

**SECOND BARENTS PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE  
BODØ, NORWAY, 29-30 JUNE 2005**

Venue: Radisson SAS Hotel

**Wednesday 29 June**

**15.30 *Opening of the Conference***

**Opening address by Mr Jørgen Kosmo, President of the Storting**

**Address by Mr. Svend Roald Nystø, President of the Sami Parliament**

**Address by Mrs. Rannveig Guðmundsdóttir, President of the Nordic Council**

**Address by Mrs. Valentina Pivnenko, Chair of the Committee of Northern and  
Far Eastern Territories of Russia, State Duma**

**16.00 FIRST SESSION**

***Cooperation in Northern Europe***

***Challenges and opportunities in the Barents region***

**Mr. Jan Petersen, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chair of the BEAC**

***The prospects of the North***

**Mr. Vitaly Churkin, Ambassador, Chair of Arctic Council-SAO**

***The North seen from Brussels***

**Mrs. Diana Wallis, Member of European parliament**

**Plenary discussion**

**19.00 Reception at Bodø Culture Centre, Host: Mr. Odd-Tore Fygle, Mayor of Bodø  
Address: Hålogalandsgaten 25**

**20.00 Dinner at SAS Hotel, Host: Mr Jørgen Kosmo, President of the Storting  
(only by invitation)**

**Thursday 30 June**

**09.00 SECOND SESSION**

***Sustainable Development and Economic Activities in the Barents Region***

***Priorities of Russian Energy Strategy in the Barents Region***

**Mr. Vitaly Karaganov, Deputy Chairman of Fuel and Energy Complex,  
Russian Ministry of Energy and Industry \*)**

***Sustainable development; remarks of the Barents cooperation and lessons learned from the Arctic Council***

**Mr. Pehr Löy, MP, Parliament of Finland**

***Future prospects for economic cooperation in the Barents region***

**Mr. Lorentz Andersson, Chair of the Barents Regional Council**

**Plenary discussion**

**12.00- Lunch break**

**13.00**

**13.00 THIRD SESSION**

***Indigenous peoples' role and conditions in the Barents region***

***Future prospects for the Sami people in the Barents region***

**Mr. Pekka Aikio, President of the Sami Parliamentary Council**

***Indigenous peoples in the Barents cooperation***

**Mrs. Anna Prakhova, Chair of the Working Group of the indigenous peoples of the Barents Arctic-Euro Region**

***A Nordic Sami Convention – towards a legal unification for the Sami people***

**Mr. Carsten Smith, former President of the Norwegian Supreme Court of Justice**

**Plenary discussion**

**The Conference Communiqué**

**15.00- Closing of the Conference**

**15.30**

**Press Conference**

**\*) The presentation was not given.**

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