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Prior Announcement

EIGHT CONFERENCE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE ARCTIC REGION

Fairbanks, Alaska, August 12-14, 2008

The United States will be hosting the Eighth Conference of Arctic Parliamentarians in Fairbanks, Alaska on August 12-14, 2008. The Conference will be organized in cooperation with the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region.

The Conference will include representatives from the national parliaments of all the eight Arctic Council member states (Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden and the U.S.A.), the European Parliament, indigenous peoples' organizations, parliaments of observer states, as well as other governments and inter-parliamentary organizations. Observers from relevant international organizations will also be invited.

The Conference will address the following major themes:

- Human health in the Arctic
- Adaptation to climate change
- Development of rural energy resources

A Conference Statement will be adopted and sent to the governments of the participating countries as well as to the Arctic Council and other international, intergovernmental, and interparliamentary organizations.

Participation in the Conference is by invitation only. Formal invitations will be sent out by United States Senator Lisa Murkowski in the beginning of 2008. Since August is a

popular tourist season, Senator Murkowski's office has pre-booked hotel rooms at the Marriot Spring Hill Suites in Fairbanks. Contact Sally Rey in Senator Murkowski's Washington, DC office to inquire.

Once again, I look forward to seeing you in Fairbanks, Alaska

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator

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