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Background

HOD 53-2017 approved the report on implementation of HELCOM agreements and agreed that it would be included as a background report to the 2018 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting as well as utilized in further HELCOM work. Furthermore, HELCOM 39-2018 decided that the report will serve as the annual report on the activities of the Helsinki Commission during 2017, complemented with a general overview of HELCOM activities. The report has been published as [Baltic Sea Environment Proceedings No. 154](#).

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the report, and in particular of the status of the implementation of regional and national actions related to the work of HELCOM MARITIME.