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NATO CCMS adopted at its meeting on 5th April 2006 the proposal for a workshop on Ballast Water Management with Special Emphasis on the Adriatic Sea. In accordance with adopted timeframe, a preparatory

### **Expert Meeting on Ballast Waters Management in the Adriatic**

will take place in

*the Conference Centre Portus of Congress Center Portus (Hotel Slovenija), Portorož, Slovenia , web page: <http://www.life-class-portoroz.com/ang-148> .*

on the 7th June 2006.

### ***Provisional Agenda***

1. Current traffic patterns and ballast water situation in the Adriatic
2. Ballast water management
3. Designation of ballast water exchange areas
4. Control and prosecution of illegal ballast water discharges
5. Introduction of ballast water organisms and ballast water risk assessments
6. Contingency planning for introduction of harmful aquatic organisms
7. Public information and participation, awareness raising and education initiatives

The goals of the workshop are to:

- Jointly identify, confirm and describe topical issues regarding ballast water management, discuss common challenges and possible solutions and preventive measures;
- Enhance the capacities of countries for implementation of relevant legal framework and non-binding instruments regarding ballast water management;
- In addition to the benefits from sharing of knowledge and experience and establishing a communication network, the expected output will be a report containing national contributions and the key common challenges and initiatives.