



OUTCOME OF THE 14TH MEETING OF THE MARITIME WORKING GROUP
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Introduction

0.1 The 14th Meeting of the HELCOM Maritime Working Group (MARITIME 14-2014) was held on 4-6 November 2014 in Riga, Latvia, in accordance with the decision of HELCOM MARITIME 13-2013 and HELCOM 35-2014.

0.2 The Meeting was attended by Delegations from all the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention, and by Observers from Baltic Ports Organization (BPO), BIMCO, Cruise Lines International Association Europe (CLIA Europe), European Community Shipowners' Association (ECSA) and WWF. The List of Participants is contained in **Annex 1**.

0.3 Ms. Alda Ozola, Deputy State Secretary from the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia, welcomed the participants to the Meeting and to Riga.

0.4 The Meeting was chaired by the Chair of HELCOM MARITIME, Ms. Anna Petersson, Sweden. Ms. Natalia Kutaeva, one of the Vice-Chairs of HELCOM MARITIME, acted as Vice-Chair of the Meeting. Mr. Hermanni Backer, Professional Secretary, acted as secretary of the Meeting assisted by Ms. Teija-Liisa Lehtinen, Professional Assistant, and Mr. Florent Nicolas, Project Researcher, from the HELCOM Secretariat.

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

Documents: 1-1, 1-2, 1-2-Rev.1

1.1 The Meeting adopted the Agenda as contained in document 1-1.

Agenda Item 2 Matters arising from HELCOM meetings

Documents: 2-1, 2-2, 2-3

2.1 The Meeting took note of the outcomes of recent HELCOM meetings (document 2-3) and decided to discuss issues of relevance to HELCOM MARITIME under relevant Agenda Items.

HELCOM and HELCOM HOD

2.2 The Meeting took note of the following specific topics from the outcome of HELCOM 35-2014: consideration of draft notification on adequate port reception facilities (PRFs) for passenger vessels' sewage in the Baltic Sea as well as information document on port reception facilities for sewage to IMO, establishment of Correspondence Group concerning enforcement of the more stringent limits for SO_x emissions (HELCOM CG SECA), adoption of the revised HELCOM Recommendation 31E/5 on mutual plan for places of refuge and modernization of the HELCOM working structure.

2.3 The Meeting recalled that HELCOM 35-2014 decided in principle to submit the notification on adequate port reception facilities for passenger vessels' sewage in the Baltic Sea to IMO MEPC 67 by the deadline 8 August 2014.

2.4 The Meeting took note of HELCOM priorities during the Estonian Chairmanship (1 July 2014 - 30 June 2016) (document 2-1), containing the following main topics: 1. pollution management, 2. planning, governance and marine protected areas, 3. assessment of environmental status and information.

HELCOM streamlining

2.5 The Meeting took note of the outcome of HELCOM Streamlining, including the new HELCOM working structure (organogram) (document 2-2) and decided to make use of the information as appropriate.

HELCOM SAFE-NAV

2.6 The Meeting took note that HELCOM SAFE NAV has carried out inter-sessional correspondence on a draft HELCOM Recommendation on under keel clearance since 24 March 2014 (cf. document 9-6) and that HELCOM SAFE NAV 5-2014 will be held on 3 December 2014 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

HELCOM AIS EWG

2.7 The Meeting took note that HOD 46-2014 approved in principle the proposal for updated Terms of Reference for HELCOM AIS EWG, pending the clarification of a study reservation by Russia by 20 October 2014. The Meeting welcomed the information by Russia that their study reservation has been lifted.

2.8 The Meeting took note that HELCOM AIS EWG 26-2015 will be held on 19-20 May 2015 in Gdynia, Poland.

HELCOM-OSPAR TG BALLAST

2.9 The Meeting took note that HOD 46-2014 considered the Terms of Reference for Joint HELCOM/OSPAR Task Group on Ballast Water Management Convention Exemptions, 2014-2015, and noted that Germany and Russia are proposing some amendments to the ToR. The Meeting took note that the proposed amendments have not yet been clarified.

2.10 The Meeting took note that HELCOM/OSPAR TG BALLAST 5-2014 will be held on 1-2 December 2014 in Madrid, Spain.

HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG

2.11 The Meeting took note that HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 10-2015 will be held during the last week of January 2015.

HELCOM BSAP implementation

2.12 The Meeting discussed the implementation status of ministerial commitments and other information included in the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan Index of Actions (Maritime Segment) and took note that due to the current process of redefining, information related to BSAP implementation will be circulated intersessionally after the Meeting.

Agenda Item 3 Ballast water

Documents: 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5, 3-6, 3-7, 3-8, 3-9, 3-10-WP.1

3.1 The Meeting took note of the Project application on ballast water for the EU LIFE call 2014 (document 3-4).

BWM Convention ratification progress

3.2 The Meeting took note of the following information on the progress in ratification of the IMO Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention:

- Estonia informed that a coordination process related to the ratification document is currently ongoing in the Ministry of the Environment.
- Finland informed that the legal part is being finalised and it will be sent to the parliament next spring.
- Latvia informed that they are following the progress toward entry into force at IMO, considers that a number of issues related to the implementation of BWMC in the Baltic Sea needs further work, including the A-4 exemptions, and aims to carry out further consultations with stakeholders regarding the ratification.
- Lithuania informed that the Ministry of the Environment has initiated a study on the implementation of BWMC to be finalised by the end of 2015 and clarification is expected by the beginning of 2016.
- Poland informed that the formal procedure on ratification will start at the beginning of 2015 and the procedure should be completed in 2016.

