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Background

MARITIME 16-2016 took note of the old Work Plan 2014-2016 of HELCOM Cooperation Platform on Port Reception Facilities and considered the revisions to the Work Plan proposed by the meeting of CP PRF on 5 September 2016.

MARITIME 16-2016 amended and adopted the new work plan for CP PRF including the change of the heading “Cooperation Platform on Special Area According to MARPOL Annex IV” as attached to this document.

MARITIME 16-2016 recalled that in advanced waste water treatment systems greywater is mixed with blackwater and is thus considered as sewage as defined by MARPOL Annex IV.

MARITIME 16-2016 took note that several delegations stressed that even if pure greywater is not covered by MARPOL Annex IV there is a need to consider management of greywater and other issues in other fora including at the HELCOM Maritime Working Group itself.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to consider and adopt the Work Plan for 2016-2018 of the Cooperation Platform on Special Area According to MARPOL Annex IV.

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Further work is needed regarding following issues	Activities	Deadline within the Cooperation Platform	Final deadline	Responsibilities
I....Updated information on Sewage PRFs in the Baltic Sea				
Baltic-wide and port-wise information on the capacity to receive sewage (flow rate and total volume) and sewage delivery by ships to these facilities -including best practices and challenges (to be updated every Second year)	The HELCOM Overview should be updated 2017 and 2018 and complete (cover all ports and provide all the needed information for planning ship-itineraries) Submission of PRF Overview to MEPC	Development of report to be discussed at CP PRF Cooperation Platform used as a circulation list for commenting drafts.	Update the PRF Overview by March 2017 and by late 2018	Secretariat to lead work and circulate template for data submissions. Each Contracting Party shall provide updated information on each of their ports by 30 November 2016 and 2018]. CLIA provides information based on the simulation exercise.
Collecting information on the port and ship specific amounts, practical discharge rate and composition of sewage from cruise ships in the Baltic Sea	CLIA Simulation exercise with active involvement of all stakeholders.	Cooperation Platform event 2017 Cooperation Platform event 2018	Cooperation Platform event 2017 Cooperation Platform event 2018	CLIA, Ports, Contracting Parties, NGOs
II Sewage composition and treatment				
Sharing information on composition of sewage from passenger ships in the Baltic	Publish (e.g. as an Annex of the PRF Overview) and disseminate available information on composition of sewage from passenger ships in the Baltic.	Cooperation Platform event 2017 Cooperation Platform event 2018	Cooperation Platform event 2017 Cooperation Platform event 2018	Ship operators, ports and waste water treatment plants HELCOM PRESSURE group (WWTPs) HELCOM MARITIME
III Technical issues related to sewage				
Exchanging information and best practices on technological solutions related to management and treatment of sewage and greywater, if it is mixed with blackwater, from cruise ships applied in different Baltic sea ports	Expert events/ workshops in connection with BPO and other stakeholder conferences 2017/2018	By cooperation Platform event 2018		All Participants Other HELCOM groups beyond MARITIME, especially PRESSURE
Exchanging information and best practices on on-board management and treatment of sewage and greywater, if it is mixed with blackwater, in the Baltic Sea and its relation to delivery to PRF	Expert events/ workshops in connection with BPO and other stakeholder conferences 2017/2018	By Cooperation Platform event 2018		All Participants