SECOND BARENTS PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE
BODØ, NORWAY, 29-30 JUNE 2005

Venue: Radisson SAS Hotel

Wednesday 29 June

15.30 Opening of the Conference

Opening address by Mr Jørgen Kosmo, President of the Storting

Address by Mr. Svend Roald Nystø, President of the Sami Parliament

Address by Mrs. Rannveig Gudmundsdóttir, President of the Nordic Council

Address by Mrs. Valentina Pivnenko, Chair of the Committee of Northern and Far Eastern Territories of Russia, State Duma

16.00 FIRST SESSION

Cooperation in Northern Europe

Challenges and opportunities in the Barents region
Mr. Jan Petersen, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chair of the BEAC

The prospects of the North
Mr. Vitaly Churkin, Ambassador, Chair of Arctic Council-SAO

The North seen from Brussels
Mrs. Diana Wallis, Member of European parliament

Plenary discussion

19.00 Reception at Bodø Culture Centre, Host: Mr. Odd-Tore Fygle, Mayor of Bodø
Address: Hålogalandsgaten 25

20.00 Dinner at SAS Hotel, Host: Mr Jørgen Kosmo, President of the Storting
(only by invitation)
Thursday 30 June

09.00  SECOND SESSION
Sustainable Development and Economic Activities in the Barents Region

Priorities of Russian Energy Strategy in the Barents Region
Mr. Vitaly Karaganov, Deputy Chairman of Fuel and Energy Complex, Russian Ministry of Energy and Industry *)

Sustainable development; remarks of the Barents cooperation and lessons learned from the Arctic Council
Mr. Pehr Löv, MP, Parliament of Finland

Future prospects for economic cooperation in the Barents region
Mr. Lorentz Andersson, Chair of the Barents Regional Council

Plenary discussion

12.00- Lunch break
13.00

13.00  THIRD SESSION
Indigenous peoples’ role and conditions in the Barents region

Future prospects for the Sami people in the Barents region
Mr. Pekka Aikio, President of the Sami Parliamentary Council

Indigenous peoples in the Barents cooperation
Mrs. Anna Prakhova, Chair of the Working Group of the indigenous peoples of the Barents Arctic-Euro Region

A Nordic Sami Convention – towards a legal unification for the Sami people
Mr. Carsten Smith, former President of the Norwegian Supreme Court of Justice

Plenary discussion

The Conference Communiqué

15.00- Closing of the Conference
15.30

Press Conference

*) The presentation was not given.
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