- 3.3 The Meeting noted that the IMO Ballast Water Management Convention is very close to entry into force.
- 3.4 The Meeting recalled that the 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting agreed to develop, based on an overview of the situation, a comprehensive regional Baltic Sea implementation plan for the IMO Ballast Water Management Convention by the end of 2014 - bearing in mind the possible need to accept a transitional period for exemptions in case of lacking data.
- 3.5 The Meeting highlighted that the extent and constitution of the agreed target species list has a high impact on the results of the risk assessments carried out according to the joint HELCOM/OSPAR A-4 exemption guidelines and it should be finalised, bearing in mind its nature as a living document, and decided by the Helsinki Commission.
- 3.6 The Meeting recalled the implementation of IMO BWM Convention in situations where D-1 ballast water exchange cannot be performed and further recalled that the currently valid decision from the Baltic Sea is that ballast water exchange is not an option in the Baltic Sea (BWM.2 Cir. 14 2008, BWM.2 Cir. 22 2009 & BWM.2 Cir. 39 2012).
- 3.7 The Meeting recalled that ballast water exchange areas have not been designated within the Baltic Sea due to the lack of suitable sea areas conforming to the IMO BWMC Guidelines (criteria regarding distance from land and depth).
- 3.8 The Meeting recalled that according to the IMO Assembly Resolution A.1088 (28) the BWMC requires the installation of ballast water treatment technology during a 5-year period after the entry into force of the Convention according to the renewal survey schedule, associated with the International Oil Pollution Prevention (IOPP) Certificate under MARPOL Annex I.
- 3.9 The Meeting noted the interpretation of Sweden and Denmark that in cases when ballast water exchange D1 is not possible (as is the case within the Baltic Sea) no additional management measures (early D2) is required.
- 3.10 The Meeting agreed that the above topics (implementation plan, list of harmful target species and considering the consequences of no ballast water exchange areas in the Baltic Sea for BWMC implementation) were important and in need of further consideration, which is not possible to complete at the Meeting.
- 3.11 The Meeting agreed further that even if the HELCOM/OSPAR TG BALLAST fulfils a very important technical role in Ballast Water Management issues shared between HELCOM and OSPAR Contracting Parties, the drafting of such a targeted regional Baltic Sea implementation plan, as well as a Baltic Sea specific target species list is an issue which should be addressed within HELCOM.
- 3.12 The Meeting drafted (document 3-10-WP.1) and agreed on the Terms of Reference for a HELCOM MARITIME ad hoc Correspondence Group on Ballast Water Management as contained in **Annex 2** and welcomed the offer by Finland (anita.makinen@trafi.fi) to coordinate the work with support from Germany and Sweden.
- 3.13 The Meeting agreed to have a regional Baltic Sea implementation plan elaborated by the Correspondence Group and submitted to the HELCOM MARITIME 15-2015 meeting (cf. Paragraph 3.4).
- Regionally harmonised A-4 exemptions and related risk assessments*
- 3.14 The Meeting took note of the information by Sweden on upcoming issues to be considered at the Joint HELCOM/OSPAR TG BALLAST 5-2014 Meeting (document 3-8).
- 3.15 The Meeting welcomed the Estonian submission to PPR2 of the Joint HELCOM/OSPAR Guidelines on the granting of exemptions under the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, Regulation A-4 (document 3-9).
- 3.16 The Meeting took note that Sweden and Germany will support the Estonian submission at PPR2.

- 3.17 The Meeting invited the interested delegates to take contact with Estonia regarding the possible co-sponsorship to PPR2 noting that the deadline for submissions to PPR2 (non-bulky documents) is 14 November 2014 and the deadline for commenting papers is 28 November 2014.
- 3.18 The Meeting took note of the information by Denmark on ballast water and short sea shipping - exceptions and exemptions (document 3-5).
- 3.19 The Meeting recalled that MEPC 67 agreed to submit the two Danish documents to PPR2 and noted that Denmark invited other Contracting Parties to support the Danish submissions at PPR2.
- 3.20 The Meeting took note of the ECSA position paper on BWMC exemption (document 3-6) calling the Contracting Parties to adopt a pragmatic approach in implementing A4 exemptions.
- 3.21 The Meeting took note of the comments by the Finnish Shipowners' Association (FSA) on BWMC implementation in the Baltic Sea submitted by ECSA (document 3-7) stressing the point that a very strict implementation of BWMC for short sea shipping routes endangers the future of older, small bulk carriers in the Baltic Sea which might not be able to install ballast water treatment due to size or other limitations.
- 3.22 The Meeting noted the comment by Sweden that the Swedish Shipowners' Association has highlighted similar problems, which is why Sweden has been active in the development and adoption of the Joint HELCOM/OSPAR harmonized procedure on A4 exemptions.
- 3.23 The Meeting took note of the comment by WWF underlining that invasive species are a very dangerous threat with irreparable long term effects and that efficient regulation is crucial.
- 3.24 The Meeting took note of the HELCOM publication [Guide to Alien Species and Ballast Water Management in the Baltic Sea](#) which was drafted by the HELCOM project ALIENS 3, coordinated by the HELCOM Secretariat, with input from the experts from HELCOM MARITIME (document 3-1).
- 3.25 The Meeting took note of the release of the revised joint decision support tool on alien species introductions via Ballast Water (document 3-2) and noted that the Secretariat is open for more feedback in terms of suggested improvements.
- 3.26 The Meeting took note of the on-line presentation by Ms. Marta Ruiz, HELCOM Secretariat, on ballast water outcomes now available (**Presentation 1**).

Port sampling of alien species

- 3.27 The Meeting took note of the final report of the HELCOM ALIENS 3 project (document 3-3) including information on sampling carried out in 2013 within the ports of Gothenburg (SWE), Kokkola (FIN), Hamina/Kotka (FIN) and Sköldvik (FIN).
- 3.28 The Meeting took note of the information on port sampling in the ports of Gdynia (PL), Liepaja (LV) and Muuga (EE) to be carried out during 2014 as part of the EU funded project HELCOM BALSAM.
- 3.29 The Meeting took note that in the OSPAR region the ports of Las Palmas (ES) and Rotterdam (NL) are considering port sampling during 2014 using the joint HELCOM/OSPAR methodology.

Target species

- 3.30 The Meeting took note of the work on the Baltic Sea target species list as part of the HELCOM BALSAM project.

Other BWM relevant activities

- 3.31 The Meeting took note of the information by the European Commission that a new Regulation on Invasive species has been adopted and that it includes an encouragement to ratify the IMO BWMC.

Agenda Item 4 Airborne emissions from ships and related measures

Documents: 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 4-6, 4-7, 4-8, 4-9-WP.1, 4-10-WP.1

Airborne emissions from ships

4.1 The Meeting welcomed the information on emissions from Baltic Sea shipping in 2013 submitted by Finland (document 4-8) and noted that the apparent increase in the number of small vessels is likely due to the fact that fishing vessels and pleasure craft are nowadays equipped with AIS on a voluntary basis.

4.2 The Meeting took note that other HELCOM groups have considered a proposal for a nutrient pollution Country Allocated Reduction Target (CART) follow-up system, which includes airborne pollution from ships as one source of nutrient pollution to the Baltic Sea.

Alternative Fuels and Green Technology

4.3 The Meeting recalled that the 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting emphasized the need to work jointly in co-operation with other regional governmental and non-governmental organizations, the industry and research community, to further promote development and enhanced use of green technologies and alternative fuels, including LNG, methanol as well as other propulsion technologies, in order to reduce harmful exhaust gas emissions and greenhouse gases from ships and agreed to work towards the creation of a joint “Green Technology and Alternative Fuels Platform in Baltic Sea Shipping” together with other regional actors in the Baltic Sea.

4.4 The Meeting recalled that the document “Sustainable Baltic Sea Shipping – Green Technology and Alternative Fuels – Draft Roadmap” was developed at the Conference on “Sustainable Baltic Sea Shipping, Green Technology and Alternative Fuels with focus on air emissions” held on 16 January 2014, organized by the CBSS Finnish presidency together with HELCOM and in co-operation with the Baltic Development Forum (BDF) and that the “Baltic Sea platform on green technology and alternative fuels” was established at the same event.

4.5 The Meeting took note that the draft Roadmap has been considered and updated at several events during spring 2014, e.g. the Green Shipping Roundtable under XV International Environment Forum “Baltic Sea Days” (St. Petersburg, 21 March 2014), Green Shipping Conference (Moscow, 28 April 2014) and the Baltic Sea Days (Turku, 3-5 June 2014).

