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## Meeting of the Joint Committee on Rescue Cooperation 3. Dec. 2018

Umeå, Sweden, Folkets hus – 09.00 – 12.00

### **1. Opening of the meeting**

Chair of the Joint Committee, Mette Sylvelin Seyersted, Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security, opened the meeting. The participants presented themselves briefly. All four countries (Finland, Norway, Russia and Sweden) were represented at the meeting. Roy Hojem, International Barents Secretariat (IBS) attended the meeting as an observer.

**2. Adoption of the agenda** - The agenda e-mailed the participants 30.11.18, was adopted.

**3. Adoption of the minutes from the last meeting, attached.** – The minutes of the meeting in Bodø in April, were adopted.

**4. Joint Manual** – the proposed adjustments and updates from Norway, mainly due to the addition of the two new forms approved by the Joint Committee at the meeting in Bodø 26. April, were adopted.

**5. General information from the International Barents Secretariat (IBS)** by Roy Hojem – Roy Hojem gave a short presentation focusing on the IBS-activities conducted in 2018.

**6. Proposal from Norway** – To task the PEWG to produce a list of emergency preparedness-terms in English, Finnish, Norwegian, Russian and Swedish

There was a short debate. The representative from Russia pointed out the fact that the Russians already have a manual with an extensive collection of such terms. The Finnish representative showed an example of an existing Finnish internet-solution for specific terms in various languages (not limited to emergency preparedness). The Swedish representative noted that the scope of such an undertaking must be limited.

### Conclusion:

The Joint Committee agreed to task the PEWG to start the first phase of the project based on existing terminology-lists in one or more of the five official languages of the BEAR-Agreement. Furthermore, to develop a proposal of a model to be presented at the next meeting of the Joint Committee for consideration and decision on the way further. The terminology list shall be based on English as the main language and then the translations into Finnish, Norwegian, Russian and Swedish respectively. The list should be limited to terms useful for the execution of the Barents Rescue Exercises, including ALARMEX.

**7. Update on the planning of BR19, Sweden.** MSB briefed on the plans.

**8. Forest fires in Sweden during summer 2018**, Cecilia Looström, MSB briefed on this issue.

**9. Wildfires in the Barents region** – sharing of experiences among all four countries. The Swedish and Russian members of the Joint Committee expressed gratitude to Norway and Finland respectively for assisting in extinguishing some of the forest fires in their countries this summer.

**10. Presentation of a draft project-proposal:** Arctic Safety Bridge by Hannu Rantanen.

Conclusion:

The Joint Committee agreed that there is a need to develop research projects on safety within the scope of the Barents Agreement based on challenges caused by climatic change. These are common challenges that affects the entire Barents region.

**11. National updates from the members of the Joint Committee**

Each country informed briefly on recent and planned activities.

Russia informed that they have a new minister and that they are experiencing a reorganization of the sector. The EMERCOM office in Murmansk will be closed and the activities will be operated from St. Petersburg.

**12. Any other business.**

No items.

**13. Annual report/next chairmanship/next meeting**

The Chair informed that we have to report to the IBS Secretariat by the end of the year.

The chairmanship of the Joint Committee for 2019 was handed over to Russia.

It was agreed that the next meeting will be 11 and 12 April 2019 in Murmansk.

**14. Closing of the meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned.

