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Background

BALEX DELTA exercises have taken place each year since late 1980-s and are hosted by the Contracting Parties according to a schedule agreed on by the HELCOM [Response Working Group](#). The general objective of the BALEX DELTA exercises is to test the procedures documented in the HELCOM Response Manuals and ensure that every Contracting Party is able to lead a major response operation. The results of the exercises are reported to the Response Working Group meetings by the Exercise Evaluation Team (EET) lead and discussed by the Meeting.

In 2020 Estonia organized BALEX DELTA on 26 August. BALEX BRAVO (alarm exercise) was held on 11 August.

Since major restrictions related to the spread of COVID-19 were lifted in the region, Estonia executed BALEX DELTA 2020 in a limited format to provide and secure participants' health and safety. In order to make sure that BALEX DELTA 2020 took place according to the valid safety measures, the exercise was limited to the sea part. The shore response exercise was conducted only on the national regional level without any events on shore.

Participating Nations/agency: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden and EMSA.

Total number of oil recovery ships: 10

Scenarios:

- 1) SAR (collision on oil products vessel's);
- 2) oil pollution (oil leaked out to the water approximately 200 tonnes of IFO380 HF).

The HELCOM BALEX DELTA 2020 movie clip (duration: ca 5 min 40 sec) ordered by Estonian Police and Border Guard Board, produced by PIXTECH PRODUCTIONS, will be presented to the Meeting.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to premier HELCOM BALEX DELTA 2020 movie clip after which the EET lead will introduce the final report of the exercise (document 12-2).