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Background

The Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the Second HELCOM Indicator Workshop defined a number of issues that relate to the potential structure of the HELCOM indicators. The following issues in particular were listed:

1. Ensure future development work takes into consideration the DPSIR (Drivers, Pressures, State, Impact, Response) framework and develops relevant linkages.
2. Ensure HELCOM indicators are well adapted to support reporting needs of HELCOM Contracting Parties that are also EU Member States.
3. Develop a better understanding of state-pressure aspects (e.g. loads and state) and the linkages of these components within relevant indicators.

The ideas collated here offer a mixture of short- and longer-term possible developments that could be considered and proposes a way in which the current indicator structure can be slightly adjusted to better accommodate linkages and supporting information to assist with providing an improved overview in future assessment (e.g. HOLAS III and beyond).

In **Document 13 ATT.1 HELCOM Indicators Structure-Presentation-Causal Framework**, an overview presentation containing some initial proposals to provide a basis for discussion at the Workshop is provided. The proposed ideas are aimed at contributing to the issues raised in the First HELCOM Indicator Workshop.

It is important to note that the ideas and discussion presented are purely looking from the indicator perspective and once the official proposals are developed and then approved (i.e. at HOD) related to the update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP) then there will be a need to review any such indicator proposals to ensure they are fully compatible with the updated BSAP.

Action requested

The Workshop is invited to discuss the ideas proposed.