4.6 The Meeting considered the document on Green Technology and Alternative Fuels for Shipping submitted by Finland and Sweden (document 4-4) including the proposal to establish a sub-group to HELCOM MARITIME on Green Technology and Alternative Fuels for Shipping.

4.7 The Meeting took note of the information by Finland that in terms of practical arrangements the aim is to burden the participating actors as little as possible, with as much work as possible being carried out via correspondence or video meetings.

4.8 The Meeting noted that Denmark has quite some experience with public and private partnership and is willing to share experience within the proposed sub-group.

4.9 The Meeting agreed to propose for HELCOM HOD 47-2014 the establishment of a targeted sub-group to the HELCOM Maritime Working Group to enhance the co-operation between the public and private stakeholders in the framework of the “Green Technology and Alternative Fuels Platform for Shipping” and welcomed the offer by Sweden and Finland to lead the work and to act as co-chairs for the group.

4.10 The Meeting invited the Contracting Parties and Observers to submit comments (maritime.response@helcom.fi) to the draft Terms of Reference (document 4-4 Annex 3), including suggestions for the name of the proposed sub-group (e.g. LV suggestion “HELCOM GREEN-T”), by **16 November 2014**.

4.11 The Meeting invited further the interested Contracting Parties and Observers to propose by **30 November 2014** (hermanni.backer@helcom.fi) anticipated participants, which could form a core group able to plan the work further, if established by HOD.

4.12 The Meeting requested the Secretariat to incorporate the comments received by the deadline and submit the proposal to HELCOM HOD 47-2014 for adoption.

MARPOL Annex VI

4.13 The Meeting took note of the German interpretation regarding the interrelationship between the rules of the Helsinki Convention (Annex IV, Regulation 7) and the revised Annex VI of the MARPOL Convention regarding incineration on board ships (document 4-5).

4.14 The Meeting took note of the Swedish interpretation that that the MARPOL rules are interpreted as a global minimum level and not precluding more strict rules of the Helsinki Convention to be applied in the Baltic Sea.

4.15 The Meeting took note of the Finnish interpretation that the Helsinki Convention rules of this matter continue to be binding to all Contracting Parties.

4.16 The Meeting invited other Contracting Parties to provide information on their national interpretation regarding the interrelationship between the rules of the Helsinki Convention (Annex IV, Regulation 7) and the revised Annex VI of the MARPOL Convention regarding incineration on board ships to the Secretariat (hermanni.backer@helcom.fi) by **30 November 2014**.

4.17 The Meeting considered the report of the Correspondence Group concerning enforcement of the more stringent limits for SOx emissions (HELCOM CG SECA) submitted by the lead country Sweden (document 4-1).

4.18 The Meeting welcomed the report, thanked Sweden and the coordinator Ms. Nariné Svensson for the valuable work and discussed the issue as follows:

- Denmark highlighted that it considers implementation of the MARPOL Annex VI SECA highly important to ensure a level playing field for the industry.
- EU highlighted that the outcome of the CG has been discussed at EU shipping working party, that it is carrying out similar work within ESSF and its sub-groups and that in case Russia is interested it could be possible to open a specific Baltic Sea window to the EU Thetis-S system also for Russian use and that the system would be open both for access to and submission of information.
- Finland welcomed the work carried out and welcomed the proposal to provide the Russian Federation access to the EU information exchange system Thetis-S for information exchange regarding the Baltic Sea region.
- Russian Federation recalled that a procedure regarding control of fuel has been agreed at the paris MoU and that it is going to implement it and that it does not implement EU guidelines.
- Estonia welcomed a unified interpretation on the implementation of SECA in the region as there are some grey areas in the regulations and strongly supported the work of the group.

4.19 The Meeting considered the proposal by Sweden to initiate a discussion regarding scrubbing technology and associated legislation and consequently to extend the ToR of the SECA Correspondence Group and include these matters on the group's agenda (document 4-2).

4.20 The Meeting discussed the matter as follows:

- EU expressed general support to extend the ToRs taking into account the fact that several ships have already installed scrubber technology in the region.
- Germany informed that Federal states have competence to decide on this in the inland waterways and ports while the Federal level has competence in the EEZ, and that within the ESSF scrubber group several EU member states have informed they have local restrictions in place for open-loop scrubbers.
- ECSA noted that the SECA regulations will enter into force 1.1.2015 and that little time remained for planning.
- Russian federation noted the possible conflict between provisions of MARPOL ANNEX V and Annex VI.

4.21 The Meeting amended the CG SECA Terms of Reference (document 4-10-WP.1) and agreed on the revised Terms of Reference of CG SECA as contained in **Annex 3**, including changing the name from HELCOM CG AIRBORNE to HELCOM CG SECA.

4.22 The Meeting agreed as the SECA regulations will enter into force 1.1.2015 the SECA Correspondence Group should use November-December to get some preliminary results regarding scrubbing technology and associated legislation.

4.23 The Meeting considered the proposal by Russia for further actions towards Baltic Sea NECA application (document 4-6).

4.24 The EU informed that the issue had been discussed with EU Member states internally and that there had been no agreement on a coordinated position.

4.25 The Meeting agreed that the proposed HELCOM sub-group on green shipping technology (cf. Paragraph 4.9) would be the proper forum to consider technological issues related to NECA (e.g. SCR) in the Baltic Sea region.

4.26 The Meeting considered the proposal by Denmark for a draft roadmap for future work on the Baltic Sea NECA application (document 4-7) and noted that the draft roadmap is based on the previous process around the NECA application.

4.27 The Meeting proposed the following way forward regarding the proposal for a roadmap included in document 4-7 (cf. document 4-9-WP.1):

- a) Report to HOD:
 - o broad consensus that a roadmap on the further process is valuable and needed (draft as annex),
 - o no common views on time lines - differing views; therefore put blank space within brackets for further discussions,
 - o general support for the dialogue meeting between the Baltic Sea and North Sea countries to be held during 2015.
- b) Within the framework of the sub-group:
 - o the roadmap will be further developed under the lead of Denmark, with the aim to present for adoption, after the written approval of the Maritime Group for consideration and possible adoption of a draft roadmap for the HOD/HELCOM meeting in March 2015,
 - o that there will be discussions on technical issues on availability of technology to meet the NOx TIER III requirements.

4.28 The Meeting noted further the information by Denmark that the North Sea countries had a mid-October deadline concerning the information on the official position on the designation of the North Sea NECA.

4.29 The Meeting noted the view of Russia that information on the implementation of the North American NECA would be useful for the Baltic process.

4.30 The Meeting took note of the information on the implementation of Regulation 15 "Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)" of MARPOL Annex VI in the Baltic Sea countries (document 4-3) and noted that the Secretariat would not update the information further if not explicitly requested by the Group.

Agenda Item 5 Sewage discharges from ships and port reception facilities

Documents: 5-1, 5-1-Rev.1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-3-Rev.1, 5-4-WP.1

Work within the PRF Cooperation Platform

5.1 The Meeting considered the outcome of the Workshop on Sewage Delivery to PRFs within the framework of HELCOM Cooperation Platform on Port Reception Facilities, held back-to-back with MARITIME 14-2014 on 3 November 2014 (document 5-3) and revised the document (5-3-Rev.1).

