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## Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

### Introduction

The Intersessional Meeting of the HELCOM Maritime Working Group (HELCOM MARITIME 19A-2020) will be **opened on Monday, 16 March 2020, at 10:00** and it is expected to **close on Tuesday, 17 March 2020 by 16:00**. The Meeting will take place in Helsinki, Finland, at the premises of the HELCOM Secretariat (address: Katajanokanlaituri 6 B, FI-00160 Helsinki). The Meeting will be chaired by the Chair of HELCOM MARITIME, Ms. Susanne Heitmüller.

Meeting documents for MARITIME 19A-2019 will be submitted by the Secretariat via the HELCOM [Meeting Portal](#). The Secretariat has prepared a document template, also available in the Meeting Portal, and recommends using the template when submitting documents to the Secretariat. The Secretariat kindly requests the Contracting Parties and Observer Organizations to observe the deadlines for submission of documents to MARITIME 19A-2019. Basic documents and documents requiring action or a decision by the Meeting should be submitted in electronic form to the Professional Secretary, Mr. Markus Helavuori ([markus.helavuori@helcom.fi](mailto:markus.helavuori@helcom.fi)) by **24 February 2020**. Bulky documents should include abstracts embodying the essence of the proposals and action requested from the Meeting. Documents containing comments to the basic documents as well as information documents should be submitted to the Secretariat by **9 March 2020**.

The participants are kindly invited to sign up to the HELCOM Meeting Portal at their earliest convenience, if not already done. Please find here [instructions](#) for signing up as a *first time user* of the Meeting Portal. Once you have signed up, the Secretariat will grant you separate permission to access the restricted meeting document library on the [MARITIME 19A-2020 Meeting Site](#). After sign up, the participants are kindly requested to sign in and register to the Meeting by answering the online meeting registration ("[Participation Survey](#)") not later than **9 March 2020**.

### Agenda Item 1                      Adoption of the Agenda

These Annotations to the Provisional Agenda have been prepared based on the outcome of the MARITIME 19-2019.

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda as contained in document 1-1.

### Agenda Item 2                      Matters arising from HELCOM meetings

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcomes of meetings within the framework of HELCOM held in the intersessional period, and to discuss issues of relevance to HELCOM MARITIME under the relevant Agenda Items (document to be submitted at a later stage).

#### *Decisions at HELCOM annual meeting and HODs*

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the 57th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation ([HOD 57-2019](#)), held from 10 to 11 December 2019.

#### *HELCOM Science Agenda Task Group*

The Meeting is invited to take note of the Notes from the 1st online meeting of the HELCOM Science Agenda Task Group, held on 17 December 2019 ([Science Agenda TG 1-2019](#)) and the 2nd meeting of the HELCOM Science Agenda Task Group, held on 29-30 January 2020 in Helsinki, Finland.

### Agenda Item 3                      Update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan

The Meeting is invited to recall that MARITIME 19-2019 agreed to set up a Correspondence Group on the update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP) under the Maritime Working Group with the Terms of Reference set out in Annex 4 to the [Outcome of MARITIME 19-2019](#). The Meeting is further invited to recall that MARITIME 19-2019 agreed to convene this intersessional Meeting of the Maritime Working Group, to further work on existing actions and review proposals on new actions for the BSAP.

The Meeting is invited to note that HOD 57-2019 agreed on the proposals from HELCOM Working Groups on actions to be considered as accomplished or that are proposed to be omitted from future implementation and follow-up, as contained in section 2 of HOD 57-2019 document 3-1 (document to be submitted).

The Meeting is invited to take note of the progress in the revision of existing HELCOM objectives and development of new ecological and management objectives (document to be submitted).

#### *Existing BSAP actions*

The Meeting is invited to finalize the work on rephrasing existing BSAP actions and follow-up of the HELCOM Ministerial Declarations, taking into account the outcomes of MARITIME 19-2019, the Correspondence Group on the update of the BSAP as well as HOD 57-2019 (documents to be submitted).

#### *Proposed new BSAP actions*

The Meeting is invited to note that SOM 2-2019 agreed that the synopses on proposed new actions for the updated BSAP will, as a first step, be reviewed by the relevant HELCOM Working Groups at their spring meetings in 2020 or intersessionally as needed. The meeting agreed that the Secretariat and the Chair of the SOM Platform will elaborate on the guidance of the technical review by the Working Groups in spring 2020 and share it with the SOM Platform representatives ([Notes of SOM 2-2019](#), para 4.15).

The Meeting is invited to make use of the guidance for the technical review by the Working Groups as provided by the SOM Platform (document to be submitted).

The Meeting is invited to undertake a technical review of the received synopses on proposed new actions related to maritime activities for the updated BSAP, taking into account the comments from the Correspondence Group and making use of the common guidance.

#### Agenda Item 4                      Any other business

The Meeting might wish to consider any other matters raised by the delegations and observers at the Meeting.

#### Agenda Item 5                      Future work and meetings

The Meeting is invited to agree on the exact days of MARITIME 20-2020, which was agreed by MARITIME 19-2019 to be held in Norrköping, Sweden.

Denmark is invited to confirm their offer to investigate possibilities to host MARITIME 21-2021.

#### Agenda Item 6                      Outcome of the Meeting

The Meeting will be provided with draft Outcome of the Meeting for adoption. 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.