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**Preliminary Agenda for meeting of the Joint committee  
on Rescue Cooperation in the Barents Region**

**Tuesday 22 April, before lunch**

1. Opening of the meeting and presentation of the participants
2. The Barents Agreement - status of ratification
3. Administrative matters
  - Update of the Members of the Joint Committee
  - Information from the CSO-meeting
  - Information from the International Barents Secretariat
    - Update of homepage
    - Information about new head of secretariat
    - Information on possible technical support from the Secretariat for funding of projects and other activities
4.
  - a) Cross Border Procedure for response teams, state of play
  - b) Suspension and exemption of customs duties, other duties and taxes for rescue resources
  - c) Procedures for notification and requests for assistance
5. Exchange of information based on article 6 of the Agreement
6. Discussion on facilitation of the exchange of experts

**Tuesday 24 April, after lunch**

7. The Barents Rescue Exercise in Sweden
  - Information about the evaluation report
  - Comments on the conclusions including the role of the JC

- and the Barents Joint Manual
- Discussion on responsibility for evaluation reports from the exercises (the matter was mentioned at the JC meeting in June 2011.
- Review of the Exercise Planning Guide
- Information from Norway of the State of play for the next exercise, Norway 2013.
  
- Report from the working group on proposals for procedures for future exercises based on recommendations from Petrosavodsk.

Wednesday morning 25 April

8. Report from the rescue operation after Hercules crash. Possible lessons learned?
  
9. The role of the Joint committee, especially as regards the planning and evaluation of the exercise. Continued JC discussion after comments from the evaluation discussion
  
10. Barents Joint Manual  
Norway will give an update and possible further questions
  
11. Next meeting in Finland 2013
  
12. Other business

Please note that the agenda points for are only indications. The Agenda might be revised during the meeting.