harmonize aerial surveillance reporting systems with Bonn Agreement area	IWGAS (Lead Country 2015-2016: Poland)	Continuously
Maintain Seatrack Web/AIS/SAT for improved identification of possible polluters	STW/AIS/SAT partnership	Continuously
Co-operate/assist and exchange experience in investigations	Contracting Parties	Continuously

Co-operate with the Network of the Prosecutors on Environmental Crime (ENPRO)	Contracting Parties/Secretariat	Continuously
Carry out information exchange about offshore activities to be able to respond to accidental spills from such installations		
Report on ongoing/planned offshore activities (exploration/exploitation)	Contracting Parties	When applicable
Collect information/exchange experience/promote development and use of new technology and best practices		
Collect and publish information on shipping accidents in the Baltic and their impact on marine environment	Secretariat/ Contracting Parties in cooperation with HELCOM MARITIME Data flows from EMSA's EMCIP to be established	Annual report on shipping accidents in the Baltic Thematic Assessment on Maritime Activities by 2016
National and sub-regional reports on response operations and lessons learned	Contracting Parties	Meetings of HELCOM RESPONSE
Compile and publish regional summaries of response operations and lessons learned	Secretariat/ Contracting Parties	Meetings of HELCOM RESPONSE
Collect information on observed deliberate, illegal oil discharges and related statistics	Secretariat/ Contracting Parties	Annual report on observed deliberate illegal oil discharges Thematic Assessment on Maritime Activities by 2016
Update HELCOM map and data service with RESPONSE related information Further develop regional preparedness and response related services including HELCOM SeaTrackWeb, HELCOM AIS, HELCOM POLREP, HELCOM GIS towards a second generation HELCOM oil response information system	Secretariat/ Contracting Parties	Annually
Explore the use of CECIS and SSN as a means of transmitting HELCOM POLREPs	Secretariat/ Contracting Parties Task Group (TG POLREP)	By early 2016 and continuously, as appropriate
Exchange information with other regional agreements	Chairman/Secretariat	Meetings between regional agreements, EMSA and DG ECHO
Enhance use and development of technology to respond to accidents at night, in bad visibility, in bad weather, oil on ice, accidents involving heavy oil, chemical incidents	Contracting Parties	Meetings of HELCOM RESPONSE
Collect and assess information on submerged hazardous objects including contaminated and potentially polluting wrecks and maintain work on dumped chemical munitions	HELCOM expert group on environmental risks of hazardous submerged objects (HELCOM SUBMERGED)	Meetings of HELCOM RESPONSE Thematic Assessment publication by 2016



**PRELIMINARY LIST OF HELCOM AND OTHER MEETINGS/EXERCISES IN 2014-2015 OF RELEVANCE TO HELCOM RESPONSE**

Date and place	Name of Meeting
<b>2014</b>	
28-29 January 2014 Riga, Latvia	Eighth Meeting of the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 8/2014)
4 February 2014 Helsinki, Finland	Fourth Meeting of the HELCOM Group of Experts on Safety of Navigation (HELCOM SAFE NAV 4/2014)
6-7 February 2014 Helsinki, Finland	45th Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation (HELCOM HOD 45/2014)
10-12 February 2014	Kick-off Meeting Be Aware 2 project of Bonn Agreement
27 February 2014 Helsinki, Finland	10th Inter-Secretariat meeting between Regional Agreements, DG ECHO and EMSA
3-4 March 2014 Klaipeda, Lithuania	Annual Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Aerial Surveillance (IWGAS)
5-6 March 2014 Helsinki, Finland	35 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM 35/2014) and 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Helsinki Convention
10-12 March 2014	Copenhagen Agreement Meeting
19 March 2014 [online]	[Kick-off Meeting of the Task Group on revising the HELCOM Response Manual Volume II (HELCOM TG HNS MANUAL)]
19-21 March 2014 St. Petersburg, Russia	XV International Environmental Forum "Baltic Sea Day"
25-27 March 2014 Kotka, Finland	International Oil Spill Response Seminar and Oil In Ice Recovery Equipment Demonstration
27-28 March 2014 Kotka, Finland	First Meeting of the Task Group to draft a HELCOM Recommendation for means of communication to be used for HELCOM POLREPs when alerting and requesting/offering assistance for pollution incidents at sea and on the shore in Baltic Sea Area (HELCOM TG POLREP)
[May 2014]	Ninth Meeting of the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 9/2014)
May 2014	BONNEX - BONN 2014 Exercise
20-22 May 2014 Germany	Meeting of the Bonn Agreement Working Group on Operational, Technical and Scientific Questions Concerning Counter Pollution Activities (BONN OTSOPA 2014)
21-22 May 2014 Haugesund, Norway	25 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Expert Working Group for Mutual Exchange and Deliveries of AIS data (HELCOM AIS EWG 25/2014)
Summer 2014	Clean Sea 2014 (Finland-Estonia)
3-5 June 2014 Barents Sea, Norway	Exercise Barents
10-12 June 2014 Ventspils, Latvia	HELCOM BALEX DELTA Exercise
[9 or 13] June 2014 Ventspils, Latvia	First Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Response on the Shore (HELCOM EWG SHORE) (back-to-back with BALEX DELTA 2014)
17 June 2014	First Meeting of Oiled Wildlife Response Expert Working Group
16-19 June 2014	EPPR Meeting (Arctic Council)
16-20 June 2014 North Sea, Norway	Annual Oil on water exercise