5.2 The Meeting considered the Work Plan 2014-2016 for HELCOM Cooperation Platform on Port Reception Facilities in the Baltic Sea (document 5-1) and amended it as contained in document 5-1-Rev.1.

Overview of status quo

5.3 The Meeting welcomed the draft report on PRF for sewage and passenger traffic in the Baltic Sea - HELCOM overview 2014 (document 5-2).

5.4 The Meeting took note of a presentation by Professional Secretary Hermanni Backer on the new elements of the 2014 draft PRF overview document (**Presentation 2**).

5.5 The Meeting recalled that HELCOM PRF Cooperation Platform commented the draft document (c.f. 5-3-Rev.1).

5.6 The Meeting provided additional comments as follows:

- Finland informed that it will check if the no-special fee is applied in all Finnish ports;
- Germany and Sweden requested more information on the anticipated volumes of sewage to port reception facilities.

5.7 The Meeting agreed that in order to further develop the 2014 draft overview document:

- input to the overview document, including eventual additional data submissions, should be sent to the HELCOM Secretariat (maritime.response@helcom.fi) before 30 November 2014;
- the revised draft version is planned to be circulated by the Secretariat by 20 December 2014;
- a second commenting deadline will be set in mid-January 2015;
- the aim is to finalise the document for publishing on the HELCOM website by the end of January 2015.

5.8 The Meeting agreed that HELCOM Contracting Parties should use the IMO Guidelines (Resolution MEPC.83 (44) from the year 2000) when evaluating the adequacy of port reception facilities.

Notification to IMO

5.9 The Meeting took note of the status quo of the draft notification document to IMO regarding the Baltic Sea area as a Special Area under MARPOL Annex IV, recalled that HELCOM 35-2014 agreed in principle to submit the notification to IMO MEPC 67 and a subsequent consultation process was conducted among the Contracting States and the following replies were received:

- Positive replies from six HELCOM countries: Estonia, Denmark, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden. These countries have confirmed that based on their national consultations concerning adequacy of their Port Reception Facilities in the Baltic Sea they can go ahead with the submission of the documents to IMO MEPC 67.
- Russia informed on the necessity to further clarify some technical aspects and expressed concerns particularly regarding smaller passenger ships.
- Poland did not have any additional comments to the content of the notification and INF-papers to MEPC 67 on the sewage reception facilities in the Baltic Sea, however, informed that for the time being Polish ports cannot guarantee the adequacy required for a special area in 2016. Based on their national consultations concerning adequacy of their Port Reception Facilities in the Baltic Sea, Poland informed that it cannot agree to submit the notification to IMO MEPC 67.
- The European Commission informed that the EU shipping working party should be informed by the HELCOM lead country (i.e. Sweden) for this initiative in due time before the IMO submission is made.
- No formal reply was received from Germany at that time.

5.10 The Meeting noted that according to the regulations of MARPOL Annex IV the notification needs to be submitted to IMO and the organization shall establish a date from which the requirements shall take effect and the organization shall notify all Parties of the date so established no less than twelve months in advance of that date. Since the Baltic Sea States have not been able to notify IMO it is necessary, besides the notification, to submit the necessary adjustments of the dates in the regulations, at least when it comes to the guidelines for sewage treatment plants. The Meeting also noted that this issue will at least be in the work programme for MEPC at the next session (MEPC 68). The Meeting also noted that the regulation of MARPOL is drafted in such a way that upon receipt of sufficient notifications the organization shall establish a date from which the special area requirements shall take effect.

5.11 The Meeting recalled that MEPC 67 agreed to retain the MARPOL Annex IV special area issue on the table only until MEPC 68, which highlights the importance of submitting a notification to the next meeting. In order to ascertain the predictability of industry and to retain the credibility in IMO as HELCOM Contracting States in our regional co-operation it is important to complete the work.

5.12 The Meeting was of the opinion that the key issue of the special area regulations under MARPOL Annex IV is the effective date of implementation.

5.13 The European Commission, Finland, Germany and Sweden supported the proposal by the Chair on considering a submission to MEPC 68 - but reconsidering the effective dates of implementation.

5.14 Russia stated that it has some hesitations in the issue due to the potential difficulties for smaller ferries.

5.15 WWF recalled the extent of the global environmental degradation documented in e.g. the recent IPCC report and expressed the view that seeing HELCOM fail to meet their time line to notify IMO before 2015 is disheartening.

5.16 WWF strongly urged the Contracting Parties in the region to ensure adequate PRF and the effective implementation of the MARPOL Annex IV Special area.

5.17 CLIA stated that even if the decision is to be made by the countries, they fundamentally disagree with the conclusion that the reception facilities in the region are adequate.

5.18 ECSA noted that ferries have used PRF facilities in the region for many years but agreed with CLIA that reception facilities are not adequate for the cruise industry.

5.19 The Meeting established a Correspondence Group addressing the effective dates for the special area regulations under Annex IV of MARPOL and endorsed the Terms of Reference for the group (document 5-4-WP.1) as contained in **Annex 4**. The Meeting welcomed the offer by Sweden (narine.svensson@transportstyrelsen.se) to coordinate the work.

5.20 The Meeting noted that according to the ToRs the Correspondence Group is instructed to submit an interim report to HOD and a final report by 15 January 2015 to the national contacts of HELCOM MARITIME and HOD and, if agreed, the dates are to be included in the notification to the IMO regarding port reception facilities under Annex IV of MARPOL.

5.21 The Meeting requested HELCOM HOD 47-2014 to consider the possibility to submit the notification document to MEPC 68 (May 2015), and to consider the interim report from the intersessional Correspondence Group addressing the effective dates for the special area regulations.

5.22 The Meeting also requested HOD 47-2014 that in case it is not possible to reach a decision on the notification at the HOD 47-2014 meeting, HOD 47-2014 should agree on a procedure to consider the possible submission to MEPC via correspondence (explicit acceptance only), and finalize this work by 31 January 2015, taking into account the outcome of the Correspondence Group.

Developments in on-board sewage treatment technology

5.23 The Meeting took note that MEPC 67 decided to retain the nitrogen and phosphorus removal standards for sewage treatment plants in special areas.

5.24 The Meeting further took note that Finland and Norway organized a presentation at IMO MEPC 67 sharing new information on and experience in on-board sewage treatment equipment meeting the MARPOL Annex IV Special Area standards.

5.25 CLIA informed that one of its member ships has installed a system meeting the strict special area requirements but that there is no requirement to use the technology even if installed.

