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The key theme of the Meeting is eutrophication and nutrient management. But in the light of the ongoing work on the BSAP update, the issues related to all other topics falling under the group's mandate will also be considered. A specific session dedicated to the ongoing work to update the BSAP will be arranged. Thematic sessions on marine litter, hazardous substances, sea floor integrity, underwater noise and other issues will consider relevant aspects of HELCOM routine work.

The Meeting will be preceded by the HELCOM Workshop on the update of national nutrient input ceilings on 20 April 2020. The Outcome of the workshop will be presented to the Meeting.

[Agenda Item 1](#) [Adoption of the Agenda](#)

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Agenda of the Meeting (document 1-1).

[Agenda Item 2](#) [Matters arising from other HELCOM work](#)

The Secretariat will inform the Meeting of the outcomes of HELCOM 41-2020, HOD 57-2019, meetings of HELCOM working groups, workshops and other events relevant to the work of the Group.

[Agenda Item 3](#) [Nutrient loads to the Baltic Sea ecosystem.](#)

Update of the HELCOM nutrient input reduction scheme and input ceilings (including outcome of the workshop preceding the Meeting)

HOD 57-2019 considered the proposal to update HELCOM nutrient input reduction scheme and values for input ceilings and in general support the proposed approach. The Meeting requested PRESSURE WG to elaborate the proposal in line with the overall drafting of the updated BSAP and further develop values for nutrient input ceilings also discussing them at the workshop back-to-back with PRESSURE 12-2020. HODs also recommended to include some changes to the proposed text. Text of the proposal was further elaborated by RedCore DG and PLC-7 IG.

Outcomes of the discussion at the workshop, preceding the Meeting, will be also submitted to the Meeting.

The Meeting will be invited to consider an updated draft of the HELCOM nutrient input reduction scheme, provide feedback on the proposed draft and discuss proposed values for national input ceilings (document will be submitted by the Secretariat).

The Meeting will also be invited to propose the way to integrate the text describing the HELCOM nutrient input reduction scheme to the updated BSAP taking into account guidance by HOD 57-2019.

According to PLC-7 project work plan **PLC-7 products related to input of nutrients** are to be delivered in 2020. The Meeting will be invited to consider drafts of the assessment products submitted by the PLC-7 Project manager.

PRESSURE 10-2019 discussed **the plans for work package 4 of the HELCOM ACTION project**, focusing on supporting SOM on eutrophication. Main products of WP4 of HELCOM ACTION project related to input of nutrients are: potential to reduce nutrient inputs from point sources; sufficiency of the targets for individual rivers basins to achieve the BSAP goals; examples of measures to reduce nutrient loads for individual river basins. PRESSURE 10-2019 requested to present outcomes of the project work for reviewing and endorsement. The Meeting will be invited to review and endorse the main outcomes of WP4 of the ACTION project (documents to be submitted by lead partners of the corresponding project activities).

HELCOM ENIRED II project (Estimation of Nitrogen Deposition reduction by 2030) is aimed to model potential reduction of airborne input of nitrogen by 2030 due to implementation of Gothenburg Protocol/EU-NEC Directive. Project results have been reviewed by experts of RedCore DG and PLC-7 IG and corrected according to expert's recommendations. The Meeting will be invited to approve the final version of the project report, presented by EMEP (document to be submitted) and conclude on accomplishment of the project tasks.

PRESSURE 8-2018 agreed to organize a specific reporting procedure for **the information on phosphogypsum stacks** as significant sources of phosphorus input to the Baltic Sea ([Outcome of PRESSURE 8-2018](#), para 7.21). A collation of the reported information was presented at PRESSURE 10-2019 which concluded that it required further verification. A verification procedure was arranged in summer 2019 and accomplished after PRESSURE 11-2019. The Meeting will be invited to consider a report on the state of the phosphogypsum stacks in the Baltic Sea Region based on reported data (document will be submitted by Secretariat) and agree on its publication.

PRESSURE 7-2017 agreed on an extended reporting format for the first reporting on HELCOM Recommendation 38/1 on sewage sludge handling. PRESSURE 11-2019 encouraged the Contracting Parties which have not yet reported the information to provide the requested data by the end of 2019 at the latest. The results of reporting were included in the analysis of nutrients flows in the Baltic Sea region utilized as a background information for the HELCOM Workshop on nutrient recycling measures. The workshop was organized in the frame of work on the regional nutrient recycling strategy in Helsinki 5-6 February 2020. The Meeting will be invited to consider the results of the analysis of reported data on sewage sludge handling in the Baltic sea region and agree on the further publication of the analysis as a report (document to be submitted by the Secretariat).

