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Background:

- The DNV has made a comprehensive study on the ENC coverage
- IMO NAV53 a proposal for mandatory ECDIS by 2010 – 2013 [NAV 53/14/]
- IHO XVII Conference Resolution to support NAV53
- Finland has plans to propose to the next HELCOM Ministerial meeting (in November 2007) actions to strengthen the requirements of the Copenhagen Declaration to use ECDIS on Baltic Sea
- The new Finnish Government Programme policy statements to strongly support the safety of navigation and the protection of the environment on the Baltic Sea.
- The recent tanker accident on Gulf of Finland (M/T *Propontis* case) shows that this accident could have been avoided if a type approved ECDIS has been in use on board of the ship.

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Proposal:

All HOs are asked to contact the relevant official HELCOM representatives in their country (e.g. Ministry of Environment) to support possible actions to promote the use of ECDIS with ENC's on the Baltic Sea.

Any practical actions?