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Background

Document 3.1, Update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP), includes in Annex 3 a list of HELCOM actions under the Pressure WG. The following three national actions, that have not yet been fully accomplished, are suggested to be added to the list:

- 'Elimination of remaining hot spots from the JCP List (municipal and industrial)'. The action originates from the HELCOM 2013 Ministerial Declaration with the target year for elimination of municipal and industrial hot spots by 2016.
- 'National programmes to eliminate hazardous substances'. The action originates from the BSAP and with the target year 2010.
- 'Implementation of the UNEP 2013 Minamata Convention on Mercury'. The action originates from HELCOM MD 2013 and will be reported by countries in 2020 when the next planned reporting on national actions will take place.

The following two joint actions on marine litter have previously not been included in lists of actions under the Pressure WG but the topic traverse the mandate of the Group and are indicated here for consideration:

- Identify the socio-economic and biological impacts of marine litter, also in terms of toxicity of litter. The action originate from HELCOM MD 2013. No specific initiatives have been taken for its implementation.
- Carry out the monitoring of the progress towards achieving the agreed goals and to gain an inventory of marine litter in the Baltic Sea as well as scientific sound evaluation of its sources. It originates from HELCOM MD 2013. It has been assessed as partly accomplished.

[A reference document with HELCOM actions](#) (3-1-Add.2 xls-file) under the Pressure WG and information on their implementation is available. Note that the proposed changes in implementation of national actions proposed by Pressure representative in 2018 have not been included in this file. The update will be carried out after approval by HOD 55-2018.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- consider the inclusion of suggested national actions to the list of HELCOM actions under the Pressure WG.
- consider whether the Pressure WG should take active steps to contribute to the implementation of the two joint actions on marine litter.