



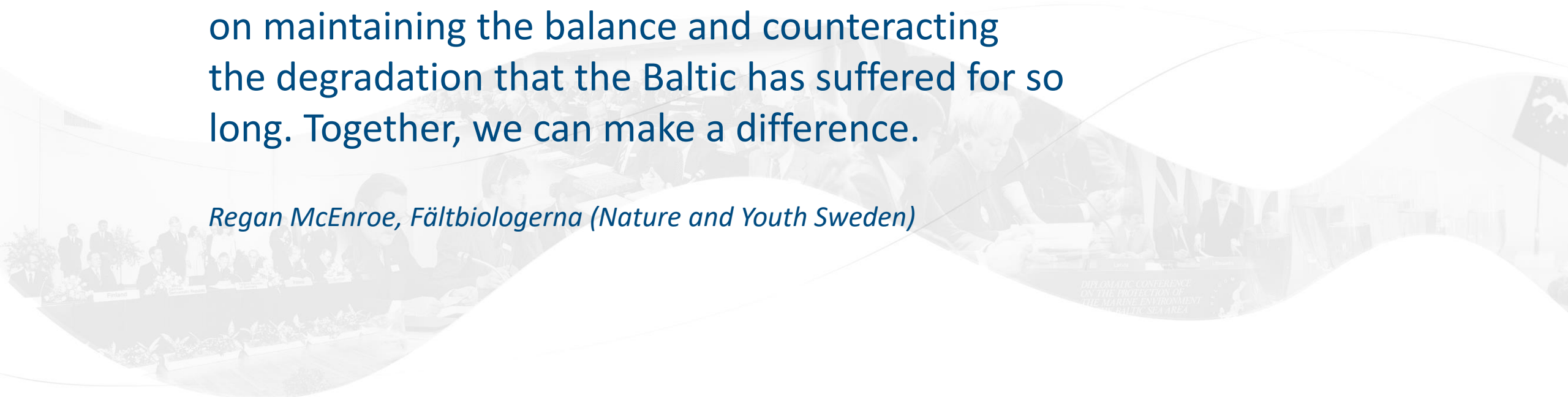
Grateful for the opportunity to
contribute to HELCOM's remarkable
50-year journey.

Kemal Pinarbasi, HELCOM Secretariat



Happy anniversary to the Convention: to fifty years of fighting for the Baltic Sea and for the health of not only all the environments dependent on the Baltic but for all the people in the coastal states. It is more critical than ever that we focus on maintaining the balance and counteracting the degradation that the Baltic has suffered for so long. Together, we can make a difference.

Regan McEnroe, Fältbiologerna (Nature and Youth Sweden)



Thank you for your long-lasting efforts in safeguarding the health of the Baltic Sea, congratulations and looking forward to future successful collaborations!

Agnieszka Ilola, Union of the Baltic Cities, HELCOM Observer



I wish HELCOM and the convention another 50 successful years! There is an absolute need for long-term agreements and solutions in a changing world, especially for such vulnerable ecosystems as the Baltic Sea!

Mikael Wennström, Government of Åland



I wish HELCOM, and all its Parties and Observers, the next 50 years of successful cooperation for the benefit of people and the Baltic Sea.

Monika Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary of the Minamata Convention and former Executive Secretary of HELCOM



Keep on going! It's slow and often difficult but without HELCOM we'd have a much worse situation in the Baltic Sea.

Maria Laamanen, Former HELCOM Head of Delegation, Secretariat staff, and Member of a HELCOM group



HELCOM has proven over the last 50 years that our joint dedication to the protection and preservation of our Baltic Sea makes us strong and powerful.

So, let's join forces and keep a cool head to continue our efforts and bring about improvements to protect and preserve our Baltic Sea in an increasingly complex and challenging global setting!

Carolyn Abromeit, Head of the German Delegation to HELCOM Maritime



As the EU Chair of HELCOM from 2016-2018, I recognise HELCOM's important role in the improvement of the Baltic Sea environment.

