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CONFERENCE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE ARCTIC REGION

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE ARCTIC REGION

**MEETING IN HELSINKI**

20 November 2014

Venue: Parliament Annex, Auditorium, Arkadiankatu 3

 **DRAFT AGENDA**

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND THE PROPOSED ORDER OF AGENDA**

**ITEMS**

1. **APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE SCPAR-MEETING IN**

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1. **THE ARCTIC STRATEGY OF FINLAND**

**Mr. Erkki Tuomioja Foreign Minister of Finland**

1. **CULTURAL COOPERATION IN THE BARENTS REGION AND NORTHERN DIMENSION POLICY**

**Ms. Maija Lummepuro, Counsellor for Cultural Affairs, Ministry of Education and Culture**

1. **THE USE OF BIOENERGY IN FINLAND**

**Deputy Director General Timo Ritonummi, Energy Department, Ministry of Employment and the Economy**

1. **ARCTIC ECONOMIC COUNCIL**

**Mr. René Söderman, Counsellor, Department for Europe, Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

1. **EU ARCTIC INFORMATION CENTRE**

**Professor Paula Kankaanpää, presentation of feasibility report**

1. **EVALUATION OF THE 11th CONFERENCE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE ARCTIC REGION IN WHITEHORSE 9-11 SEPTEMBER 2014**
2. **STATUS OF THE WORK OF SCPAR**
* Report from Mr. Bevington, SAO meeting, Yellowknife
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1. **NEXT MEETINGS OF SCPAR**

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1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**