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Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

The Fifth Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Group on Monitoring of Radioactive Substances in the Baltic Sea (HELCOM MORS EG 5-2015) will be held in accordance with the decisions by HELCOM MORS EG 4-2014 (Outcome of the Meeting, Paragraph 7.4) and HELCOM HOD 46-2014 (Outcome of the Meeting, Paragraph 6.4).

The Meeting will start **on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 at 9 a.m.**, and it is expected to terminate **on Thursday, 21 May around noon**. The Meeting will be chaired by Ms. Tarja Ikäheimonen, Finland, Chair of the Group.

Documents for HELCOM MORS EG 5-2015 will be made available in the new [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#). Please note that as of 12 September 2014, the HELCOM Meeting Portal has a new URL: <https://portal.helcom.fi>. Please note also that the present user accounts are not affected by this change in any way and can therefore be used normally. Other functionalities of the HELCOM Meeting Portal are as before.

[Instructions](#) for use of the new Meeting Portal are available on the HELCOM website. The participants are kindly invited to [sign up](#) to the new Meeting Portal at their earliest convenience. After sign up, the participants are kindly requested to sign in and register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) not later than **12 May 2015**.

The Secretariat kindly requests the Contracting Parties and IAEA to provide their contributions for the Meeting *in electronic form* to the Secretariat (e-mail address: teija-liisa.lehtinen@helcom.fi) by using a document template available in the new HELCOM Meeting Portal at the [MORS EG 5-2015 Meeting Site](#). The Contracting Parties are requested to note that basic documents and documents requiring action or a decision to the Meeting should be received by the Secretariat not later than **27 April 2015**. Documents containing comments to the basic documents as well as information documents should be provided to the Secretariat latest by **12 May 2014**.

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

The Provisional Agenda (MORS EG 5-2015, 1-1) is based on the outcome of the Fourth Meeting of MORS EG (MORS EG 4-2014). Furthermore, consultations have been held between Ms. Tarja Ikäheimonen, Chair of MORS EG, and the Secretariat.

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Agenda.

Agenda Item 2 **Information by the Secretariat, the Contracting Parties and IAEA**

The Secretariat will inform the Meeting on the outcomes of HELCOM meetings relevant to MORS EG, including the 36th Meeting of the Helsinki Commission, the First and Second Meetings of the Group on State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (STATE-CONSERVATION 1-2014 and 2-2015), the First and Second Meetings of the project for the development of the second holistic assessment of the Baltic Sea (HOLAS II 1-2014 and 2-2015), the 10th Meeting of the HELCOM project for the revision of monitoring programmes (MORE 10-2014), the Second Workshop on Operationalization of HELCOM core indicators (HELCOM CORESET II 2-2014).

The Secretariat will inform the Meeting, e.g. about the [renewed HELCOM working structure](#), [HELCOM Monitoring Manual](#) as well as the updated Roadmap of HELCOM activities on ecosystem approach (document 2-1).

The Contracting Parties and IAEA are invited to submit any other information of possible interest to the Group or which might have implications to the monitoring and assessment of radioactive substances in the Baltic Sea.

The Contracting Parties are invited to submit any information on safety and security measures in relation to floating and submerged nuclear power plants.

Agenda Item 3 **Scientific reports by the Contracting Parties and IAEA**

The Contracting Parties and IAEA-EL are invited to provide scientific results not covered under other Agenda Items, e.g., on the following:

- recent scientific results of various projects in the Baltic Sea,
- studies under Nordic collaboration,
- studies under EU collaboration.

The Meeting is invited to discuss available information relating to different discharge patterns in the Contracting Parties.

Agenda Item 4 **Data collection, databases and ongoing monitoring programme**

The HELCOM Secretariat Data Administrator will report on the current state of the MORS environmental database and submission of data, including the quality of data.

STUK (Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority, Finland) is requested to report on the current state of the MORS discharge database and submission of data, including the quality of data.

The Contracting Parties are invited to provide information related to their data submissions. The Meeting is invited to approve the latest data in the database.

The Meeting is invited to consider matters related to data exchange, databases, quality of the information in the database and the implementation of the relevant part of HELCOM Recommendation 26/3 on monitoring of radioactive substances.

The Meeting is invited to review and update the [MORS Guidelines](#) (MORS-PRO 12/2007, Paragraph 4.12) as well as to discuss latest updates (last update 22 September 2014).

The Meeting is invited to discuss the present status of the HELCOM MORS monitoring programme.

The Contracting Parties are invited to submit information on reporting of available historical data.

Agenda Item 5 Analytical quality assurance, reliability of data and intercalibrations

Finland is invited to present the results of the work on compilation of information and data for intercomparison of sea water samples.

Germany is invited to inform about the plans to arrange the next large volume water sample in 2015 for the following five years (MORS EG 4-2014, Paragraph 5.1).

IAEA-EL is invited to submit information on the MORS sediment intercomparison samples (MORS EG 4-2014, Paragraph 5.5).

IAEA-EL is invited to present the earlier seawater proficiency test results submitted by MORS EG participants (MORS EG 4-2014, Paragraph 5.4).

Finland is invited to inform about their possibilities to provide sample material for fish intercomparison, where Cs-137 level is relatively high (MORS EG 4-2014, Paragraph 5.6).

The Meeting is invited to discuss further intercomparison activities.

Agenda Item 6 Indicator reports and assessments

The Meeting is invited to consider the further revised core indicator *“Radioactive substances: Caesium-137 in fish and surface waters”* and update it, as appropriate, taking into account possible comments by STATE-CONSERVATION 2-2015.

STUK is invited to inform on the updating of the following Baltic Sea Environment Fact Sheets:

- [Total amounts of the artificial radionuclide caesium -137 in Baltic Sea sediments](#)
- [Liquid discharges of Cs-137, Sr-90 and Co-60 into the Baltic Sea from local nuclear installations](#)

The Contracting Parties are invited to present relevant information in relation to national implementation of the EU WFD and EU MSFD and integration of radioactivity issues in this work.

The Meeting is invited to discuss the preparation of the next MORS thematic assessment 2011-2015, to be finalized by the end of 2016, for the next HELCOM holistic assessment on the ecosystem health of the Baltic Sea to be developed by mid-2018. The Meeting is invited to further discuss the status of work based on the draft outline, division of tasks and schedule for work, agreed by MORS EG 4-2014 (Paragraphs 6.7-6.9).

Agenda Item 7 Future work

The Meeting is invited to further discuss and plan future work based on the Terms of Reference of HELCOM MORS EG (document 7-1).

Latvia is invited to confirm its possibility to host the meeting of HELCOM MORS EG 6-2016. Sweden is invited to confirm whether they are in a position to host the HELCOM MORS EG meeting in 2016 in case Latvia is not able to host the meeting. (Outcome of HELCOM MORS EG 4-2014, Paragraph 7.5)

The Meeting is requested to set a date for the meeting in 2016.

The Contracting Parties are invited to consider and inform the Meeting of their possibility to host the Group's meeting in 2017.

Agenda Item 8 **Other business**

The Contracting Parties and IAEA are invited to check and update the list of HELCOM MORS EG contact addresses (document 8-1).

The Meeting might wish to discuss any other business related to the objectives of the Group.

Agenda Item 9 **Outcome of the Meeting**

A draft outcome of the Meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat for the consideration and approval by MORS EG 5-2015 at the end of the Meeting.

The outcome of the Meeting will be finalized by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair of MORS EG, and will then be made available in the HELCOM Meeting Portal.