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HELCOM HOD 60B-2021 on 19 October 2021 and HELCOM Ministerial Meeting on 20 October 2021

Berlin, 20.08.2021

Dear Sir,

With reference to the outcome of HOD 59-2020 and HOD 60-2021, I have the pleasure to invite the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention and the Observer Organisations of the Helsinki Commission to the Intersessional Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation (HOD 60B-2021) to be held on the 19 October 2021 in Lübeck, Germany. The meeting will be hosted by Germany at the premises of the ATLANTIC Hotel (Schmiedestraße 9-15, 23552 Lübeck). For more information on the venue, please visit

<https://www.atlantic-hotels.de/en/hotel-luebeck/>.

The meeting will start at 12 o'clock and will terminate by 16:30 o'clock.

In addition, it is my pleasure to invite the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention and the Observer Organisations of the Helsinki Commission to the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting, to be held on 20 October 2021 in Lübeck, Germany, in the same venue. I attach the invitation sent by our Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear





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Safety, Ms. Svenja Schulze, to the relevant Ministers of the HELCOM Contracting Parties and the EU-Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries.

Participants are kindly requested to confirm their participation in both meetings no later than 1 October 2021.

Looking forward to meeting you in Lübeck.

Yours sincerely,

Meike GIERK

German Head of Delegation

Annexes

Invitation of the German Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Ms Svenja Schulze, to the Ministers of the HELCOM contracting parties and the EU-Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries





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Berlin, 17.08.2021

Dear Colleague,

It is my honour to invite you to the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM) Ministerial Meeting in Germany. The conference held under Germany's HELCOM chairmanship is planned as an in-person meeting and will take place on

20 October 2021, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

in Lübeck in the

ATLANTIC Hotel, 23552 Lübeck, Schmiedestraße 9-15.

The updated Baltic Sea Action Plan will be presented and adopted at the conference. The Ministerial Meeting offers an excellent opportunity to discuss concrete implementation of the most urgent measures.

A side event for stakeholders chaired by WWF International is planned for the afternoon, with around 100 people expected to participate in person.

Due to the applicable COVID-19 rules and the distances to be maintained, approximately 30 people can meet in the assembly hall. I trust you will understand that in the hall itself, there is only room for the ministers plus one



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accompanying person each. Other delegation members will be able to watch the meeting live on screen in an adjoining room.

Please see annex 3 of this letter for further information on entry requirements in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Should you have any more questions concerning the event, please do not hesitate to contact the colleagues in division WR I 5 – Protection of the Marine Environment:

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from the HELCOM Secretariat anytime.

I am looking forward to welcoming you in Lübeck in October. My ministry will contact your office concerning your participation shortly. We will send you more detailed information on the conference in good time.

Yours sincerely,

