

the Council of the Baltic Sea States, the Nordic Council of Ministers and the Council of Europe, as well as national and other actors and organisations representing ethnic and linguistic minorities in the Region.

5. To SUPPORT the creation of a Barents cultural portal, with the aim of

- *raising the awareness of the culture* of the Barents Euro-Arctic Region and improving prerequisites for networking between cultural actors both within the Region and in a wider context,
- *strengthening the cultural dimension* in information society development in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region (i.a. Northern eDimension, eEurope and eRussia)

6. To INVITE the Barents Regional Cultural Committee, in cooperation with relevant national and regional bodies and as a part of the ongoing work on the Barents Regional Council Information portal, to start preparations for the creation and launching of a Barents cultural portal.

THANK THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN for its kind offer to host the next Conference of the Ministers of Culture in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region, at a time and place to be decided upon.

THE OUTCOME of this conference will be reported to the Barents Euro-Arctic Council.