I congratulate all those involved in the work of the Convention over the last 50 years and wish them all success with their future ambitions.

Marianne Wenning, HELCOM Chair (Germany) from 2016 to 2018





Warmest congratulations to HELCOM on reaching its remarkable 50th anniversary milestone! Let's persist in our endeavors to enhance the Baltic Sea for generations to come through tangible actions.

It's crucial to maintain adequate funding to safeguard the Baltic Sea and foster fruitful cooperation for years ahead!

Nea Westerlund, HELCOM Observer, fund manager for the Baltic Sea Action Plan Fund, Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO)



Life gets even better after 50!

Manuel Frias, HELCOM Secretariat





Cheers to the next 50 years of dedication and passion for marine environmental work!

Laura Ramos Tirado, HELCOM Secretariat



Great work so far, but now the time has come to also engage the people living in the Baltic Sea area in the process.

Håkan Blomberg, HELCOM Secretariat





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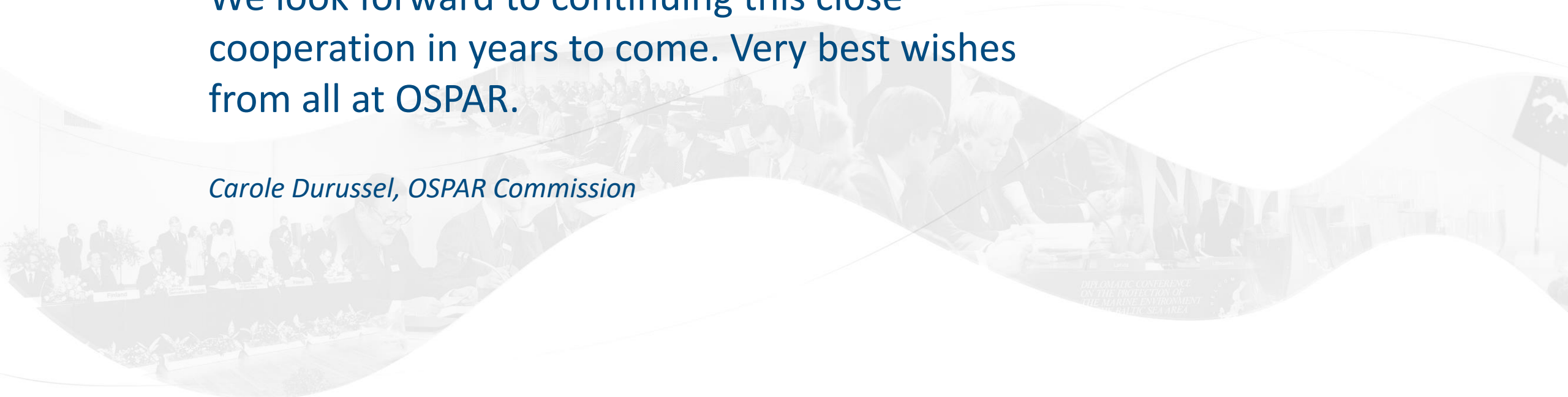
*Andra Kuzmina, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia,
EUSBSR Presidency*

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Happy 50th Birthday HELCOM from your sister regional seas convention across the Kattegat. We share Contracting Parties and have a strong record of close cooperation on issues of shared interest. We look forward to continuing this close cooperation in years to come. Very best wishes from all at OSPAR.

Carole Durussel, OSPAR Commission



Congratulations on 50 years of hard work and success! Let's continue together to close the nutrient gap and secure a healthy Baltic Sea for future generations.

Helene Isander, Race For The Baltic





Congratulations to 50 years of important work for the Baltic Sea! Hip Hip Hooray!

Lilian Busse, Chair of HELCOM 2020-2022





I want to convey my congratulations to HELCOM, having worked successfully for 50 years for a thriving Baltic Sea. Hopefully, when we come together after the next 50 years, the sea area will be in a better condition, and HELCOM will be just as magnificent as today.