5-7 August 2014 Area of oil field Prirazlomnoye, Russia	International exercise "Arctic 2014"
September 2014 East coast of Finland	Copenhagen Agreement Exercise
September 2014	46 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation (HELCOM HOD 46/2014)
16-18 September 2014 Inlet of the Oslofjord, Norway	Annual Nordic region Exercise
23-25 September 2014	Copenhagen Agreement Exercise
22 October 2014 Lisbon, Portugal	9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Consultative Technical Group for Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response (CTG MPPR)
23 October 2014 Lisbon, Portugal	4 <sup>th</sup> Vessel Network User Group meeting (VUG)
[4-6 November 2014 ?, Latvia]	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the HELCOM Maritime Group (HELCOM MARITIME 14/2014)
25-27 November 2014 [Estonia]	19 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the HELCOM Response Group (HELCOM RESPONSE 19/2014)
(December) 2014	47 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation (HELCOM HOD 47/2014)
<b>2015</b>	
March-April 2015 Gulf of Bothnia area	Oil in ice exercise in the context of the Arctic cooperation agreement
Last week of August 2015 (week 35) Bay of Gdansk, Poland	HELCOM BALEX DELTA Exercise

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HELCOM RESPONSE 18/2014	Date dd.mm.yy	Title	Submitted by
1/1	19.11.13	Provisional Agenda	Secretariat
1/2	20.12.13	Annotations to the Provisional Agenda	Secretariat
2/1	03.12.13	Outcome of the 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting – response related commitments	Secretariat
2/2	03.12.13	Progress in implementing the maritime activities segment of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan	Secretariat
2/3	20.12.13	Outcome of HELCOM MARITIME 13/2013	Secretariat
5.2/1/INF	14.01.14	Update on EMSA's activities in the field of oil spill dispersants	European Union (EMSA)
5.5/1/INF	09.01.14	Information On International Oil Spill Response Seminar And Oil In Ice Recovery Equipment Demonstration	Finland
5.6/1/INF	14.01.14	Report on ratification of relevant conventions in accordance with the Recommendation 31E/5 "Places of Refuge"	Finland
6/1	19.12.13	Implementing Copenhagen Ministerial Declaration decisions regarding oiled wildlife response	WWF Finland and Sea Alarm
6/1/Rev.1	22.01.14	Implementing Copenhagen Ministerial Declaration decisions regarding oiled wildlife response	Drafting Group
6/2/INF	14.01.14	Summary of the Finnish national oiled wildlife response plan	Finland
6/3/WP.1	23.01.14	Continuation of HELCOM EWG SHORE	Drafting Group and Secretariat
7/1/INF	14.01.14	National strategy for oil spill protection in Sweden	Sweden
7/2/INF	14.01.14	Oil combating – the special status of the Åland Islands	Finland
7/3/INF	14.01.14	EMSA's action plan for response to marine pollution from oil and gas installations	European Union (EMSA)
7/4/INF	14.01.14	Report of the Ad-hoc Meeting with the Marine Pollution Community in Brussels, 28 November 2013	European Union
8/1	25.11.13	Report on the BALEX DELTA Exercise conducted on 13 June 2013	Germany
8/2	25.11.13	BALEX DELTA 2013 - Exercise Evaluation Team Report for HELCOM RESPONSE	Germany
8/3	17.12.13	Report of an Operational Oil Spill Response Exercise between Finland and Estonia	Finland
8/4/INF	15.01.14	Information on BALEX DELTA 2014 Exercise	Latvia
9/1/INF	17.12.13	Manual on Prosecuting Environmental Crime in the Baltic Sea Region	Secretariat
9/2/INF	07.01.14	Seminar concerning spills of other substances than oil	Sweden
9/3/INF	14.01.14	Addressing illegal ship-source pollution in the marine environment	European Union (EMSA)

