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CONFERENCE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE ARCTIC REGION

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE ARCTIC REGION

**SCPAR-MEETING IN WHITEHORSE**

 9 September 2014 10:00 – 11:00

 Venue: Artist Studio, Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre

 **Draft minutes**

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Decision:

The Committee adopted the agenda.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SCPAR-MEETING IN**

**COPENHAGEN 10 JUNE 2014**

Decision:

The Committee approved the minutes from the SCPAR-meeting in Copenhagen 10 June 2014

**3. INNOVATIVE CAPACITY BUILDING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

 Decision:

The Committee postponed the adoption the report “Innovative Capacity Building and Economic Development” to the SCPAR meeting 10 September 2014.

**4. THE ELLEVENTH CONFERENCE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE ARCTIC REGION**

Mr Ryan Leef from the Canadian delegation presented the program for the Conference in Whitehorse. Mr. Leef informed the Committee that Minister Aglukkaq would not attend the Conference due to the discovery of a ship from the Franklin-expedition.

 Decision:

 The Committee took note of the information.

**5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

 There was no other business

**List of participants**

MEMBERS

Canada Mr. Ryan Leef, MP

 Mr. Dennis Bevington, MP

Mr. Tim Williams, Analyst, Parliamentary Information and Research Service, Library of Parliament

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Mr. Kirill Mangush, Senior Councellor

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Mr. Fedot Tumusov, MP

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Sweden Ms. Ann-Kristin Johansson, MP

 Ms. Eva Hjelm, Adviser

USA Senator Lisa Murkowski

Mr. Isaac Edwards, Adviser

OBSERVERS

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 10 September 2014

Time: Immediately after the closing of the conference

Venue: Artist Studio, Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre

Draft minutes

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Decision:

The Committee adopted the agenda with the amendment to adopt the report “Innovative Economic Development and Capacity Building in the Arctic”.

**2. ELECTION OF LEADERSHIP FOR THE STANDING COMMITTEE**

 Decision:

The Committee unanimously elected Mr Eirik Sivertsen as Chair of SCPAR and Mr Dennis Bevington as Vice-Chair of SCPAR.

**3. SECRETARIAT**

 Decision:

 The Committee appointed Bjørn Willy Robstad as Secretary General of SCPAR.

**4. NEXT MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE**

 Decision:

 The next meeting of SCPAR will be in Helsinki 19-21 November 2014.

**5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee adopted the report “Innovative Economic Development and Capacity Building in the Arctic.

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