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The 58th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (HOD 58-2020) will be held on 9-10 June 2020 in Porvoo, Finland, at the premises of the Porvoo Art Factory (Läntinen Aleksanterinkatu 1, FI-06100 Porvoo, Finland).

The Meeting will start on Tuesday, 9 June at 9:00 o'clock and will terminate on Wednesday, 10 June by 16:00 o'clock.

The Meeting will be opened by the Chair of the Helsinki Commission.

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda as contained in document 1-1.

Agenda Item 2 Outgoing and incoming chairmanship in HELCOM

Finland is invited to reflect on the accomplishments of HELCOM in relation to the priorities of the Finnish chairmanship (1 July 2018 - 30 June 2022).

Germany is invited to present the final version of the priorities of the upcoming German Chairmanship of HELCOM (1 July 2020 - 30 June 2022).

Agenda Item 3 Next HELCOM Ministerial Meeting

The Meeting is invited to agree on the timing, tentatively in October 2021, of the next HELCOM Ministerial Meeting in 2021. The updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP) and related documents are envisaged to be adopted by the 2021 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting.

The Meeting is invited to consider the need for additional preparatory meetings prior to the Ministerial Meeting.

Agenda Item 4 Update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan

The Meeting is invited to agree on a plan for how to arrange the drafting of the updated BSAP, building on relevant guidance and agreements provided by HODs and Working Groups in previous meetings, as well as the incorporation of this information into the BSAP Workplan, in line with the agreement in HOD 55-2018.

As agreed through the Strategic Plan for the BSAP update, the HELCOM actions from BSAP and Ministerial Meetings 2010 and 2013 that are not yet implemented by 2021, as well as concretized commitments from the Ministerial Meeting 2018, will be taken as the basis for drafting the updated BSAP. The Meeting is invited

to recall that HOD 57-2019 took note of the ongoing work by the Working Groups to review existing HELCOM actions and gave guidance on the further review and tentative rephrasing of actions. The Meeting is invited to take note of the proposal by Working Groups on existing actions to be included in the updated BSAP and their tentative rephrasing and agree on the proposals for existing HELCOM actions to be transferred to the updated BSAP.

The Meeting is invited to recall that HOD 56-2019 initiated the discussion on the target year for the updated BSAP, including options ranging from 2030 to 2035. The Meeting is invited to discuss the target year further, with the intention of giving guidance to Working Groups for them to use when considering setting and distribution of target years, in line with the guidance given to Working Groups by HOD 57-2019.

The Meeting is invited to recall that HOD 57-2019 mandated the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG to elaborate a proposal regarding the integration of the MSP into the updated BSAP. HELCOM-VASAB MSP 20-2020 tentatively agreed on reflection of the role of MSP as a tool for achieving goals of the updated BSAP in the preamble and agreed on the plan to develop coherent proposals for updated BSAP and renewed Regional MSP Roadmap in line with the strategic plan for the BSAP update. The Meeting is invited to consider the proposal and provide guidance/recommendations for further implementation of the task.

The Meeting is invited to recall that HOD 57-2019 in general supported the approach applied to update nutrient input ceilings (NICs) and requested to discuss provisional values as well as methodology for their calculation at expert level and approved organizing of the thematic workshop on the proposed nutrient input ceilings on 20 April 2020. The Meeting is invited to consider the results of elaboration of the NICs based on the best available data and proposal to include the HELCOM nutrient input reduction scheme in the updated BSAP.

The Meeting is invited to recall that HELCOM 40-2019 agreed that to support the selection of new measures and actions for the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan, an invitation to submit synopses on potential new HELCOM actions was sent to the Contracting Parties, HELCOM subsidiary bodies, international projects and HELCOM Observers. According to the workplan for the BSAP update, the Working Groups are to review the synopses in the preparation for the BSAP UP workshops that will be held in autumn 2020. The Meeting is invited to take note of the progress in reviewing the synopses and the changes in organization of the BSAP UP workshops resulting from the outbreak of COVID-19.

