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Background

The attached document contains the Provisional Agenda for the 40th Meeting of the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM 40-2019) to be held on 6-7 March 2019 in Helsinki, Finland. *(Please note this is date for the HELCOM meeting, and not the date indicated in the Annotations to the Provisional Agenda of HOD 55-2018).*

The HELCOM Ministerial Meeting 2018 agreed that the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan should be supported by fit-for-purpose scientific research. It is proposed that under Agenda Item 2 there will be a thematic session regarding the latest scientific knowledge of relevance for the update of the BSAP. The thematic session would include presentations by the BONUS projects and BANOS CSA action that prepares a framework for launching the joint Baltic Sea and the North Sea research and innovation programme as a successor of the Baltic-Sea-focused BONUS programme. An overall discussion of the importance of latest scientific knowledge including on impacts of climate change for the updated BSAP would also be anticipated.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to discuss the Provisional Agenda for HELCOM 40-2019 (6-7 March 2019) and decide as appropriate.

Provisional Agenda for HELCOM 40-2019

- 1 Adoption of the Agenda
- 2 Update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan
- 3 Matters arising from the subsidiary bodies
- 4 Activities of the Commission during 2018 and contributions to the work of the Helsinki Commission
- 5 Accounts 2017–2018, budget 2019–2020 and other institutional and organisational matters of the Commission
- 6 Any other business
- 7 Next meeting(s) of the Commission
- 8 Outcome of the Meeting