HOD 57-2019 in general agreed on the timeline of the **PLC-8 project** proposed by PRESSURE and requested the Secretariat to prepare project proposal for approval at HELCOM 41-2020. HELCOM 41-2020 approved the PLC-8 project proposal as given in the document 5-3 submitted to HELCOM 41-2020. The Meeting will be invited to agree on the plan to launch the project and inform of leadership of implementation the project's work strands and thematic reports (document to be submitted by the Secretariat).

Agenda Item 4 Development of the regional framework for internal nutrients reserves measurements (results of the MINUTS work).

The ad hoc Expert Group MINUTS was established to elaborate a regional risk assessment framework for management of internal nutrient reserves. PRESSURE 11-2019 in general supported the group's proposal that the framework would consist of guidelines, a recommendation, and a glossary of terms and definitions. The Meeting will be invited to discuss draft documents prepared by MINUTS group and provide feedback on the proposals.

Agenda Item 5 Nutrient recycling strategy – measures to improve recycling of nutrient
HELCOM Ministerial Meeting 2018 committed to elaborating by 2020 a Baltic Sea Regional Nutrient Recycling Strategy that aims for reduced nutrient inputs to and eutrophication of the Baltic Sea. The strategy was to be established with a step-by-step approach and propose a common vision and objectives for nutrient recycling. The Ministerial Meeting further decided to develop, as a follow-up to the Strategy, possible nutrient recycling measures to be included in the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan beyond 2021.

The HELCOM Agri group is leading the elaborating of the strategy in cooperation with Pressure Working Group. HOD 56-2019 endorsed the vision and objectives for the Baltic Sea Regional Nutrient Recycling Strategy.

As a next step to find measures to meet the objectives of the strategy, HELCOM Workshop on nutrient recycling measures was organized on 5-6 February 2020 in Helsinki, Finland.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the notes of the workshop and discuss proposed measures to meet the objectives of the strategy. The Meeting is invited to further elaborate on the content of the strategy document based on the proposal by AGRI 9-2020 (document to be submitted by Finland as the lead country with Secretariat's assistance).

Agenda Item 6 Update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan and associated activities

Endorsement and rephrasing of existing actions to be included in the updated BSAP (work plan activity 1.1). The HELCOM Working Groups have been tasked to consider tentative needs for rephrasing of existing HELCOM actions from the Baltic Sea Action Plan and Ministerial Declarations 2010 and 2013 that are not likely implemented by 2021. In accordance with the Strategic Plan for the BSAP update, these actions will be transferred to the updated BSAP as they are, or they will be rephrased as found needed by the Working Groups i.e. to update target years, to ensure that they are up to date with current HELCOM work, or to clarify the actions.

The Pressure group has discussed the rephrasing of actions in PRESSURE 9-2018, PRESSURE 10-2019, PRESSURE 10a-2019, PRESSURE 11-2019 and PRESSURE 11a-2020. PRESSURE 10a-2019 considered the existing HELCOM actions in need of rephrasing in case they are not implemented by 2021 and agreed on a categorization of actions in terms of degree of revision needs and the leads for rephrasing. PRESSURE 11a-2020 discussed the proposals for rephrasing and further elaborated them. A document on suggestions for rephrased actions will be submitted by the Secretariat.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the suggestions for rephrasing of actions and agree on the tentative formulations for actions to be included in the updated BSAP.

The implementation of existing HELCOM actions, including from the current BSAP and Ministerial Declarations in 2010 and 2013, have been followed-up through a coherent scheme since 2016. Some actions were however evaluated as too generically formulated to be followed-up. As agreed through the Strategic Plan for the BSAP update, these actions should be reviewed to check if some of them should be considered for uptake in the updated BSAP and in that case to concretize them in a similar way as outlined for paragraphs of the 2018 Ministerial Declaration.

PRESSURE 11-2019 took note of the proposals from the Secretariat on how these actions could be pursued or omitted from further work and agreed on the actions that could be rephrased to be more concrete via correspondence. PRESSURE 11a-2020 took note and discussed proposals by the Secretariat for rephrasing the actions and invited the lead countries and Secretariat to modify the proposals based on the comments.

The Meeting is invited to take note and discuss the proposals for rephrasing of actions that were previously considered too general and agree on the tentative formulations for actions to be included in the updated BSAP.

