



Minutes

3rd Meeting of the Subgroup on Hotspots Exclusion (SHE),
Moscow, July 15, 2010

Participants

Åke Mikaelsson, co-chair, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, Sweden (on telephone)

Ruslan Butovsky, Fund for Sustainable Development, Russia (on telephone)

Henna Haapala, The Finnish Ministry of the Environment, Finland (on telephone)

Henrik G Forsström, Nordic Environmental Finance Corporation, NEFCO (observer) (on telephone)

Background

The main purpose of the telephone meeting in was the final refinement of the MNRE Letter to the Regions regarding Hot Spot Exclusion and to promote their due distribution.

The following issues were discussed and the following decisions were made:

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Swedish co-chair opened the meeting.

Mr Peshkov was replaced by Mr Butovskiy as Russian representative. Since Norway was absent, the Meeting was defined as an ad-hoc meeting, requiring that any decisions or adoptions thus have to be underthrown Norway's approval.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

After minor adjustments the agenda was adopted to the order reflected in these minutes. Åke Mikaelsson was appointed chair of the meeting and Ruslan Butovskiy as secretary of the meeting.

3. Review of the Minutes from Previous Meeting

The Minutes from the 2nd SHE group Meeting in Moscow were reviewed and adopted after minor adjustments. Final approval to be made by Norway.

4. Report on the general progress according to the Exclusion Procedure.

Russia reported that the necessary letters to AFA were prepared and have to be sent in a days. The letters are to be sent to 5 Russian federal administrative subjects of the Barents region.

The original letter as developed by Åke Mikaelsson was edited and now consists of 1 page with clear and concise description of steps which have to be undertaken by local authorities. The reporting deadline is set as August 20, 2010.

5. Discussion on the draft Work Programme for the Subgroup

The parties adopted the Work Programme with some comments from Henna considering that the parties are still waiting for final comments and possible adoption by Ingrid.

6. Adoption of the letters to the regions.

Russian side reported on the new format of the letters to the region which was accepted. It was stressed that it is important for the federal authorities to appoint regional working groups, to nominate the coordinators and to organise at least one meeting of the regional WGs before the BEAC WGE Meeting in October 2010, in particular to safeguard appropriate implementation of the adopted Exclusion Procedure. Russian side will provide the SHE with the list of persons whom the letters were sent to and will call the regions to get the confirmation of the letter acceptance.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting could be organised in Oslo in September 2-3, 2010.
Another opportunity is SHE meeting in Petrozavodsk scheduled to October, 2010.

8. Closure of the Meeting

The chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.