9.1/1/INF	14.01.14	Outcome of the two regional training courses on "The use of surveillance systems for marine pollution detection and assessment" held in 2013	European Union (EMSA)
9.2/1/INF	14.01.14	HELCOM Annual Reporting on Illegal Discharges - CleanSeaNet Statistics for 2013	European Union (EMSA)
9.3/1/INF	09.01.14	Sea Track Web	Sweden
9.3/2/INF	14.01.14	A common situational awareness system to support HELCOM fleet	Finland
10/1	17.12.13	Revised Chapter 2 of Volume 1 of the HELCOM Response Manual	Secretariat
10/1/Rev.1	23.01.14	Revised Chapter 2 of Volume 1 of the HELCOM Response Manual	Secretariat
10/2	20.12.13	Oil Sampling in Volume 1 of the HELCOM Response Manual	Secretariat
10/3	20.12.13	Project proposal to support HELCOM TG HNS MANUAL	Secretariat
10/4	20.12.13	Update on HELCOM TG POLREP: revised timetable and current members	Secretariat
10/4/Corr.1	23.01.14	Revised timetable for HELCOM TG POLREP	Secretariat
10/5	20.12.13	Update on HELCOM TG HNS MANUAL: revised timetable and current members	Secretariat
10/5/Corr.1	23.01.14	Revised timetable for HELCOM TG HNS MANUAL	Secretariat
10/6	14.01.14	Comments to the HELCOM RESPONSE 18/2014 document 10/4 "Update on HELCOM TG POLREP: revised timetable and current members"	Finland
10/7/INF	14.01.14	Finnish updates to the Response Manual vol 1	Finland
10/8/INF	14.01.14	Updated contact information of EMSA in the HELCOM Response Manual	European Union (EMSA)
10/9/INF	15.01.14	Updates to the HELCOM Response Manual	Secretariat
10/10/INF	17.01.14	SafeSeaNet (SSN) - CECIS link	European Union
12/1	03.12.13	Contact Addresses and Observers of the Response Group (HELCOM RESPONSE)	Secretariat
12/2	17.12.13	Terms of Reference for the HELCOM expert group on environmental risks of hazardous submerged objects (HELCOM SUBMERGED)	Secretariat
12/3/INF	20.12.13	Chemical Munitions Dumped in the Baltic Sea	Secretariat
12/4/INF	14.01.14	HELCOM Assessment on Maritime Activities in the Baltic Sea region	Secretariat
12/5/INF	17.01.14	Development of solutions for effective oil spill management in South-Eastern Baltic	Lithuania
13/1	03.12.13	Working Programme for HELCOM RESPONSE 2014-2016	Secretariat
13/1/Rev.1	23.01.14	Working Programme for HELCOM RESPONSE 2014-2016	Secretariat
13/2	23.01.14	Draft List of HELCOM and other meetings/exercises in 2014 of relevance to HELCOM RESPONSE	Secretariat

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4.	7	New vessel "MV Haithabu"	Germany
5.	7	Oil combating - the special status of the Åland Islands	Finland
6.	7	EMSA's Pollution Response Services	EMSA
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8.	9.3	Seatrack Web – news	Sweden
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10.	12	HELCOM SUBMERGED	Poland
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