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To: HELCOM Heads of Delegation  
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**Re. Technical Workshop on Cumulative Impact Assessment (Technical CIA WS 1-2020), online, 3-4 November 2020**

Dear Madam/Sir,

With reference to the outcome of GEAR 22-2020 (Paragraph 5.40 and Annex 3) I have the pleasure to invite you to the Technical Workshop on Cumulative Impact Assessment (Technical CIA WS 1-2020), which will be held online on 3-4 November 2020.

The Meeting will **start on Tuesday, 3 November at 10:00 EET** and is expected to **terminate on Wednesday 4 November 2020 by 16:00 EET**.

The Meeting will build on the outcome of the Scoping CIA 1-2020 meeting and work to:

- Identify how aspects developed under various existing tools can, from a technical perspective, accommodate the prioritized functionality identified in the SCOPING CIA 1-2020 meeting and how these could be used in the further development of a tool for region wide assessment of spatial pressures and impact, both for HOLAS III and in the long term.
- Identify what additional technical development is needed in order to secure the use, requirements and results identified in the SCOPING CIA 1-2020 meeting. (both for HOLAS III and in the long term);
- Plan what development can realistically be done prior to the HOLAS III assessment and how such development should be implemented under the timeline of preparation for HOLAS III, including how uncertainties are handled and presented, as well as the need and possibility for validation of the results;

The workshop would benefit from representation covering both the scientific and technical understanding needed for further development of the spatial pressure and impact assessment and the associated tool. With this in mind Contracting Parties are invited to nominate national representatives with suitable technical understanding of the national CIA tools so as to be able to indicate what the tools can accommodate.

Documents for consideration of the Meeting, with a clear indication of actions proposed by the Contracting Parties, should be sent in electronic form via e-mail to Professional Secretary, Ms. Jannica Haldin ([Jannica.Haldin@helcom.fi](mailto:Jannica.Haldin@helcom.fi)) **by 20 October 2020**. Documents containing comments to the basic documents shall be received by the Secretariat not later than seven days before the opening of the Meeting, i.e. **27**

**October 2020.** The Secretariat has prepared the attached document template (also available in the Meeting Portal) and would like to encourage the Contracting Parties to use the template when submitting documents to the Secretariat.

Participants of the Meeting are requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [Meeting Participation Survey](#) by **27 October 2020**.

Documents for the Meeting, which are restricted until the end of the Meeting, will be made available via the HELCOM Meeting Portal on the Technical CIA WS 1-2020 Meeting Site's [Document folder](#). Instructions for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the [HELCOM Website](#).

Yours sincerely,

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Professional Secretary