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(WGIP)**

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Present:

Mr Bjarne Store-Jakobsen (Head of WGIP), Saami/Tromsø
Ms Galina Arteeva, Nenets/Narjan-Mar
Ms Svetlana Pasyukova, Veps/Petrozavodsk
Ms Irja Seurujärvi-Kari, Saami/Finland
Mr Per Labba, Saami/Sohppar

Secretaries:

Ms Anna Prakhova, Barents Indigenous Peoples' Office (BIPO)
Ms Christina Henriksen, the Norwegian Barents Secretariat (NBS)

Interpreter:

Ms Svetlana Dudinova, Murmansk

01/2007 Approval of the call-up

Decision: The call-up was approved without comments.

02/2007 Approval of the agenda

Decision: The agenda was approved.

03/2007 Information and update

Decision: The WGIP takes the given information from Ms Galina Arteeva, Ms Svetlana Pasyukova and Mr Bjarne Store-Jakobsen into consideration.

04/2007 WGIP report 2006

Decision:

The WGIP approves the BEAC/NCM Joint Pilot Projects in the Kola Peninsula.

The WGIP appoints Mr Bjarne Store-Jakobsen as its representative for the BEAC/NCM Joint Reference Group. Substitute member is Ms Irja Seurujärvi-Kari.

The WGIP enters into a contract with the Sami Trade- and Development Centre (SEG) concerning the "Obsjina Kildin" project. The head of the WGIP is given authority to create a proposition for such a contract, and this will be distributed to the other members of the WGIP for approval.

The WGIP will have a function as a reference group for the BEAC/NCM Joint Pilot Projects, with a particular practical responsibility for the "Obsjina Kildin" project. The project managers are committed to report to the WGIP.

The WGIP secretaries shall prepare an overview over the projects where the WGIP is involved (Kola Sami Radio, CHUM, BEAC/NCM), including brief comments.

Development fund for indigenous peoples in the BEAR

The WGIP has decided to establish a development fund for indigenous peoples in the BEAR. This fund is organised as a triennial pilot project. The minimum assets for the fund will be six (6) million Norwegian crowns, and this amount will be financed throughout the project period. Applications will be sent to the Norwegian Barents Secretariat, regional authorities in the Russian part of the BEAR, to Norwegian, Finnish and Swedish authorities, as well as the Sámi Parliaments of the Nordic countries.

The head of WGIP is given the authority to engage a consultant to work out a minute, which will form a framework for applications concerning the financing.

An application will be sent to the Norwegian Barents Secretariat, concerning funding for purchase of this service. The head of the group formulates this application in cooperation with the secretary.

05/2007 The BIPO annual report 2006

Decision: The report is taken into consideration with the technical change about the amount of NOK 5250, 70

06/2007 BIPOs function and work description

Decision:

A minute on the directives for the BIPO is to be worked out within two (2) months. Mr Bjarne Store-Jakobsen negotiates with Ms Anna Prakhova concerning a prolongation of the contract.

07/2007 The budget of the BIPO

Decision: the present budget is taken into consideration as a temporary budget.

Closing of the day: 17.35

18.04.07

08/2007 Approval of the protocol from Kirkenes meeting 7th and 8th of April 2006

Decision: The WGIP takes Ms Prakhova's report into consideration. By June 20th, a complete protocol will be available. The WGIP postponed the decision until the next meeting.

The head of the WGIP asks the members to show understanding for the fact that the WGIP has not had a secretary since Alf Nystad left in august 2006.

09/2007 The WGIP budget for 2007

Decision: a budget proposal for the remaining months of 2007 shall be prepared within 1 month and distributed to the other members. Funding for this budget shall be applied from parts in the Barents Cooperation.

10/2007 Indigenous representation in BEAC?

Decision: The dealing with the practical aspects of this item is postponed. The head of the group has the responsibility for preparing a minute concerning the status of the WGIP and also map the challenges of the WGIP. The WGIP will consider the possibility for arranging a seminar concerning this theme, to which our employers are invited. It will be applied for separate funding to this purpose.

11/2007 The guidelines for appointment of members to the WGIP

Decision: The dealing of the practical aspects of the Terms of References for the WGIP (concerning the appointment of a Russian Saami member) is postponed until the next meeting. The head of the group shall continue the work with ensuring Russian Saami participation in the WGIP.

12/2007 Clarification of political and administrative roles in the WGIP and BIPO

Decision: This item is postponed to the next meeting. A minute will be worked out and presented for the WGIP.

13/2007 The future of the BIPO and the employment process

Decision:
The Head of the WGIP negotiates with Ms Anna Prakhova concerning a prolongation of the employment contract with the BIPO. The contract expires on September 30th 2007. This item must be seen in connection to the budget of the BIPO for the year 2007. The Norwegian Barents Secretariat participates in this process as an observer and adviser.
The employment contract is between the WGIP and Ms Anna Prakhova.

14/2007 The Action Plan for indigenous peoples in the BEAR 2005-2008

Decision: The WGIP seeks to find an administrative solution for the issue about printing more copies of the plan. If funding is granted for translation of the programme into North Sámi, this shall be done immediately.
The WGIP will not spend any more money or resources on this, although it is an important matter about principals.

15/2007 Other issues

No other issues.

16/2007 The next meeting

Decision: the next meeting will be arranged in week 36 (03.09.07-10.09.07). If difficulties concerning the travelling arise, the two following weeks are to be considered. The secretaries are responsible for finding the best possible route for the members of the WGIP, and the exact date will be set in connection with the best practical solution.

Closing of the day: 15.00