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## Background

In addition to the previous comments made by Finland within the corresponding work to the draft HELCOM Recommendation on sustainable aquaculture, Finland, after thorough national considerations is proposing three additional amendments to the version contained in document HELCOM 37-2016, 4-10. The proposed amendments are needed to improve the consistency of the proposed Recommendation as well as to be in line with the thinking behind to develop a “basket” of BAT/BEP descriptions from which the Contracting Parties may choose the ones best suited for the region and/or the national application.

The first amendment concerns the first “RECOGNIZING” point on the very top of the page 3:

RECOGNIZING the need to maintain Recommendation 25/4 until adoption agreement on ~~of~~ BAT and BEP descriptions for based measures for application in marine and fresh water fish farming,

The second amendment concerns the second last point “DECIDES” on page 5:

DECIDES to review this approach Recommendation within three years upon agreement on adoption of the BAT/BAP Guidelines descriptions, but no later than 2020, and thereafter as necessary,

The third amendment concerns the very last point “DECIDES ALSO” on page 5:

DECIDES ALSO that actions taken by the Contracting Parties to implement this Recommendation should be reported for the first time in two years after the adoption agreement on ~~of~~ BAT/BEP descriptions, and thereafter every six years.

## Action requested

The Meeting is invited to discuss the Finnish text proposal and decide as appropriate.