Agenda Item 6 Other ship-generated wastes and port reception facilities (including marine litter)

Documents: 6-1, 6-2

- 6.1 The Meeting took note of the information on on-going work related to the development of the HELCOM Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (document 6-1) as well as of the Outcome of the Second Regional Workshop on Marine Litter, held in Stralsund, Germany, on 22-23 October 2014 (document 6-2).
- 6.2 The Meeting considered the draft 1 of the Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (Attachment 2 of document 6-2) and was of the opinion that the word “Articles” and the subsequent numbering should be deleted from the sub-chapter headings.
- 6.3 The Meeting took note that the commenting deadline for the draft 1 of the Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter and requested the interested participants to provide comments (Marta.Ruiz@helcom.fi) by the deadline **11 November 2014**, especially to the sections on sea-based sources of marine litter.
- 6.4 The Meeting took note that since Denmark is both a member of HELCOM and OSPAR, Denmark finds it important that the HELCOM Action Plan is comparable to the OSPAR Action Plan for Marine Litter.
- 6.5 The Meeting took note of the information by the European Union on the evaluation of the Directive 2000/59/EC on port reception facilities (**Presentation 3**) and welcomed the offer to circulate the Questionnaires which are soon to be distributed among the EU Member States, with some restrictions depending on the addressee, (i.e. Member State, NGO or Port Authority).
- 6.6 The Meeting took note that ECSA and BIMCO urged the HELCOM Contracting Parties to provide reception facilities for bulk ship cargo hold wash-waters.

Agenda Item 7 Anti-fouling systems

Documents: None

- 7.1 The Meeting took note that Finland will circulate intersessionally information on a dedicated hull cleaning equipment, reducing the need of AFS, used on board passenger ferries in Finland.

Agenda Item 8 Detection, investigation and prosecution of offenders of anti-pollution regulations

Documents: 8-1, 8-2, 8-3, 8-4, 8-5-WP.1

- 8.1 The Meeting took note of the HELCOM Report on illegal discharges observed during aerial surveillance in 2013 (document 8-1).
- 8.2 The Meeting welcomed the compilation on results of a questionnaire for sanctions on violation of ship-related legislation to update HELCOM Recommendation 19/14 (document 8-3) based on the initiative by Denmark and completed by the Secretariat.
- 8.3 The Meeting took note that Germany has some updated figures on fines for 2013, if considered useful by the Group.
- 8.4 The Meeting considered the need for updating HELCOM Recommendation 19/14 on a harmonized system of fines in case a ship violates anti-pollution regulations (document 8-4) and noted that the fines should be effective, proportionate and persuasive, that the currently valid Recommendation does not cover recent developments in environmental legislation and that for some infringement types the fines are inappropriate.
- 8.5 The Meeting decided to revise the Recommendation by MARITIME 15-2015 using the information submitted in document 8-3, and welcomed the offer by Denmark to lead the revision work.
- 8.6 The Meeting considered the information on Ship to Ship cargo transfers and bunkering operations in the Baltic Sea region, gathered via a survey circulated after HELCOM MARITIME 13-2013 and submitted by Finland (document 8-2).

8.7 The Meeting noted that Denmark has recently amended national legislation on Ship to Ship cargo transfers and bunkering operations.

8.8 The Meeting agreed to establish a Correspondence Group to revise HELCOM Recommendation 28/3 and drafted Terms of Reference for the work (8-5-WP.1) and agreed on the Terms of Reference as included in **Annex 5** and welcomed the offer by Finland (anita.makinen@trafi.fi) to coordinate the work.

8.9 The Meeting took note that IMO PPR1 2013 considered a UK led submission on paraffin pollution.

Agenda Item 9 Safety of navigation and related matters

Documents: 9-1, 9-2, 9-3, 9-4, 9-5, 9-6, 9-7, 9-8, 9-9

9.1 The Meeting took note of the drafting process for a new HELCOM Recommendation on Under Keel Clearance in the Baltic Sea region (document 9-6) including the deadline 3 November for initial comments and that the document will be considered further at HELCOM SAFE NAV 5-2014, to be held on 3 December 2014 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

9.2 The Meeting took note of the presentation on the effects of shipping on the marine environment by Ms. Eva-Lotta Sundblad, Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment and Mr. Kjell Larsson, Kalmar Maritime Academy (**Presentation 4**).

Accidents in the Baltic Sea

9.3 The Meeting took note of the HELCOM Report on shipping accidents in the Baltic Sea in 2012 (document 9-1) and recalled that it had been revised based on comments from Denmark after HELCOM MARITIME 13-2013 and adopted by the group via correspondence during summer 2014.

9.4 The Meeting considered the draft annual report on shipping accidents in the Baltic Sea area in 2013 (document 9-4), presented on-line by Ms. Laura Meski from HELCOM Secretariat (**Presentation 5**) and approved the report for publishing.

9.5 The Meeting took note of the comments by BIMCO, ECSA and WWF that in many cases the national accident data, compiled in the HELCOM report, showed a clear inadequacy due to absence of obvious, but crucial information, e.g. whether the ship carried pilot or not, or what is the draught of the involved ship. The lack of proper accident investigation and reporting seems not to be in accordance with mandatory IMO requirements. BIMCO, ECSA and WWF therefore urged the Contracting States that the causes of accidents should be better investigated and the information should be included in the HELCOM accident reports.

9.6 The Meeting took note of the comment by Finland that the number of accidents in the HELCOM report is lower than in the commercial data provided by Lloyds List Intelligence and requested the Contracting Parties to ensure a high quality of regional accident data by submitting information on all accidents fulfilling the HELCOM reporting criteria in the future.

9.7 The Meeting took note that no new information on evaluations on the need for escort towing services in main transport routes for laden oil and chemical tankers as called for by HELCOM Recommendation 25/5 was available for the Meeting.

Re-surveys

9.8 The Meeting took note of the Status Report of HELCOM-BSHC Baltic Sea Re-survey Scheme submitted by Finland (document 9-5) and endorsed the presented future actions, including the support to the application of the FAMOS project– Finalising Surveys for the Baltic Motorways of the Sea (document 9-7) for EU CEF Transport funding.

9.9 The Meeting took note of the presentation on Executing BSHC HELCOM re-survey scheme – Finalising Surveys for the Baltic Motorways of the Sea, made by Mr. Seppo H. Mäkinen, Finnish Transport Agency and Mr. Benjamin Hell, Swedish Maritime Administration (**Presentation 6**).

9.10 The Meeting took note of the statement by Denmark that the information given in document 9-5 regarding the ability to speed up the process is not accurate with regard to the situation in Denmark.

E-navigation

9.11 The Meeting took note of the information on the progress within the MONALISA 2.0 project (document 9-8) as well as on the process to draft a follow-up project of MONALISA on sea traffic management (document 9-9) submitted by Sweden.

Ice navigation

9.12 The Meeting considered proposals for amendments to HELCOM Recommendation 25/7 – Safety of winter navigation in the Baltic Sea Area (document 9-2), amended the proposal in document 9-2 by deleting the text “...,similar to the Ice Passport used in the Russian Federation,...” from Annex 1 section 3.2.2, agreed on the revision with this change and requested the Secretariat to make this change to the revision proposal in document 9-2 and to submit the revised Recommendation to HELCOM 36-2015 for adoption.

Dredging

9.13 The Meeting took note that the revised HELCOM Guidelines for Management of Dredged Material at Sea and the draft revised reporting format will be circulated to MARITIME once the pending study reservation and ongoing discussions on applicability have been clarified (document 9-3).

