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To: HELCOM Heads of Delegation  
Contacts of HELCOM SOM Platform  
Chairs and Vice-Chairs of GEAR, MARITIME, PRESSURE, RESPONSE, STATE & CONSERVATION, FISH, AGRI, HELCOM-VASAB MSP, EN-Noise, EN-HZ, EN-Marine Litter, HELCOM-OSPAR TG BALLAST  
HELCOM ESA network  
HELCOM Observers

Re: [Invitation to the Second Meeting of the ad hoc HELCOM Platform on sufficiency of measures \(SOM Platform 2-2019\), 16-17 September 2019, Helsinki, Finland](#)

Dear Madam/Sir,

With reference to the Outcome of the 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation (HOD 56-2019, paragraph 2.9), I have the honour to invite the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention and the HELCOM Observers to the Second Meeting of the ad hoc HELCOM Platform on sufficiency of measures (SOM Platform 2-2019), which will be held in Helsinki, Finland, at the premises of the HELCOM Secretariat (Katajanokanlaituri 6b) on 16-17 September 2019.

The Meeting will be opened on **Monday, 16 September, at 12:00** and is expected to terminate **by 16:00 on Tuesday, 17 September 2019**.

The topics specifically covered by the SOM platform are hazardous substances, marine litter, underwater sound, non-indigenous species and the state of ecosystem components. The second meeting of the SOM Platform will focus on progress of work of SOM Platform and HELCOM ACTION project, the approach for analysing cost-effectiveness of potential new HELCOM actions as well as on the preparations for HELCOM Working Group meetings and HELCOM thematic workshops.

Please find attached the draft Provisional Agenda and information for participants. Documents for the Meeting will be made available in the SOM Platform 2-2019 [Meeting Site](#) in the HELCOM Meeting Portal. The basic documents and documents requiring action or a decision to the Meeting should be submitted in electronic form to the Secretariat ([susanna.kaasinen@helcom.fi](mailto:susanna.kaasinen@helcom.fi)) **by 26 August 2019**. Documents containing comments to the basic documents as well as information documents should be provided to the Secretariat **by 9 September 2019**.

The participants are kindly requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) not later than **by 9 September 2019**. Please note that you need to be a registered user with relevant rights to access the restricted meeting documents and to register to the meeting. [Instructions](#) for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the HELCOM website.

Yours sincerely,

Monika Stankiewicz  
Executive Secretary