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## **HELCOM RECOMMENDATION 15/2**

Adopted 9 March 1994, having regard  
to Article 13, Paragraph b) of  
the Helsinki Convention

### **POLLUTION LOAD COMPILATION**

#### **THE COMMISSION,**

**RECALLING** Paragraph 1 of Article 6 of the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, 1974 (Helsinki Convention), in which the Contracting Parties undertake to take all appropriate measures to control and minimize land-based pollution of the marine environment of the Baltic Sea Area,

**NOTING** the increasing concern on harmful effects of pollutants in the environment and that an essential amount of various contaminants is entering the Baltic Sea via rivers, from industrial and municipal sources as well as from non-point sources,

**DESIRING** to limit the pollution of the Baltic Sea from the land-based sources,

**BEING MINDFUL** of the need of reliable data on the waterborne load of pollutants to the Baltic Sea from land-based sources,

**RECOMMENDS** to the Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention that:

a) the monitoring of the pollution load should be performed from 1 January 1995 to 31 December 1995 in accordance with the Guidelines for the Third Pollution Load Compilation (PLC-3) accepted by TC 4;

b) data on pollution load collected in the year 1995 should be submitted by all the Contracting Parties to the Secretariat in accordance with the format developed by TC POLO as early as possible but not later than 1 July 1996,

**RECOMMENDS FURTHER** that the Contracting Parties participate in the Quality Assurance Exercises to be conducted during 1994 for the purposes of PLC-3,

**DECIDES** that the Report of the Third Pollution Load Compilation should be submitted to the Commission by the Technological Committee in 1998.