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## Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

### Introduction

The Ninth Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Group on Monitoring of Radioactive Substances in the Baltic Sea (HELCOM MORS EG 9-2019) will be held in accordance with the decision by HELCOM MORS EG 8-2018 (Outcome of the Meeting, Paragraph 8.3).

The Meeting will take place at the premises of the Technical University of Denmark (DTU Nutech), Risø Campus, Roskilde, on 21-23 May 2019. The Meeting will start **on Tuesday, 21 May 2019 at 12 a.m.**, and it is expected to terminate **on Thursday, 23 May 2019 by 1 p.m.** The Meeting will be chaired by Ms. Tamara Zalewska, Poland, Chair of the Group.

Documents for HELCOM MORS EG 9-2019 will be made available in the [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#). [Instructions](#) for use of the Meeting Portal are available on the HELCOM website. The participants are kindly invited to [sign up](#) to Meeting Portal at their earliest convenience, if not yet done. After sign up, the participants are kindly requested to [sign in](#) and register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) no later than **14 May 2019**.

The Secretariat kindly requests the Contracting Parties and IAEA to provide their contributions for the Meeting *in electronic form* to the Secretariat ([teija-liisa.lehtinen@helcom.fi](mailto:teija-liisa.lehtinen@helcom.fi)) by using a document template available in the HELCOM Meeting Portal at the [MORS EG 9-2019 Meeting Site](#). The Secretariat kindly requests the Contracting Parties and IAEA to observe the deadlines for submission of documents to the Meeting. Basic documents and documents requiring action or a decision by the Meeting should be submitted in electronic form to the Secretariat by **29 April 2019**. Documents containing comments to the basic documents as well as information documents should be provided by **14 May 2019**.

### Agenda Item 1                      Adoption of the Agenda

The Provisional Agenda (documents 1-1 and 1-2) is based on the outcome of the Eighth Meeting of MORS EG (MORS EG 8-2018) and consultations between the Chair of MORS EG, Ms. Tamara Zalewska (Poland) 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 40th Meeting of the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM 40-2019), recent meetings of the Heads of

Delegation (HOD), and of the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (STATE & CONSERVATION).

The Meeting is invited to take note of the update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP), being a priority for the HELCOM working groups, and note that the update of the BSAP will be based on the existing expertise in the HELCOM working structure according to the mandates of the working groups and will be overseen by the Heads of Delegation. In this context, the Meeting is invited to take note of the strategic plan and work plan for the update of the BSAP.

The Contracting Parties and IAEA are invited to submit any 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:

- recent results on radioactivity levels in the Baltic Sea,
- 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 will report on the current state of the MORS environmental database and submission of data, including the quality of data (document to be submitted later).

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 data consultant STUK is also requested to provide a summary of 2017 data for the Meeting (cf. Outcome of MORS EG 8-2018, para 4.18).

IAEA is invited to present information about possible updates to the Marine Information System MARiS.

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, the quality of the information in the database, and the implementation of HELCOM Recommendation 26/3 on monitoring of radioactive substances.

National data providers of the Contracting Parties are invited to check their national procedures on storing and reporting sediment types, especially related to combination sediments and description of the dominant fraction. The Secretariat will produce a summary of sediment types reported to the MORS Database (document to be submitted later). The Meeting is invited to modify sediment type reporting instructions in the MORS Guidelines (c.f. Outcome of MORS EG 8-2018, para 4.10).

The Meeting is invited to review and update the MORS Guidelines as needed (document to be submitted later).

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

Germany is invited to inform about the possibility to collect samples for the next intercomparison exercise to be carried out in the first half of 2020 (c.f. Outcome of MORS EG 8-2018, para 5.2).

IAEA is invited to submit and present information on organized and planned intercomparison exercises relevant to the HELCOM MORS EG activities.

The Meeting is invited to discuss further intercomparison activities.

### Agenda Item 6 Indicator reports, fact sheets and assessments

The Meeting is invited to take note of the latest version of the core indicator “Radioactive substances: Caesium-137 in fish and surface seawater” (as available online at the HELCOM indicator site: <http://www.helcom.fi/baltic-sea-trends/indicators/radioactive-substances-caesium-137-in-fish-and-surface-seawater/>).

The Meeting is invited to take note of the results of the State and Conservation WG’s review of HELCOM Baltic Sea Environment Fact Sheets (BSEFS), and the recommendations on the fact sheets of relevance for MORS EG.

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](#) (last updated in 2014)
- [Liquid discharges of Cs-137, Sr-90 and Co-60 into the Baltic Sea from local nuclear installations](#) (last updated in 2013)

The Meeting is invited to discuss the need for the updating interval for the sediment BSEFS (cf. Outcome of MORS EG 8-2018, para 6.7), taking into account the guidance by the State and Conservation WG.

The Meeting is invited to discuss the preparation of the next thematic assessment on radioactivity in the Baltic Sea.

National data providers of the Contracting Parties are invited to provide information on options for methodology and provision of data on polonium 210 in fish (cf. Outcome of MORS EG 8-2018, para 6.11).

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.

### Agenda Item 7 Future work

The Meeting is invited to discuss and plan future work based on the [Terms of Reference](#).

Lithuania is invited to confirm its possibility to host the meeting of HELCOM MORS EG 10-2020. The Meeting is requested to set a date for the meeting in 2020.

The Contracting Parties are invited to consider hosting the MORS EG meeting in 2021.

### 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 consideration and approval by MORS EG 9-2019 at the end of the Meeting.