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Background

The 55th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation was held in Helsinki, Finland, on 4-5 December 2018. The 40th Meeting of the Helsinki Commission was held in Helsinki, Finland, on 6-7 March 2019. The 56th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation was held in Helsinki, Finland, on 18-19 June 2019. The outcomes of the meetings are available in HELCOM Meeting Portal.

HOD 55-2018, *inter alia*:

- took note of the establishment of the GREEN TEAM Reporting mechanism and method;
- took note that the Work Plan for 2018-2020 of the Cooperation Platform on Special Area According to MARPOL Annex IV has been updated;
- considered and approved the revised HELCOM Recommendation 33/1 on “Unified interpretation in relation to access to and use of HELCOM AIS data” and agreed to submit it for adoption by HELCOM 40-2019;
- approved the draft revised HELCOM Recommendation 28E/13 on “Introducing Economic Incentives as a Complement to Existing Regulations to Reduce Emissions from Ships” and agreed to submit it for adoption by HELCOM 40-2019; and
- took note of the draft HELCOM/EnviSuM report “Alternative Fuels for Shipping in the Baltic Sea Region” and agreed on the tacit procedure to approve the publishing of the overview on the HELCOM website.

HELCOM 40-2019, *inter alia*:

- considered the draft revised HELCOM Recommendation 28E/13 on Introducing Economic Incentives as a Complement to Existing Regulations to Reduce Emissions from Ships, as approved by HOD 55-2018 for adoption but was not able to reach a decision and agreed to intersessionally consider the issue further through the Heads of Delegation with engagement of Working Groups as needed and mandated HOD 56-2019 to consider and adopt the revised Recommendation;
- adopted the draft revised HELCOM Recommendation 33/1 on Unified interpretation in relation to access to and use of HELCOM AIS data;
- adopted the updated HELCOM Data and Information Strategy;
- took note and considered the information on coordinated reporting and hosting of HELCOM continuous noise monitoring data and decided on the proposed hosting solution (in ICES) for a HELCOM database on continuous underwater sound and agreed on the annual allocation from the HELCOM budget for the database maintenance as well as authorized the use of the HELCOM budget to bridge any remaining gap for funding of the database establishment; and
- considered and endorsed the updated Roadmap on HELCOM activities on ecosystem approach.

HOD 56-2019, *inter alia*:

- adopted the revised HELCOM Recommendation 28E/13 on Introducing Economic Incentives as a Complement to Existing Regulations to Reduce Emissions from Ships; and
- approved the publication of the Technical Guidance for the handling of wastewater in Ports of the Baltic Sea Special Area under MARPOL Annex IV.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcomes of [HOD 55-2018](#), [HELCOM 40-2019](#) and [HOD 56-2019](#), and use the information as appropriate.