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WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENT

Minutes for the 11th Meeting of the Subgroup for Hotspots Exclusion

Telephone Meeting on 26th of May 2011, at 15.00 CET

<u>Agenda</u>

- 1) The meeting was opened in time scheduled, with representation of Finland (Henna Haapala), Sweden (Åke Mikaelsson), NEFCO (Henrik Forsström), Norway (Barbro Thomsen) and Russia (Ruslan Butovsky from Fund for Sustainable Development representing MNRE)
- 2) The Agenda was adopted, Åke Mikaelsson was appointed as Chair of the meeting and Ruslan Butovsky as Secretary
- 3) The Minutes of the SHE10 Meeting of May 19th, 2011 were reviewed. It was decided that Åke Mikaelsson will comment the document and send it to SHE members for final adoption.
- 4) Ruslan Butovsky informed the SHE members that during a phone conversation Andrey Peshkov had confirmed that the Minutes from the joint SHE-HEG meeting on February 25 were sent to the regional HEGs, that the MNRE was working with the regional HEGs on the confirmation of dates for SHE's visit to the HEGs and that necessary information from the regions had been requested. It was deemed important to complete the table of possible dates for the visits to the regional HEGs a.s.a.p, and to discuss it between SHE members and send it to the regions. For this purpose Ruslan had distributed a table that was filled in by the delegates, indicating what weeks they were supposed to be available for visiting the regional HEGs.
- 5) Regarding the HS Information it was reported that the 4th Report from the Consultant has to be distributed and the Consultant must make two presentations in Syktyvkar (one at the joint SHE-CPESC meeting planned for the afternoon at June 8th and another for the SHE group on June 9th, 2011). NEFCO reported that it had received the remaining comments from Russia and Norway regarding the Terms of References for the HS Information System were received the comments from Norway and Russia on the webpage design and that the Consultant thus may formally start working on the project.
- 6) On discussion about the document on Fast Track Exclusion it was deemed important to ask Andrey Peshkov as the official MNRE representative to address the appropriate legal, regulative and institutional prerequisites (applicable norms, ecological expertise, etc.) regarding the prioritised Hot Spots, propose the schedule for the document reviewing, as well as to identify and communicate to SHE the relevant contact persons at the MNRE and at the Rosprirodnadzor to give advises on the relevant regulations etc. to take into

- regard to make the Exclusion Procedure appropriate and in accordance with this Russian regulation. This input from the MNRE and Rosprirodnadzor etc, is needed in good time before the Syktyvkar meeting, a first set of information is foreseen by June 1st, 2011.
- 7) The draft programme for the BEAC WGE in Syktyvkar 8-9th of June was discussed, incl. the different Agendas for the SHE-related programme items. It was deemed important to give the SHE-groups comments to the programme for the Syktyvkar meeting now as related to the HS-seminar, the joint SHE-CPESC meeting on the 8th of June, the SHE-meeting on the 9th of June and the SHE-groups meeting with the Komi HEG on the 10th of June. In addition, it was proposed that a meeting of the Steering Committee for the Pajala project be organised on the 8th of June, 2011 involving both SHE and CPESC members. It was decided that Åke Mikaelsson, based on the discussion, will draft the Agendas of the SHE-related items into the programme and submit to Komi and to the Swedish Chairmanship..
- 8) The next SHE telephone meeting will take place on June, 2nd at 15.00 CET.