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The 39th Meeting of the Helsinki Commission will be opened at 10:00 on Monday, 5 March 2018. The Meeting is expected to terminate by 17:00 on the same day.

The Meeting will be chaired by the Chair of the Helsinki Commission, Ms. Marianne Wenning.

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda (document 1-1).

Agenda Item 2 2018 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting

The HELCOM Ministerial Meeting will be held on 6 March 2018 in Brussels, Belgium (back-to-back with HELCOM 39-2018).

HOD 53-2017 agreed on the draft Declaration of the 2018 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting (cf. Annex 2 of the Outcome), with the understanding that the document would still be subjected to further national consultation by all Contracting Parties due to a general study reservation on the draft. The Meeting agreed that further comments on the draft should be submitted at the latest by 15 January 2018, and to be restricted to central substantial issues (including justification). Based on the comments the Chairmanship and the Secretariat will develop the final draft for the Ministerial Meeting.

The final draft of the Ministerial Declaration will be submitted to the Meeting. The Meeting is invited to discuss and decide on open issues if there are any.

HOD 53-2017 endorsed the proposal for the update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan and agreed to submit it to HELCOM 39-2018 for adoption, taking into account that the sections referring to the Brussels Declaration 2018 will be cross-checked and aligned by the Secretariat.

The Meeting is invited to adopt the proposal for the BSAP update.

The updated Roadmap for HELCOM activities to implement the ecosystem approach will be provided to the Meeting.

The Meeting might wish to discuss any other matters related to the Ministerial Meeting as needed.

Agenda Item 3 Matters arising from the subsidiary bodies

HELCOM Recommendations

The Meeting is invited to adopt the following draft revised HELCOM Recommendations (endorsed by HOD 53-2017):