New measures for the BSAP update were compiled through the procedure of submissions of formalized synopsis. **Technical review of synopses on proposed new HELCOM actions for the updated BSAP** is the common task for all HELCOM work groups. The Meeting will be invited to consider the synopses falling under the groups mandate and undertake a technical review of them based on common guidance (document to be submitted by the Secretariat).

Progress of the sufficiency of measures analysis.

HELCOM ACTION project (2019-2020), co-funded by the EU, and the ad hoc HELCOM Platform on sufficiency of measures (SOM Platform) are carrying out analyses on sufficiency of measures to reach HELCOM goals and objectives, in order to support the selection of new and strengthened HELCOM actions for the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP). The third meeting of the SOM Platform takes place 24-26 March 2020. Pressure Working Group is to review and guide the work on the topics of litter, underwater noise and hazardous substances, and validate the information that will be used in the SOM analysis.

- Analysis of sufficiency of measures on underwater noise
- Analysis of sufficiency of measures on marine litter
- Analysis of sufficiency of measures on hazardous substances
- Input of nutrients - Sufficiency of measures to achieve the BSAP targets (including input from ACTION project WP6);

The Meeting will be invited to take note of the outcome of the SOM Platform 3-2020 meeting (document to be submitted by the Secretariat).

The Meeting will be invited to take note of the progress of the sufficiency or measures analysis and provide input as appropriate (document to be submitted by the Secretariat).

Other results of ACTION project relevant to the group work. ACTION project analyses also Impact on seabed (WP2, ACTION project). This work partly concerns the group work incorporating also effects of dredging/depositing operations at sea. The Meeting will be invited to take note of and comment on the progress in ACTION project WP2 – Impact on the seabed (document to be submitted by the Secretariat). The separate components available include 1) an overview of coastal restoration measures, 2) a final report on the scenario testing for spatial fisheries management options, and 3) the latest version of the summary report, Impacts on seabed - Approaches for assessment and successful measures.

Results of the reporting on HELCOM Recommendations adopted before 2007 (work plan activity 2.3). PRESSURE 11-2019 took note of the reporting on Recommendations under Pressure group that were adopted before 2007 and invited the countries that have not yet reported to do so as soon as possible. The Meeting will be invited to take note of the updated reporting and use the information as appropriate (document to be submitted by the Secretariat).

Agenda Item 7 Marine litter

The Meeting will be invited to take note of the information on the follow-up of EU and global processes related to marine litter in connection to HELCOM work on the topic.

Draft update HELCOM Recommendation on urban storm water management

PRESSURE 11-2019 took note of the Outcome of the Fourth Workshop on implementation of the HELCOM Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (WS RAP ML 4-2019), including proposed new actions on abandoned, lost or otherwise discarded fishing gear (ALDFG), measures to minimize littering of the marine environment by expended and extruded polystyrene and the update of HELCOM Recommendation on storm water management (Rec. 23-5). The Meeting agreed to arrange a written procedure to comment the proposed new actions. Based on the comments, the work will continue and will be further discussed at PRESSURE 12-2020 ([Outcome of PRESSURE 11-2019](#), para. 3.1-3.4).

Denmark and Sweden provided input to the further actions agreed by WS RAP ML 4-2019. Denmark also indicated that they are not able to take the role as lead country for the update of Recommendation 23/5.

The Meeting will be invited to consider and agree on the update of HELCOM Recommendation on storm water management (Rec. 23-5) (document to be submitted).

Update on the on-going work of “FanPLESStic-sea project – Initiatives to remove microplastics before they enter the sea”.

The Meeting will be invited to take note and provide input as needed on the on-going work of the “FanPLESStic-sea project – Initiatives to remove microplastics before they enter the sea” (document to be submitted).

Proposals on further practical actions to address ALDFG in the Baltic Sea

The Meeting will be invited to consider and agree on further steps on new actions on ALDFG (document to be submitted).

Prioritization of actions to reduce releases of EPS and XPS to the environment and next steps to their implementation.

The Meeting will be invited to consider and agree on further steps on measures to minimize littering of the marine environment by expanded and extruded polystyrene (document to be submitted).

Policy message on disposal of End-of-Life Boats (ELB)

Finland, with the assistance of Sweden, is invited to present a draft policy document based on existing material to be subsequently used for the development of a regional approach which would assist countries to handle the appropriate disposal of End of Life Boats.

Consideration of the updated report and summary page on the analysis of the degree of the marine environment pollution by wastes flowing down the rivers to the sea

Poland is invited to present the updated “Analysis of the degree of the marine environment pollution by wastes flowing down the rivers to the sea, including sanitary waste” report and summary page to communicate with river basin authorities.

