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In accordance with the outcome of SUBMERGED 5-2016 and intersessional consultations with the Co-Chairs, the Sixth Meeting of the HELCOM SUBMERGED Expert Group (HELCOM SUBMERGED 6-2018) will open on 4 May 2018 at 9:00 and close at 17:00 on the same day. The Meeting will take place at the premises of the Schleswig-Holstein Representation to the German Federal Government in Berlin (address: Ministergärten 8, 10117 Berlin).

The main tasks of the Meeting will be to consider the current status of the draft SUBMERGED Assessment and to develop a work plan for its finalization.

The Meeting will be chaired by Mr. Jens Sternheim, the Co-Chair of SUBMERGED for munitions.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda (c.f. documents 1-1, 1-2). The Provisional Agenda has been prepared in consultation between the Chair of the Meeting, Mr. Jens Sternheim, and the Secretariat.

2. Matters arising from other HELCOM meetings and ongoing HELCOM work

The Meeting is invited to recall the outcome of the last meeting (HELCOM SUBMERGED 5-2016) (document 2-1).

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcomes of other HELCOM processes and meetings of relevance to the SUBMERGED Expert Group, as presented by the Secretariat.

The Meeting is invited to take note of HELCOM Assessment activities including the HELCOM Maritime Assessment 2018, as presented by the Secretariat.

3. HELCOM SUBMERGED Assessment

a. Review of the current structure

The Meeting is invited to take note of the current overall status and structure of the SUBMERGED Assessment, as presented by the Secretariat and the topic chairs (the current material for the SUBMERGED Assessment can be found in the [SUBMERGED Workspace](#)).

b. Content of chapters on underwater munitions

The Meeting is invited to consider the current content of the draft chapters on underwater munitions.

c. Content of the midterm symposium of UDEMM

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the scientific International Symposium for sea-dumped munition and UXO, held jointly by UDEMM (<https://udemmm.geomar.de/>) and DAIMON (<https://www.daimonproject.com/>) projects on 2-3 May 2018, back-to-back with SUBMERGED 6-2018.

d. Hints from the DAIMON Project

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information provided by the DAIMON Project.

e. Human activity map on EMODnet

The Meeting is invited to take note of the relatively recent EMODnet Human Activities portal that was initiated in 2013 (<http://www.emodnet.eu/human-activities>), offering access to different datasets, e.g. waste disposal.

f. NATO, JPI-O and US activities

The Meeting is invited to take note of information to be presented on the recent developments regarding the joint action “Munitions in the Sea” (JPI-O) and “Sea Dumped Munitions and Environmental Risk” (NATO Science & Technology Organization) as well as the most recent outcomes of “Munitions Underwater” (US DoD’s Environmental Research Programs).

4. Work plan for the finalization of the HELCOM SUBMERGED Assessment

The Meeting is invited to take note of the list of official contacts of the SUBMERGED group as nominated by competent Ministries of the coastal countries (document 4-1). The Meeting is invited to check and update the list.

The Meeting is invited to consider future work and develop a work plan for the finalization of the HELCOM SUBMERGED Assessment.

5. Next meeting

The Meeting is invited to agree on the date and location of the next meeting, possibly to be held in Latvia in 2019 back-to-back with a DAIMON Project meeting.

6. Outcome of the Meeting

A draft Outcome of the Meeting will be presented and adopted by the Meeting.