Kai Mykkänen, Finnish Minister of Climate and the Environment



An inspiring collaboration model, in an extremely important work: a big thank you to all those who make, and have made, it possible!

Linda Rydell, Lead of Swedish delegation for GEAR, and coordinator for HELCOM questions in SwAM



Excellent joint work and cooperation! Success in further efforts for protecting the Baltic Sea, supporting well-being of the Baltic Sea Region!

Kristīne Pakalniete, Chair of the HELCOM Expert Group on Economic and Social Analysis (EG ESA), the Latvian representative in this group





Thank you HELCOM for an outstanding perseverance in pushing the environmental improvement forward. In the future, let's focus even more on actions.

Gun Rudquist, Researcher, Stockholm University Baltic Sea Centre



I am proud and happy that I have been involved in HELCOM work since 1990! It were great experiences with wonderful colleagues all over the Baltic! I made several friends and learnt a lot about the Baltic countries! Please continue this very valuable work!

Uli Claussen, HELCOM Oldtimer, German Federal Environment Agency



Congratulations! The past 50 years have seen successes, failures, persistence and disappointments. We are all the makers or breakers of the Baltic Sea, and accelerated action is key for the coming 50 years. Let's roll up our collective sleeves and get funding, protecting and restoring!

Vanessa Ryan, WWF Finland



Since decades now the Maritime Working Group works tirelessly to prevent pollution from ships in the Baltic Sea. This group has proved to be an effective mechanism to ensure efficient and harmonized regional implementation of IMO regulations, but also to develop new regional initiatives around emerging topics! There is a great spirit and good co-operation within the group which will continuously support our common objective to achieve a good environmental status of the Baltic Sea. Sail clean and safe on the Baltic!

*Susanne Heitmüller, Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency,
Chair of the MARITIME Working Group*





Keep up the important work to save our beautiful
Baltic sea environment!

Gabriella Lindholm, *Ministry of Environment, Sweden,*
Chair of HELCOM 2010-2012



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Congratulations to HELCOM for its important and successful work for the environment of the Baltic Sea. Thank you for our good and fruitful cooperation for over 15 years.

*Ulla Rosenström, John Nurminen Foundation,
Observer in Maritime and Pressure groups*





I'm glad I could join you in Riga to celebrate 50 years of Convention, many years of Baltic Sea cooperation and definitely many more years of bringing our region closer together. I am particularly happy that there is a place for young people from our region to participate, discuss issues important for our generation and be heard.

*Stanisław Kostulski, Council of the Baltic Sea States,
Baltic Sea Region Youth Forum*



The unique sea needs brave decision makers and
humble civil servants!

- *Anonymous*





IUCN wish HELCOM happy 50th anniversary and many more successes in the future!

Boris Erg, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)



It is wonderful how much may be done if we are doing it always and doing together.

*Andra Kuzmina, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia,
EUSBSR Presidency*





Happy 50th Anniversary to the Helsinki Convention
and a big shoutout to the amazing HELCOM family for
their tireless efforts in safeguarding the Baltic Sea!

Gastón Alurralde, HELCOM Secretariat





Your work deserves recognition for its crucial role in safeguarding the Baltic Sea's ecosystem for present and future generations. Together possible!

Finn Viehberg, WWF Germany, head of the WWF Germany Baltic Sea office





May the next 50 be even more impactful!

Magda Jentgena, Pasaules Dabas Fonds in association with WWF





Congratulations to 50 successful years of cooperation and improvements within the area of eutrophication!

Ellen Bruno, Stockholm University Baltic Sea Centre



Long Live the Baltic Sea and the Cooperation to Protect It!

Antti Halkka, Finnish association for Nature Conservation, Member of Helcom Seal and MaMa with observer status (WWF)



Please stay committed, take bigger steps and do it more often!

Nils Höglund, Coalition Clean Baltic, Current chair of subgroup FISH migratory species





Let's take action now for a promising future of a healthy Baltic Sea!

Bettina Taylor, Co-Chair of Coalition Clean Baltic





Thank you for your attention!