9.14 The Meeting noted that Denmark has not been contacted by Lithuania or Germany regarding proposals to revised wordings as indicated by the outcome of HELCOM HOD 46-2014.

Agenda Item 10 HELCOM publications, implementation and reporting

Documents: 10-1, 10-2

10.1 The Meeting took note of the publishing of the HELCOM Activities report 2013 (BSEP No. 144) as well as of the HELCOM Guide to Alien Species and Ballast Water Management in the Baltic Sea 2014 (cf. Agenda Item 3).

10.2 The Meeting took note that an updated version of the HELCOM Clean Seas Guide will be circulated intersessionally by the Secretariat after the Meeting

10.3 The Meeting took note that the drafting of the HELCOM Assessment on Maritime Activities in the Baltic Sea region has not progressed as planned but will be initiated after the Meeting.

10.4 The Meeting considered indicators of relevance to MARITIME currently under development in CORESET II (document 10-1) and invited the participants to propose to the Secretariat (hermanni.backer@helcom.fi) relevant priority areas from the HELCOM MARITIME work plan as well as, based on that, concrete topics for MARITIME-related HELCOM indicators by **16 November 2014**.

10.5 The Meeting considered the proposal of Latvia to revise all HELCOM Recommendations where MARPOL 73/79 and MEPC Resolutions are mentioned (document 10-2).

10.6 The Meeting noted that more than 30 HELCOM Recommendations have references to MARPOL, many of which are likely obsolete, but agreed that the revision of all these Recommendations will be a long-term project.

10.7 The Meeting agreed that the HELCOM Secretariat will circulate by **16 November 2014** a table with all HELCOM MARITIME and RESPONSE related Recommendations and invited the Contracting Parties and Observers to provide proposals for prioritized revisions, and proposals for obsolete Recommendations.

Agenda Item 11 Activities within other organizations and initiatives

Documents: 11-1, 11-2

11.1 The Meeting took note of the presentation by Ms. Sanna Sonninen, Finnish Transport Safety Agency, on the work within the Priority Area (PA) on Maritime Safety and Security (SAFE) of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (**Presentation 7**).

11.2 The Meeting took note of the presentation by Ms. Ditte Folke Henriksen, Danish Maritime Authority, on the work within the PA on Clean Shipping (SHIP) of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (**Presentation 8**).

11.3 The Meeting requested the Contracting Parties to provide input regarding the revision of the EUSBSR action plan as well as potential co-operation via flagship projects.

11.4 The Meeting took note of the following information by the European Commission on EU activities and co-operation within the field of clean shipping:

- Strategy: The Commission started in 2013 a reflection on achievements and challenges with regard to the EU maritime transport strategy. The Greek presidency addressed a mid-term review of the strategy (resulting in the Athens Declaration of the Member States), followed by Council conclusions in June 2014. The Commission has proactively set up a number of consultation arrangements with administrations and industry (the "European Sustainable Shipping Forum" ESSF) to identify and progress competitive compliance solutions (new fuels, filters, financial support schemes, competitiveness of the industry and research/development). This work will also feed as coordinated input into international discussions at IMO / ISO (international standardization organization) level.
- Clean/sustainable shipping: The Directive on alternative fuels infrastructure (Directive 2014/94/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014) will ensure the necessary standardisation and set up of a basic fuel supply infrastructure before 2025 with substantial EU financial support.
- Sulphur and other emissions: Implementation and enforcement of the new 2015 limits will be the focus for the coming year. DG MOVE helps industry with practical solutions and technical reports (LNG, filters, financial support etc.). A possible extension of the "European Sustainable Shipping Forum" beyond its 2015 initial mandate could include addressing also other emissions (CO₂, Nitrogen-oxides NO_x and particulate matters PM).
- Greenhouse gas emissions from shipping: Adoption of the EU proposal on monitoring, reporting and verifying (MRV) foreseen for early-mid 2015. Commission to continue work with EU Member States in the IMO context on agreeing on a global system. This could be completed at IMO in 2015-2016 (and might remove the need for separate EU MRV). In parallel, IMO level discussions to continue on additional measures to further increase efficiency of new and also existing ships.

11.5 The Meeting took note of the Outcome of the 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference (document 11-1) including the information that the IHO decision making structure has been streamlined with several types of decisions delegated from the Assembly to the Council, and that IHO will intensify efforts in the fields of satellite bathymetry and crowd sourcing to enable surveying sea areas in the third world.

11.6 The Meeting considered a preliminary list of HELCOM and other meetings in 2014-2015 of relevance to HELCOM MARITIME (document 11-2) and invited the participants to submit updates to the table (teija-liisa.lehtinen@helcom.fi) by **16 November 2014**.

Agenda Item 12 Any other business

Documents: 12-1

12.1 The Meeting took note of the list of contact addresses of the HELCOM Maritime Working Group (document 12-1) and requested the Contracting Parties and Observers to provide any updates to the Secretariat (teija-liisa.lehtinen@helcom.fi) by **16 November 2014**.

12.2 Some Delegations expressed a wish that the current format of the document be changed to better serve the purpose of showing national permanent focal points and Heads of Delegation, with possible indication of the field of expertise of the contact persons.

12.3 The Meeting thanked Mr. Juha Korhonen, Finland/BSHC for decisive contributions in keeping hydrography high on the agenda of HELCOM and its Ministerial Meetings, as well as providing links to other Baltic regional processes, and wished him also a good and well deserved retirement.

Agenda Item 13 Future work and meetings

Documents: 13-1

13.1 The Meeting discussed the future work of HELCOM Maritime Working Group in the light of developments since HELCOM MARITIME 13-2013 (document 13-1). The Work Plan for HELCOM Maritime Working Group 2014-2016 was updated during the Meeting and is contained in **Annex 6**.

13.2 The Meeting agreed that the next HELCOM MARITIME meeting (HELCOM MARITIME 15-2015) will be held on 23-25 November 2015 in Lithuania.

13.3 The Meeting thanked Latvia for hosting the HELCOM MARITIME 14-2014 meeting as well as for the great hospitality and the excellent facilities.

Agenda Item 14 Outcome of the Meeting

Documents: 14-1

14.1 The Meeting adopted the draft Outcome of the Meeting. The final Outcome, incorporating corrections by the Meeting, will be prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair of the Meeting and made available in the HELCOM Meeting Portal.

ANNEX 1

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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR HELCOM AD HOC CORRESPONDENCE GROUP ON BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT

The ad hoc Correspondence Group on Ballast Water Management 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 2010 HELCOM Ministerial Declaration 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 a final report on the tasks 1 and 2 to the 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) a proposal for a regional Baltic Sea implementation plan for BWMC;
- 5) Submit the final report on the task 4 to MARITIME 15-2015.

