

According to the decision of the HELCOM MARITIME 9/2010 (paragraph 8.5 of the Minutes) and HELCOM HOD 34/2010 (LD 68 of the Minutes) the Meeting of experts on safety of navigation is convened in Sweden, at the premises of the Swedish Transport Agency, in Malmö.

The Meeting will be opened on Tuesday, **22 February 2011 at 12.00**, and it is expected to terminate on the same day **at 17.00**.

Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda, developed by Sweden (and Denmark) in cooperation with the Secretariat.

2. Election of the Chairperson

The Meeting is invited to elect the Chairperson of the meeting.

3. The 2010 HELCOM Moscow Ministerial commitment

The environment ministers of the Baltic Sea countries and a representative of the European Union agreed at the HELCOM Moscow Ministerial Meeting (20 May 2010) as follows:

“while recognizing the need for the exchange of technical expertise in the field of maritime safety, especially in risk assessment to avoid shipping accidents in the Baltic Sea, and taking into account the work of the IMO, to identify the possible areas for strengthening regional cooperation in maritime safety in the framework of the HELCOM Maritime Group and consider the appropriate forms for this cooperation”.

The Meeting is invited to discuss and come up with topics in the field of maritime safety that would benefit from strengthened regional cooperation. The Meeting is also invited to consider appropriate forms/structure/mode of such strengthened cooperation. The Contracting Parties are invited to submit paper contributions in this regard to facilitate the discussions.

4. Overview of shipping accidents in the Baltic Sea

The Meeting is invited to discuss the maritime traffic situation based on the annual report on shipping accidents in the Baltic Sea to be submitted at the later stage as well as any other information provided by the Contracting Parties.

5. Risk assessments/formal safety assessments

An overview of Formal Safety Assessment studies made in different parts of the Baltic Sea to support decision-making processes concerning maritime safety and the protection of the marine environment (prepared within the EfficienSea project) will be submitted at the later stage. The Meeting will be invited to take note of the report and use it as appropriate.

The BRISK project and the complementary BRISK-RU project (Sub-regional risk of spill of oil and hazardous substances in the Baltic Sea, www.brisk.helcom.fi) are conducting a risk assessment of shipping accidents in the whole Baltic Sea with the aim to optimize response

resources to meet the highest risks of pollution and environmental damage caused by shipping activities. The risk assessment will be presented at the Meeting.

The Contracting Parties are invited to inform on any other risk assessments/formal safety assessments being conducted in the Baltic Sea.

The Meeting is invited to discuss any other business related to this agenda item.

6. Update on the new traffic considering measures in the Baltic Sea

The Contracting Parties are invited to inform on the development of existing and new traffic considering measures in the Baltic Sea, including but not limited to routing measures, ship reporting systems, harmonization of VTS operation, etc.

The Meeting is invited to discuss and consider the information with the aim to ensure that all systems and services assist safe navigation of ships in the Baltic Sea in an optimized and uniform manner.

The Meeting is invited to discuss a Baltic coordination for an agreed IMO approach, regarding upcoming new traffic considering measures in the Baltic Sea.

7. Any other business

The Meeting is invited to discuss any other issues as may be raised by the Contracting Parties.

8. Wrap up of the discussions

The Meeting is invited to wrap up the discussions and to formulate the way forward with regard to topics and the forms of strengthened regional cooperation in the field of maritime safety.