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Background

This document contains a proposal for provisional agenda of the Ministerial Meeting, by Executive Secretary and Chair (Annex 1), as well as a proposal for questions for the Ministerial debate (Annex 2) and the draft proposed programme for HELCOM Ministerial Meeting (Annex 3) by EU as presented in HOD 52B-2017.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to consider the draft provisional agenda and the proposed questions for the Ministerial Meeting and decide as appropriate.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the proposed programme of the Ministerial Meeting and information on the WWF side event.



Annex 1

The Ministerial Meeting of the Helsinki Commission will be opened at 10:00 on Tuesday, 6 March 2018 and is expected to terminate on the same day at 12:30.

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

Draft Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Introduction by invited guest
3. Ministerial debate
4. Potential statements by HELCOM Observers
5. Adoption of the HELCOM Brussels Ministerial Declaration and list of decisions
6. Closure of the meeting and family photo

Annex 2

Possible questions for Ministerial debate

- What should be HELCOM's priorities to ensure good status of the Baltic Sea by 2021? Which are the top three actions that we should do collectively and which are the ones you will take in your country?
- What opportunities do you see from our cooperation to support implementation of UN Agenda 2030 in the Baltic Sea? Is HELCOM as organization fit to do it, and if not, what are the key changes needed so we would be?

Annex 3

Draft Proposed programme

Location: [Palais d'Egmont](#), 8 Place du Petit Sablon, Brussels

Monday 5 March 2018

19:00 Dinner hosted by Commissioner Vella in Berlaymont building (13th floor)
Attendance: 20 persons (Minister + one person **MAX** may accompany the Minister)

Tuesday 6 March 2018

09:30-10:00 Registration and welcome coffee
Attendance: open to all participants

10:00-12:30 Ministerial meeting:
Attendance: 50-100 persons.
Maximum sitting around the main table: Minister + **MAX 3 accompanying persons per delegation**. Additional people may sit at the back.

12:30-12:45 Family Photo

12:45-13:30 Walking lunch
Attendance: 50-100 persons, i.e. all persons attending the Ministerial meeting and the side event, including Ministers.

13:30-15:00 WWF Side Event [tbc]

Attendance: 100-150 persons: all persons attending the Ministerial meeting, including Ministers, will be invited, as well as additional guests (MEPs, Perm Rep, Commission officials).