Follow-up of the implementation of the RAP ML:

- **Actions RL1-RL3 - waste management** – status of implementation and further steps towards production of a regional document on good waste management practices: (Outcome of PRESSURE 11-2019, para. 3.33 and 3.36): the Meeting is invited to take note that nominations to participate in planned discussions, related to the identification of useful elements linking marine litter to national waste prevention and management plans envisaged by the revised EU Waste Framework Directive, were only provided by Denmark. The Meeting is also invited to take note of the information by Germany that there is no need to nominate national contacts at this point since the discussions will not take place in the near future.

Germany is invited to present a background document on waste management that has been developed in the frame of OSPAR work on the topic.

The Meeting will be invited to, using the information available, discuss production of regional documents on good waste management practices.

- **Action RL11 – establishing and/or further develop of deposit refund systems for bottles, containers, and cans** – lessons learned further implementation: the Meeting will be invited to consider the progress of the bilateral project on deposit refund systems (document will be submitted jointly by Estonia and Latvia) and discuss lessons learned from this cooperation applicable at regional scale.
- **Action RL14 - landfills or dumpsites which may eventually pose a risk to the marine environment** – verification of national data, additional input, accomplishing the action (Outcome of PRESSURE 11-2019, para. 3.10-3.17). The Meeting will be invited to take note that input on the verification of the table of the landfills has been provided by Finland and Sweden, whereas Poland indicated that they would be delayed with the provision of their input.

The Meeting is invited to consider the state of the action and conclude on the progress towards its accomplishment in the light of decisions of PRESSURE 11-2019.

- **Action RL15 - establish an exchange platform for spreading experiences on good cleaning practices in beaches** – information on implementation of the action e.g. planning future campaigns (Outcome of PRESSURE 11-2019, para. 3.30 and 3.32): Russia may wish to inform on the planned national beach clean-up campaigns actions in 2020.
- **Action RS5 –best practice in relation to all relevant aspects of waste management within the fishing sector** - Information on project “Catching the Potential –Setting the standard for sustainable fisheries training”: the Meeting is invited to take note of the [“Catching the Potential –Setting the standard for sustainable fisheries training”] project and consider possible linkages between the project and implementation of action RS5 (document to be submitted).
- **Action RS9 - on the use of dolly ropes in the Baltic Sea** - accomplishment of the action: the Meeting is invited to take note that informal communication between Denmark, Germany and Sweden on the use of dolly ropes in the Baltic Sea concluded that they are not used. Thus, the Meeting is invited to agree on the accomplishment of action RS9, as proposed by the EN-Marine Litter ([memo of the on-line meeting of EN-Marine Litter held on 27 January 2020](#)).
- **Status of implementation of the RAP on Marine Litter** – additional information by Countries and Observers: the Meeting is invited to take note that the status of implementation of the RAP on Marine Litter was updated based on the feedback from PRESSURE 11-2019 and can be found in the HELCOM website ([here](#)).
Countries are invited to provide updates on their activities of relevance for the implementation of the Action Plan to the Secretariat (marta.ruiz@helcom.fi) by **23 March 2020** so that an updated table to follow-up the implementation of the RAP ML can be endorsed by the Meeting (document to be submitted).
- **Planning the 5th Workshop on implementation of the RAP ML** – time, main themes: the Meeting will be invited to consider and agree on themes for a workshop on implementation of the Action Plan to be held in autumn back to back with the Pressure meeting as proposed by the EN-Marine Litter (document to be submitted).

Revision of the RAP ML –discussion on the scope and timeframe.

PRESSURE 11-2019 exchanged initial ideas on the revision of the HELCOM RAP ML to be conducted, if necessary, by 2021 ([Outcome of PRESSURE 11-2019](#), para. 3.41). Bearing in mind this initial exchange and the input from HOD 57-2019 on the link between the revised Action Plan and the BSAP update ([Outcome of HOD 57-2019](#), para. 3.30), the Meeting will be invited to discuss and agree on a way forward to revise the Action Plan (document to be submitted).

Agenda Item 8 Underwater noise

The Meeting is invited to take note that Mr. Peter Sigray, Sweden, resigned from chairing the EN-Noise, and that Mr. Jakob Tougaard, Denmark, was elected Chair of HELCOM EN-Noise, starting in 2020 ([memo of the on-line meeting of EN-Noise held on 24 January 2020](#)).

