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To: HELCOM Heads of Delegation  
HELCOM Observers  
Contacts and Observers of HELCOM Pressure Working Group  
HELCOM Expert Network on Marine Litter  
HELCOM Expert Network on Underwater Noise  
Chairs and Vice-Chairs of HELCOM Groups

cc: Contacts and Observers of HELCOM Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices

**Re. Invitation to the Thirteenth Meeting of HELCOM Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area (PRESSURE 13-2020) on 13-16 October 2020 in Helsinki, Finland**

Dear Madam/Sir,  
Dear Colleagues,

With reference to the Outcome of PRESSURE 12-2019 (Paragraph 12.1) I have the pleasure to invite the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention and Observer Organizations to the Twelfth Meeting of the HELCOM Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area (PRESSURE 13-2020). Considering the recent developments on COVID-19, the Meeting will be held online on 13-16 October 2020.

PRESSURE 13-2020 will be opened **at 10:00 on Tuesday, 13 October**, and it is expected to terminate **by 16:00 on Friday, 16 October 2020**.

The key theme of the Meeting is drafting segments of the updated BSAP on eutrophication and hazardous substances and marine litter including supplementary documents. Other issues related to nutrient load on the Baltic Sea, marine litter, hazardous substances, underwater noise and handling dredged material will be considered. The Meeting will be preceded by the HELCOM Workshop on the implementation of the Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (WS RAP ML 5-2020) on 12 October 2020.

The Delegations are requested to note that according to Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Helsinki Commission, **basic documents and documents requiring action or a decision** by the Meeting should be submitted by **22 September 2020** in electronic form to the Secretariat ([Dmitry.Frank-Kamenetsky@helcom.fi](mailto:Dmitry.Frank-Kamenetsky@helcom.fi); [laura.kaikkonen@helcom.fi](mailto:laura.kaikkonen@helcom.fi)). Bulky documents should include abstracts embodying the essence of the proposals and action requested. **Documents containing comments to the basic documents as well as information documents** should be received by the Secretariat by **6 October 2020**.

Documents for the Meeting will be made available in the *restricted* document library on the PRESSURE 13-2020 [Meeting Site](#) in the [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#). Please find here [instructions](#) for signing up as a *first time user* of the Meeting Portal.

Participants are kindly requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) not later than by **6 October 2020**.

Yours sincerely,

Rüdiger Stempel  
Executive Secretary