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## Background

The first Baltic Sea sewage port reception facilities (PRF) - HELCOM Overview for 2014 was published in 2015. In 2017 and 2018 requests to update the PRF information were sent to the national Administrations of the Baltic Sea coastal States to provide new relevant and updated information regarding sewage PRF in their ports. The request also included a call to update the available statistics such as the number of international passengers transiting the ports, the number of ship calls and the amounts of sewage discharged in each port.

The 2018 overview has been compiled by the Secretariat, based on the information received by national Administrations, port authorities and representatives of the cruise and port industries. AIS data from the regional HELCOM AIS network covering the whole Baltic Sea area was also used in order to generate figures to describe the cruise ships traffic in the region.

The full 2018 overview is available on the HELCOM website through [this link](#).

## Submission to IMO

MARITIME 17-2017 approved the publishing of the PRF overview as an electronic HELCOM publication and mandated the Secretariat to incorporate outstanding corrections and input from the Contracting Parties and Observers. The Meeting also agreed that the updated overview should be submitted to the 73<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 73). HOD 53-2017 subsequently approved the submission of the updated PRF overview publication to IMO MEPC 73 as an information document, incorporating further updates from the Contracting Parties. The overview was submitted to MEPC 73 on 17 August 2018 for information.

## Future work

HOD 53-2017 highlighted that the PRF information in the IMO's Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) is outdated for many Baltic Sea ports and requested all Contracting Parties to check and update the contents based on the updated HELCOM PRF Overview and other relevant information. This is of utmost importance when considering the implementation and enforcement of the Baltic Sea special area under MARPOL Annex IV.

The Meeting may also recall that MARITIME 17-2017 was of the opinion that the updating of the HELCOM PRF overviews could be made easier by using an existing database such as GISIS or developing a new online database to disseminate and update the information.

## Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- take note of the updated HELCOM PRF Overview;
- request the Contracting Parties to update their PRF information in GISIS; and
- discuss options for keeping the HELCOM sewage PRF overview up to date.