



Seventh Conference of Parliamentarians of the
Arctic Region, Kiruna, Sweden, 2-4 August 2006

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Venue: Folkets Hus
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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Tuesday 1 August 2006

- Possible arrival
- 17.00-19.00 Registration
- 18.00-19.00 Meeting with the SCPAR (Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region)
- 19.30 A light meal

Wednesday 2 August 2006

- 08.30 Excursion to Esrange, The Swedish Space Corporation
- 13.00-14.45 Buffet lunch at Hotel Ferrum
- 14.00-15.00 Registration
- 15.00-17.30 **Opening of the Conference**
- Welcome by *Dr Björn von Sydow*, Speaker of the Riksdagen
 - Welcome by *Ms Sylvia Simma*, Chairman of the Swedish Saami Parliament
 - Welcome by *Mr Runar Patriksson*, MP, Swedish member of the SCPAR
- Arctic cooperation**
- Progress report from the Arctic Council



Ambassador Alexander Ignatiev on behalf of the Russian Chairmanship
of the Arctic Council

- *Mr Jan Eliasson*, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden (TBC)

- Progress report from the Standing Committee
Ms Hill-Marta Solberg, MP, Chair, Norway

- Special report on ICT (Information and communication technology) in
the Arctic/ICT assessment
Mr Bernard Funston, Executive Secretary, Sustainable Development
Working Group

Debate

17.30 *Conference Statement Drafting Committee*

20.00 Reception at the City Hall of Kiruna

Thursday 3 August 2006

09.00- **The International Polar Year 2007-2008**
12.30

***International Enthusiasm, Energy and Effort for the International Polar
Year***

Dr David Carlson, Director IPY International Programme Office

- Focus Topic I

Ms Paula Kankaanpää, Director Arctic Centre, Rovaniemi, Finland

IPY activities at the Abisko Scientific Research Station

Prof. Terry Callaghan, Abisko Scientific Research Station

Question & Answer session

Debate

12.30- Lunch
13.45

14.00- **Innovation in the Arctic Governance: The possibilities**
17.30 **and limitations of a binding legal regime for the Arctic**



- Introduction

Ms Diana Wallis, MEP, member of the SCPAR

Reflections on the possibilities and limitations of a binding legal regime for the Arctic

Ambassador Hans Corell, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Legal Counsel of the United Nations 1994-2004

Question & Answer session

Debate

17.30 *Conference Statement Drafting Committee*

18.00 Outdoor event and dinner

Friday 4 August 2006

08.00- *Conference Statement Drafting Committee*
09.00

09.00- **The Opening of the Arctic Sea Route:**
12.30 **economic/commercial opportunities and environmental/cultural challenges**

- Introduction

Mr Sergey Kharyuchi, Chairman of Yamal-Nenets State Duma, Russia

***The Arctic Council's Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment:
Responding to Changing Marine Access***

Dr. Lawson W. Brigham, Vice Chair, PAME (Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment) and Deputy Director, U.S. Arctic Research Commission

Question and answer session

Debate

12.30 **Adoption of Conference Statement**

Closing Remarks

13.00 Lunch

13.00- Meeting of the SCPAR (Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the



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14.00 Arctic Region)

14.00- Excursion to LKAB - an international high-tech minerals group
16.00

Afternoon Departure