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CORRESPONDENCE GROUP BETWEEN HELCOM CONTRACTING PARTIES CONCERNING ENFORCEMENT OF THE MORE STRINGENT LIMITS FOR SO_x EMISSIONS 2015- (HELCOM CG SECA)

This document contains the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Correspondence Group between HELCOM Contracting Parties concerning enforcement of the new limits for SO_x emissions entering into force in the Baltic Sea from 1 January 2015, established by MARITIME 13-2013. The Terms of Reference was adopted by HELCOM 35-2014 for the period 2014-2016 and has been revised by MARITIME 14-2014, including the change of name from CG AIRBORNE to CG SECA.

Background

The 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Declaration welcomed co-operation between the Contracting Parties to enhance the enforcement of the more stringent limits for SO_x emissions.

In order to achieve efficient and cost effective enforcement within the MARPOL ANNEX VI SECA Baltic Sea, it would be appropriate to exchange information on possible joint measures.

Furthermore, concerns have been raised regarding the exceptions in MARPOL VI regulation 3-1.2 what measures and precautions ships should take when exhaust gas cleaning systems are not operating accordingly, or when the equipment is damaged. A harmonized application and view on what measures to be considered as sufficient by the HELCOM Contracting States would increase the predictability and transparency of implementation.

Terms of Reference

The Correspondence Group is instructed to carry out initial exchanges in 2014 and more in-depth work 2015-2016 in order to:

1. Carry out general information exchange regarding implementation of MARPOL Annex VI SECA regulations;
2. Provide input to a joint HELCOM enforcement actions based on systematic evaluations and the objective of achieving efficient and cost effective enforcement within the SO_x Emission Control Area (SECA), including:
 - considering follow-up of observed violations – i.e. by notifying the next port through port state control (PSC) or other means of contact;
 - samplings of fuels;
 - considering possible joint, cost effective aerial surveillance or surveillance by ground based monitoring facilities including common standards;
3. In order to ensure a harmonized application, exchange views on the use of exhaust gas cleaning technology and consider:
 - measures and precautions to be taken when ships exhaust gas cleaning systems are not operating accordingly or when the equipment is damaged, with the aim to address the problem in IMO;
 - measures acceptable to the Contracting States to ensure compliance with MARPOL VI regulation 3-1.2, when the above situation occurs;
 - environmental impacts and relevant regulations (international, European, regional, national or local) related to the discharge of wash water from Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems (EGCS) into the Baltic Sea (international/territorial waters), estuaries and ports;

- management of waste generated by EGCS related legislation and other issues, e.g. composition of waste, port reception facilities, application of no-special-fee system, etc.;
 - any possible conflict between provisions of MARPOL ANNEX V and ANNEX VI related to waste from scrubbers ;
 - a possible need for additional amendments of the IMO Guidelines adopted by MEPC.184(59) "2009 Guidelines for Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems" (approval of EGCS, wash water criteria, other) and the IMO Resolution MEPC. 219(63) 2012 "Guidelines for the implementation of MARPOL Annex V";
4. Streamline the work closely with the activities already going on in the IMO, the European Commission (including ESSF and its sub-groups) and in Paris MoU;
 5. Follow activities and developments at international level in the field of enforcement measures in other SOx ECA areas (North Sea, North America ECA).

In terms of working procedures the Correspondence Group will:

- be established for the period 2014-2016;
- carry out initial exchanges in 2014 and remaining matters 2015-2016;
- report to meetings of the HELCOM Maritime Working Group;
- be led by Sweden;
- be open to HELCOM Contracting Parties and Observers;
- as far as possible work via correspondence, but convene if need arises.

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CORRESPONDENCE GROUP ON EFFECTIVE DATES OF THE SPECIAL AREA REQUIREMENTS UNDER ANNEX IV OF MARPOL

The Correspondence Group is instructed to:

- consider the effective date for the special area requirement under Annex IV of MARPOL, which is to be included in the notification to IMO;
- submit an interim report to HELCOM HOD 47-2014; and
- submit a final report by 15 January 2015 to the national contacts of HELCOM MARITIME and HOD.

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CORRESPONDENCE GROUP ON SHIP-TO-SHIP AND BUNKERING TRANSFER OPERATIONS**The Correspondence Group should**

- 1) Taking into account amendments by resolution MEPC.186(59) to MARPOL Annex I, i.e. a new chapter 8 regulating prevention of pollution during transfer of oil cargo between two oil tankers and consequential amendments to the Supplement to the IOPP Certificate, Form B, wherein it is indicated that ship has a ship-to-ship (STS) operations plan;
 - a. taking also into account the results from the questionnaire Finland made and reported to MARITIME 14-2014 in document 8-2 concerning the STS activities in the territorial waters and EEZ of the Contracting Parties and their national regulations;
 - b. further taking into account the revised and merged industry guidance on ship-to-ship transfer operations, i.e. Ship To Ship Transfer Guide for Petroleum, Chemicals and Liquefied Gases prepared by the Chemical Distribution Institute, the International Chamber of Shipping, the Oil Companies International Maritime Forum and the Society of International Gas Tanker and Terminal Operators;
 - c. additionally taking into account that bunkering operations and STS operations by the shipping industry and by (several) signatories to the HELCOM are considered as separate operations with quite differing characteristics, for which reason they should be handled in two separate sections in the revised HELCOM Recommendation 28/3: Section A for STS and Section B for bunkering;
 - d. consider if bunkering of alternative fuels such as LNG and biofuels as well as ship to ship transfer of chemical substances should be included in the revised HELCOM Recommendation 28/3, and if decided not to be included, recommend an appropriate way forward regarding these fuel types and substances;
 - e. revise HELCOM Recommendation 28/3 on bunkering operations and ship-to-ship cargo transfer of oils in the Baltic Sea Area;
- 2) Submit the report to MARITIME 15-2015.

ANNEX 6

WORK PLAN FOR THE HELCOM MARITIME WORKING GROUP 2014-2016

ACTION	INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/RESPONSIBLE	RESULTS/TIME FRAME
Measures and actions enhancing maritime safety		
Propose additional safety measures, including routeing measures	HELCOM MARITIME	Meetings of HELCOM MARITIME Meetings of HELCOM SAFE NAV
Follow-up implementation of HELCOM Recommendation 34E/2 on e-navigation	HELCOM SAFE NAV HELCOM AIS EWG	Continuous
Maintain and update the “HELCOM Transit Guide for the Baltic Sea” – chart and web page version	Lead countries: - chart – Germany - web page version - Denmark	Continuous
Contribute to HELCOM Maritime Spatial Planning work with maritime input	HELCOM - VASAB MSP WG HELCOM Secretariat HELCOM MARITIME	Continuous
Follow-up, contribute to and utilize the results of various risk assessments of shipping accidents in the Baltic Sea	In co-operation with HELCOM RESPONSE	Meetings of HELCOM SAFE NAV
Continue the development of AIS Application Specific Messages and promote their use in the Baltic Sea	HELCOM AIS EWG Lead countries: Finland and Sweden	Continuous
Co-operate with the Monitoring Working Group of BSHC to speed-up hydrographic re-surveys and support other hydrographic activities and follow-up the implementation of the Revised re-survey scheme and its time schedules agreed during the 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting	Contracting Parties HELCOM MARITIME	Revised re-survey scheme agreed during the 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting
Co-operate with Baltic Icebreaking Management to further improve the safety of navigation in ice conditions	Contracting Parties	Meetings of HELCOM MARITIME
Implement actions to facilitate use of ECDIS in the Baltic Sea	HELCOM MARITIME	Meetings of HELCOM MARITIME
Implement HELCOM Recommendation 31E/5 on Mutual Plan for Places of Refuge	Contracting Parties In co-operation with HELCOM RESPONSE	