Information on ongoing work of the HELCOM EN-Noise

The Meeting will be invited to take note of information on ongoing work of the HELCOM EN-Noise, presented by the Chair of the expert network.

Revised draft Regional Action Plan on Underwater Noise further developed by the EN-Noise

The Meeting will be invited to consider a revised draft Regional Action Plan on Underwater Noise further developed by the EN-Noise addressing the recommendation given by PRESSURE 11-2019 ([Outcome of PRESSURE 11-2019](#), para. 4.1-4.9) and HOD 57-2019 ([Outcome of HOD 57-2019](#), para. 3.30, 4.29-4.32) (document to be submitted).

Information on national data reporting to the impulsive noise registry and inclusion of noise-mitigation measures in the reporting

The EN-Noise emphasized the need of having updated information on national data reporting to the impulsive noise registry and agreed to fill in a questionnaire for that purpose (Annex 5 to the [memo of the on-line meeting of EN-Noise held on 14 November 2019](#)). The Meeting will be invited to take note of the information compiled and provide additional input as needed (document to be submitted).

PRESSURE 11-2019 took note of the information by Germany that in relation to the report on 'Inclusion of noise-mitigation measures in reporting to the impulsive noise registry' still awaits further minor updates within the ongoing work on the review of the Monitoring Guidance of the EU TG Noise, which continues in 2020. EU TG Noise was informed about the comments on the report received by PRESSURE 10-2019 at the previous meeting. The Meeting took note that Germany will provide information to the PRESSURE 12-2020 meeting.

Germany may wish to inform on the finalization of the report "Inclusion of noise-mitigation measures in reporting to the impulsive noise registry" ([Outcome of PRESSURE 11-2019](#), para. 4.16).

State of the noise database and soundscape planning tool – contacts for data reporting

In relation to the setting-up of the HELCOM continuous noise database and soundscape planning tool, the Meeting is invited to take note that ICES informed that the database is going to be ready by the end of March 2020, and that in autumn this year the soundscape planning tool will also be available (document to be submitted). Countries are invited to identify at least one contact person per country responsible for data loading and inform the Secretariat accordingly (marta.ruiz@helcom.fi).

Agenda Item 9 Physical damage to the sea floor

Endorsement of the consolidated reporting to London Protocol on depositing of dredged material at sea in the BSR and a suggestion to institutionalize the reporting procedure

A test consolidated report to the London Convention on dumping in the Baltic Sea based on HELCOM data reported by the Contracting Parties under Recommendation 36/2 was successfully approved by HOD 56-2019. The Consolidated report to LC/LP for 2018 will be submitted to the Meeting by the Secretariat.

The Meeting will be invited to approve the report to be submitted to LC/LP.

A proposal to update HELCOM Recommendation 36/2 and the related Guideline, to institutionalize the reporting procedure to the London Convention, was elaborated by EN DREDS and endorsed by PRESSURE 11-2019 and HOD 57-2019. The final draft of the updated Recommendation and Guideline was submitted to HELCOM 41-2020 for final adoption. Status of the updated Recommendation and Guideline after HELCOM 41-2020 will be presented by the Secretariat.

The Meeting will be invited to take note of the status after HELCOM 41-2020.

Endorsement of annual Baltic Sea fact sheet on handling of dredged material at sea

Assessment report on dredging/depositing operations in the Baltic Sea in the period 2013-2016 was adopted by the Pressure group for publication as Baltic Sea Environmental Fact Sheet (BSEFS). The BSEFS for Depositing of Dredged Material in the Baltic Sea is produced annually based on the data reported by Contracting Parties. The draft BSEFS for 2013-2018 will be submitted to the Meeting by the Secretariat.

The Meeting will be invited to endorse the draft for publication as a Baltic Sea Environmental Fact Sheet.

Agenda Item 10 Hazardous substances

Accomplishing of the HELCOM task on micropollutants in WWTP effluents (draft report on micropollutants by BSR water project platform).

HOD 49-2015 agreed on a new HELCOM action on micropollutants in effluents from wastewater treatment plants to be included in the Pressure WG work plan (Outcome of HOD 49-2015, para 4.69). An initial proposal for the content of the report on micropollutants in WWTP effluents was presented to PRESSURE 11-2019. The Meeting will be invited to consider an advanced draft of the report and reflect on it.

PLC-7 product – Input of selected hazardous substances to the Baltic Sea – is one of the major PLC7 project deliverables. The Meeting will be invited to consider the proposal on the content of the PLC-7 thematic report on hazardous substances and provide feedback on the information to be reflected in the report.

