

## Minutes

### 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Subgroup on “Hot Spot” Exclusion (SHE)

Phone, November 3, 2010

#### *Participants*

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Andrey Peshkov (ASP), co-chair, Ministry for Natural Resources and Ecology, Russia  
Ruslan Butovsky (RB), Fund for Sustainable Development, Russia  
Ingrid Berthinussen (IB), Climate and Pollution Agency, Norway  
Henna Haapala (HH), Ministry of Environment, Finland  
Henrik G Forsström (HGF), Nordic Environmental Finance Corporation, NEFCO (observer)

#### *Background*

The main purpose of the telephone meeting was to discuss the general progress with the exclusion procedure, and to prepare for the BEAC WGE Meeting in Petrozavodsk on November 8-11.

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

##### 1. Opening of the Meeting

The Swedish co-chair opened the meeting.

The Meeting was complete since all members were represented. (ASP was later in the meeting replaced by RB as representative for Russia.)

##### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

The proposed agenda was adopted. ÅM was appointed chair of the meeting and HGF secretary of the meeting.

##### 3. Review and Adoption of the Minutes from Previous Meetings

The Minutes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> SHE group Meeting on June 2 were reviewed and adopted after minor adjustments.

The Minutes from the 3<sup>rd</sup> SHE group Meeting (by phone) on July 15 were reviewed and adopted after minor adjustments.

#### 4. Final Adoption of the SHE Work Programme

The SHE Work Programme was reviewed and adopted after certain adjustments mostly related to the “hot spots” information system. The adopted version will be labelled “Version v1.0”.

IB noted that it would be useful for the Subgroup members active and constructive participation to get the full meeting material in good time before the SHE and WGE meetings, and that some stipulation on this may be considered for inclusion in the SHE methodology.

#### 5. Adoption of the Russian translation of the TF Report to the Ministers.

Noting the approval of the MNRE, the provided Russian translation of the TF Report to the Ministers was adopted.

#### 6. Report from MNRE on the general progress with the Exclusion Procedure, Letters sent out to the Federation Subject Administrations and the response received.

Russia (ASP) reported that the MNRE has received some form of response from all five Regions to the letters that were sent out to them concerning the “Hot spot” exclusion criteria and procedures. Further answers from the regions are expected shortly. Three of the regions - Karelia, Komi and Nenets AO - have already confirmed that they have appointed regional working groups. Archangelsk and Murmansk Oblasts are also expected to do this in the nearest future. The five regional ministers have also stated their intention to send representatives to the BEAC WGE meeting in Petrozavodsk. RB pointed out that it will be possible to select regional representatives to the working groups that are to be set up, for instance in connection to the “Pajala” project (CPESC 4.1). The MNRE representatives will share further information with the SHE members via e-mail before the WGE meeting and there will be further updates in Petrozavodsk. MNRE will also translate the final version of the letter that was sent to the regions into English and distribute it within SHE before Petrozavodsk.

There was a discussion about SHE and the “hot spots” information system. It was concluded that the roles and responsibilities vis-à-vis the information system need to be clarified between WGE and SHE. ÅM shall address this issue to the WGE and propose that the WGE will decide to delegate this issue in full to the WGE at the Petrozavodsk meeting. It was agreed that the issue of how to collect and share information via the system will be a specific issue for discussion at a coming SHE meeting, one particular concern being how to activate the regional working groups in this context. It was further decided that HGF and IB would propose a new writing of the Section 6 of the SHE Work Programme to better reflect the actual task for SHE and then circulate this proposal for full SHE approval.

#### 7. Preparations for the Joint WGE-SHE-CPESC Meeting

There were no specific comments on the circulated paper in preparation for the joint WGE-SHE-CPESC discussion in Petrozavodsk on Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The SHE members welcomed the document and are looking forward to a fruitful meeting and discussion on the issue in Petrozavodsk. Some SHE members will have prepared additional comments and information for this discussion. There was a note however that active Russian participation from all levels should be highly encouraged. It was also noted that several already listed CPESC projects fit well into the picture. IB will share the consultant Norsk Energi’s presentation from a seminar that was arranged on CP in Norway recently within the SHE group.

#### 8. Preparations for Meeting with the Karelian Hot Spots Exclusion Group back-to-back with the WGE Meeting

The draft agenda for the meeting in Petrozavodsk was discussed and generally approved. Before next SHE meeting, ÅM and RB shall prepare an additional presentation clarifying the exclusion procedure to the Regions, serving as a basis for a related discussion on how the SHE and the regional working groups should interact in the various stages of the process. The presentations made by Timo Seppälä and colleagues concerning the collection and destructions of Karelian pesticides should be used as an example.

#### 9. Scheduling of visits to other regional Hot Spots Exclusion Groups

This issue was postponed for further discussion at a following SHE meeting.

#### 10. Next meeting

It was agreed that a semi-physical/semi-telephone meeting will be held in Petrozavodsk on Monday, November 8, at 15:00 CET. Those members that will not be physically present should be connected by phone.

In addition, it was noted that the next meeting after that should follow immediately after the BEAC WGE meeting as a follow-up to as well the WGE meeting, the joint seminar and the Karelian HSEG meeting.

#### 11. Closure of the Meeting

The chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

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