Consideration of the ways to further reduce emissions and discharges from shipping		
Follow-up the designation of the Baltic Sea as a Special Area under Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78 sewage discharges from passenger ships	HELCOM MARITIME HELCOM MARITIME Correspondence Group on effective dates	Continuous according to the results of CG
Follow-up new developments regarding availability of technology to treat sewage to Special Area standards	HELCOM MARITIME	Continuous
A joint submission to IMO to establish the Baltic Sea NOx emission control area	HELCOM Heads of Delegation to make a final decision	Roadmap on Baltic NECA
Investigate and consider introduction of economic incentives for reducing emissions from ships, which are not covered by Annex VI tier III	Contracting Parties	Meetings of HELCOM MARITIME
Investigate and consider alternative fuels and green technology for shipping	HELCOM MARITIME Joint platform on alternative fuels and green technology for shipping, together with CBSS [Proposed HELCOM MARITIME sub-group on alternative fuels and green technology]	Initiative on promoting coordination in alternative fuels and green technology for shipping agreed by the 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting Continuous
Follow-up implementation of more stringent limits of SOx emissions that will come into force in 2015	HELCOM MARITIME HELCOM Correspondence Group SECA	Continuous Report to HELCOM MARITIME 15-2015 and by the end of 2016
Assessment whether there is room/need for other HELCOM measures to address emissions from shipping	HELCOM MARITIME	Continuous
Port Reception Facilities including full and harmonized implementation of the Baltic Strategy		
Solve open issues included in the 2013 HELCOM Guidance on operational and technical aspects of delivery of sewage to PRF	HELCOM MARITIME Members of the PRF Cooperation Platform	Continuous Sewage PRF Guidance endorsed by the 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting
Identify further gaps in availability of PRF for ship-generated wastes, mandatory delivery of waste and the application of the "no-special-fee" system, and propose measures to fill in these gaps	Contracting Parties Finland as lead for HELCOM work on "no-special fee" system	
Identify gaps and upgrade PRF for sewage in the Baltic Sea region (cf. 2010 HELCOM Roadmap for upgrading sewage PRF and 2013 HELCOM overview on sewage PRF)	Contracting Parties	Continuous

Regional implementation of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments		
Full implementation of the roadmap towards harmonized implementation and ratification of the BWMC	HELCOM MARITIME Proposed Correspondence Group on Ballast Water Management led by Finland In co-operation with HELCOM STATE* (* tentative name)	According to the time schedule included in the roadmap Interim report according to the ToR of ad hoc CG on Ballast Water Management
Implementing a harmonized BWMC A-4 exemption system in the Baltic Sea	HELCOM MARITIME in co-operation with OSPAR HELCOM-OSPAR TG BALLAST	Continuous
Development of regional Action Plan for BWMC implementation as an update of the 2007 HELCOM BWM road map	HELCOM MARITIME Proposed ad hoc Correspondence Group on Ballast Water Management	Implementation plan by HELCOM MARITIME 15-2015
Co-operation to ensure enforcement of regulations and detection, investigation and successful convictions of offenders of anti-pollution regulations		
Co-operate with the Paris MoU and EMSA, e.g. to obtain statistics on PSC from the EMSA databases THETIS and THETIS-S	Secretariat	Provide interim results and discuss at HELCOM MARITIME 15-2015
Apply for advisor status of HELCOM to Paris MoU on Port State Control	HELCOM MARITIME	As agreed at the 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting
Extend the Single Hull Tanker monitoring system to the banned ships under the Paris MoU and ships non-compliant with the AFS Convention	HELCOM AIS EWG	HELCOM AIS EWG 26-2015
Play a proactive role in communicating "unexpected" factors according to Directive 2009/16/EC to the PSC authorities, e.g. based on information on non-compliant ships detected in the Baltic Sea, to prompt additional inspections	Contracting Parties In co-operation with HELCOM AIS EWG re. non-compliant ships	Starting from January 2011
Collection and analyses of the statistics on ships' movements in the Baltic and on environmental impact of shipping/experience exchange		
Monitor emissions from ships in the Baltic Sea Area	Lead country: Finland	Annual reports on emissions to HELCOM MARITIME meetings
Collect and compile information on shipping accidents in the Baltic Sea	Secretariat/ Contracting Parties	Annual HELCOM report on shipping accidents
Analyse and use annual HELCOM reports on illegal discharges observed during aerial surveillance	In co-operation with HELCOM RESPONSE	Meetings of HELCOM MARITIME
Uphold, maintain and further develop the HELCOM AIS System	HELCOM AIS EWG	Continuous
Analyse AIS based information on the shipping in the Baltic	Contracting Parties	Continuous

Regulating access to AIS information according to HELCOM Recommendation 33/1	HELCOM AIS EWG national contact points HELCOM Secretariat	Continuous
HELCOM Assessment on Maritime Activities	HELCOM MARITIME HELCOM Secretariat	By 2016, as agreed at the 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting
Produce thematic assessments and GES relevant indicators related to Maritime activities to support work of HELCOM GEAR & STATE* (* tentative name)	HELCOM MARITIME HELCOM Secretariat	Continuous
Information to mariners		
Update and disseminate the revised "HELCOM Clean Seas Guide"	Secretariat	Update when needed Next update by December 2014
Other tasks stemming from implementation of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan (Maritime Activities segment)		
Further address marine litter, including the problem of "ghost fishing"	KIMO, Contracting Parties	According to the Baltic Sea Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter to be agreed by 2015
Consider noise from shipping and its environmental effects in light of the developments at the international level in IMO	HELCOM MARITIME	By 2016, as agreed at the 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting
Exchange information about offshore activities	HELCOM MARITIME HELCOM RESPONSE	Continuous
Consider an assessment of pleasure craft activities in the Baltic Sea region including, i.a. environmental impacts and risks of accidents	EBA, Contracting Parties	
Consider joint proposals to IMO on clean and safe shipping in the Baltic Sea	HELCOM MARITIME	Continuous

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2-2 INF	27.10.2014	Outcome of HELCOM Streamlining	Secretariat
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3-1 INF	02.09.2014	HELCOM Guide to Alien Species and Ballast Water Management in the Baltic Sea	Secretariat
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3-7 INF	27.10.2014	Finnish Shipowners' Association (FSA) comments on BWMC implementation in the Baltic Sea	ECSA
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4-1 DEC	08.10.2014	Report from the Correspondence Group concerning enforcement of the more stringent limits for SOx emissions (HELCOM CG SECA)	Sweden
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4-3 CMNT	08.10.2014	Implementation of Regulation 15 "Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)" of MARPOL Annex VI in the Baltic Sea countries	Secretariat
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