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The ad hoc Ballast Correspondence Group should:

- 1) Taking into account the outcome from the joint HELCOM/OSPAR TG Ballast on the target species list, finalize the list of target species, bearing in mind its nature of a living document, to facilitate the risk assessment in ports in the Baltic Sea area.

- 2) In the view of the IMO Resolution A.1088(28):
 - a) consider, the interpretation by Denmark and Sweden in MARITIME 13 meeting in 2013, that no additional management measures would be needed in the case where D1 ballast water exchange cannot be performed, as is the case in the Baltic Sea area,
 - b) consider, if there is a need for clarification of the HELCOM Ministerial Declaration in 2010 on the *Guidance to distinguish between unacceptable high risk scenarios and acceptable low risk scenarios – a risk of spreading of alien species by ships on Intra-Baltic voyages* (especially the decision that BW exchange is not possible in the Baltic Sea),
 - c) based on a) and b), develop a common approach to whether additional measures are required before the D2 standard applies.

- 3) Submit intersessionally to MARITIME, in early 2015, an interim report considering the above issues and request the Secretariat to submit final report on tasks 1&2 to Helsinki Commission meeting 2015 (2-4 March 2015).

- 4) Elaborate:
 - a) an overview of the situation on preparedness of the HELCOM Contracting Parties for the implementation of the BWMC and
 - b) to develop a proposal for a Regional Baltic Sea implementation plan for BWMC.

- 5) Submit the final report on the task 4 to the MARITIME 15 meeting in 2015.