The Meeting is invited to recall that HOD 57-2019 agreed to consider the results of the sufficiency of measures (SOM) analysis and use them as guidance in the update of the BSAP, and that SOM approach should also be given special attention at HOD 58-2020. The updated methodology and first interim results of the SOM analysis were considered by the HELCOM SOM Platform 3-2020 and the methodology is to be endorsed by GEAR 22-2020. The timetable for the SOM analysis has been revised and the next version of the results will be available in June and presented to the BSAP UP workshops in autumn 2020. The Meeting is invited to consider the information on the methodology and progress of the SOM analysis and proposed presentation of the results.

The Meeting is invited to recall that HOD 57-2019 supported the further development of the HELCOM Explorer, the web-based tool to follow-up on the implementation of HELCOM actions. According to the work plan for the BSAP update, the countries will report on the implementation of HELCOM national actions to the HELCOM Explorer in autumn 2020. The Meeting is invited to agree on the reporting method and the timetable for reporting on the implementation of HELCOM actions.

The Meeting is invited to elaborate further on the financing mechanism of the updated BSAP.

The Meeting is invited to recall that HELCOM 40-2019 agreed to develop a HELCOM Science Agenda to highlight knowledge and science needs for the implementation of HELCOM objectives and agreements and HELCOM 41-2020 provided guidance to its further development. The Meeting is invited to consider the first draft of the report by the Science Agenda Task Group (document to be submitted).

Agenda Item 5 Matters arising from the HELCOM Groups

The Meeting is invited to take note and consider the outcomes of the following meetings that have been held or will be held by the time of HOD 58-2020:

- RESPONSE 27-2020 (27th Meeting of the Response Working Group), 26-28 February 2020, Vejle, Denmark;
- FISH 11-2020 (11th Meeting of the Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries), 11-12 March 2020, Gothenburg, Sweden;
- AGRI 9-2020 (9th Meeting of the Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices), 30-31 March 2020, online;
- HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 20-2020 (20th Meeting of the joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group), 1-2 April 2020, online;
- MARITIME 19A-2020 (Intersessional Meeting of the Maritime Working Group), 14-15 April 2020, online;
- PRESSURE 12-2020, (12th Meeting of the Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area), 21-24 April 2020, online;
- GEAR 22-2020 (22nd Meeting of the Group for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach), 27-29 April 2020, online;
- STATE & CONSERVATION 12-2020 (12th Meeting of the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation), 11-14 May 2020, online.

The Meeting is invited to recall that HELCOM 41-2020 approved the PLC-8 project proposal. PRESSURE 12-2020 discussed organization and launching the project. The Meeting is invited to take note of organizational aspects of the project and Contracting Parties are invited to inform about taking leadership of particular work strands and thematic reports.

Agenda Item 6 HELCOM institutional and organisational matters

The Meeting is invited to consider the draft vacancy announcement and timetable for the recruitment of a new Professional Secretary for the Pressure and Agri groups and the Maritime Spatial Planning working group (document to be submitted later) and decide as appropriate.

The Meeting is invited to recall that HELCOM 41-2020 considered the application for observer status to HELCOM by the association Nordic Boat Council (NBC), noted that the European Boating Association (EBA) is already a HELCOM observer and agreed that more information on the connections between the NBC and the EBA is needed before a decision on the matter can be taken by HELCOM 42-2021. The Meeting is invited to consider any additional information provided on the issue.

Agenda Item 7 Any other business

The Meeting is invited to take note of the final version of the HELCOM Activities Report 2019.

Russia might wish to submit further information about the XXI International Environmental Forum "Baltic Sea Day" to be held in St. Petersburg tentatively on 16-18 September 2020.

A list providing information on forthcoming meetings within HELCOM and other forums will be submitted to the Meeting.

The Contracting Parties and Observers might wish to discuss any other issues under this Agenda Item.

Agenda Item 8 Next meeting(s)

HOD 57-2019 decided on the dates for HOD 59-2020 tentatively for 9-10 December 2020. The Meeting is invited to confirm the date and location for HOD 59-2020 and set a tentative date for HOD 60-2021.

Agenda Item 9 Outcome of the Meeting

With reference to Rule 11.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Helsinki Commission, the Outcome of the Meeting, reflecting decisions taken will be prepared at the end of the Meeting and presented for consideration and adoption.