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SEA Protocol's Points of Contacts for Notification in Denmark, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and in the Russian Federation

Information on the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Programme of Measures of the Finnish Marine Strategy 2022-2027

Finland wishes to inform about the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Programme of Measures of the Finnish Marine Strategy 2022-2027. National consultation of the Draft Programme of Measures and the related environmental report starts on 1 February and will continue until 14 May 2021. By the end of 2021, the programme will be finalised by taking into account the opinions and comments received and a Cabinet decision will be issued. Implementation will start in 2022.

Finland has on 29 January 2021 notified Estonia and Sweden about the draft Programme of Measures and the related SEA according to the Article 10 of the Protocol on SEA to the Espoo Convention. This is based on the view that Estonia and Sweden are those Parties that are likely to be significantly affected by the implementation of the proposed programme since they share a sub-basin of the Baltic Sea with Finland.

Finland has implemented the European Union Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008/56/EC) through the Act on Water Resources Management (1299/2004) and the Government Decree on the Management of the Marine Environment (980/2011). The Ministry of the Environment has drafted a Programme of Measures for achieving and maintaining a good environmental status in Finnish marine waters. It covers Finland's territorial waters and the exclusive economic zone, except for the waters of the autonomous Åland Islands. The Programme of Measures is part of the Finnish Marine Strategy.

Besides national public consultation, international cooperation and coordination takes place under HELCOM during the preparation of the Programme of Measures. The cooperation has included sharing of information on the development of national Programmes and the seeking for collaboration opportunities and aiming at that HELCOM decisions and recommendations, including the updating of the Baltic Sea Action Plan, will be taken into account in the drafting of the national programmes of measures. HELCOM Group GEAR is preparing a joint documentation on programmes of measures in the Baltic Sea countries during 2021



Finland however wishes to provide the attached summary of the draft Programme of Measures and the incorporated environmental report in English to the other Parties.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure

Summary of the draft Programme of Measures and the incorporated environmental report in English

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