State of the work on regional policy document on hazardous substances. A proposal to develop a strategic regional policy document on modernizing the HELCOM hazardous substances framework with the aim of utilizing the document for the update of the BSAP was presented to PRESSURE 11-2019. The Meeting will be invited to consider information on the progress of this work and provide guidance for further development of the document (document to be submitted by the Secretariat).

Publications of SOM platform topical team background reports as BSEPs. One of the products of SOM platform topical team on hazardous substances was a set of thematic reports illustrating the situation with four compounds exemplifying different groups of contaminants. The Meeting will be invited to consider thematic reports and recommend their publication in the HELCOM series of Baltic Sea Environmental Proceedings.

Contribution of regional projects to the update of the regional policy on hazardous substances e.g. “Handling of medical wastes in the Baltic Sea region”, “The use of pharmaceuticals in veterinary in the Baltic Sea region” (input by CWPCHARMA project); “Proposals to exchange and utilization of data on hazardous substances between EU legal frameworks and HELCOM” (input by HAZBREF). The Meeting will be invited to consider outcomes of the regional project which are of relevance for current HELCOM work and act accordingly (document(s) will be submitted by projects together with the Secretariat).

Progress in the work on HELCOM indicators on hazardous substances – (EN-Hazards, workshops and other meetings)

The Meeting will be invited to take note of the outcomes (mainly in the form of work plans) of the Second HELCOM indicator workshop ([INDICATOR WS 2-2019](#)), which took place on 16-18 October 2019 in Copenhagen, Denmark. The Workshop is part of the HELCOM future work on indicators, as endorsed by HOD 54-2018 ([Outcome paragraph 4.25, document 4-5](#)) and subsequently developed with the guidance of GEAR and the HELCOM Indicator core group (GEAR 19-2019 Outcome paragraph 4.8). Information from the workshop is summarized in GEAR 21-2019 [Document 5-7 Future work on HELCOM Indicators - Workplans per topic and Workshop output](#). HOD 57-2019 ([Outcomes paragraph 4.51](#)) approved the work outlined in Step 5 of the future work on HELCOM indicators process, in line with the agreed prioritization and plans outlined under each topic, as set out in [Document 4-20 Future work on HELCOM Indicators](#) (see links included in document – for example the Work plan for [Hazardous Substances](#)). Equivalent workplans were also developed for indicator themes such as benthic habitats, marine litter, and underwater noise. The need to further consider issues related to crosscutting/interlinkages between indicator themes was also noted at HOD 57 and the initial discussions taking place at the Second Indicator Workshop, as documented in the additional workplan on interlinkages ([Biodiversity-Pollution](#)), were seen as a good starting point for the work.

Work to address the issues documented in the future work on HELCOM indicators process is underway in the Expert Groups and EN-HZ 12-2020 (and other Expert Groups respectively) has established plans to achieve the goals set. Furthermore EN-HZ will work closely with the HELCOM project on hazardous substances and the SOM topic team to share and incorporate valuable information (e.g. loads, causal frameworks).

Agenda Item 11 Any other business

Ensuring that consequences of **climate change**, such as warming, sea ice decline, anoxia and shifting species ranges is taken in the BSAP update is one of the priorities of Finnish chairmanship in HELCOM. HOD 55-2018 considered and approved the draft structure and process of HELCOM climate change work, the draft Terms of Reference for EN CLIME ([Outcome of HOD 55-2018](#), Annex 8) and the proposed work plan.

The Meeting will be informed on the current status of the work (document will be submitted by Secretariat).

The Meeting will be invited to reflect on the progress of the EN CLIME work and particularly secondary climate change parameters (impacts) in accordance with the mandate.

The Contracting Parties and Observers are invited to check the list of official contacts for the Pressure group.

The Meeting might wish to discuss any other issues relevant for the work of the Group.

Agenda Item 12 Future work and meetings

The Meeting will be invited to agree on the main issues to be dealt with in the next meeting of the Group (PRESSURE 13-2019) to tentatively take place during the week 12-16 October 2020 in Sweden. Sweden is invited to specify the Meeting place.

The Meeting is also invited to agree on tentative dates of the fourteenth meeting of the group as well as to consider the possibility to host it.

Agenda Item 14 Outcome and closing of the Meeting

The draft Outcome will be prepared by the Secretariat for consideration and approval by the Meeting. The final Outcome, incorporating corrections by the Meeting, will be prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair of the Meeting.