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## Background

HOD 54-2018 decided to prolong the mandate of the time-limited HELCOM Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries (Fish Group) until 2022, to cover the period of updating the BSAP. The current Work Plan of the Group was approved by HOD 57-2019 for 2020-2021 as contained in Annex 4 of the [Outcome of HOD 57-2019](#).

FISH 13-2021 was held on 20-21 April 2021 and FISH 14-2022 is scheduled for 23-24 February 2022 as an online meeting. As the Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP), including a number of actions directly or indirectly related to the work of the Fish Group, was adopted by the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting on 20 October 2021, FISH 14-2022 will be in a position to start planning the implementation of the BSAP, which should also be taken into account in updating the Work Plan of the Group. As a result, and in line with the timetable for considering the renewal of the HELCOM working structure as proposed in document 7-1, it is proposed that the current Work Plan of the Group remains valid until HOD 63-2022.

## Action requested

The Meeting is invited to agree that the current Work Plan of the HELCOM Fish Group remains valid until HOD 63-2022.