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CONFERENCE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE ARCTIC REGION

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE ARCTIC REGION

**Meeting of the Standing Committee of**

**Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region**

**Helsinki, Finland**

**23 – 24 November 2017**

*Programme*

*21 Nov. 2017*

 Arrival in Helsinki

 Accommodation

 Hotel Scandic Simonkenttä

 Address: Simonkatu 9, Helsinki

Thursday, 23 November

*12.00 Those not attending the Nordic Council seminar will be met in the lobby of the hotel Scandic Simonkenttä by Mr. Juho Väänänen*

 *Walk to the Parliament*

12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch** with members of the Nordic Council

 Host: Mr. Arto SATONEN, Second Deputy Speaker of Parliament

 Parliament building

 Speaker’s private dining room

14.10 Departure from the Parliament Annex by bus for the Finnish Meteorological Institute

 Address of the Annex: Arkadiankatu 3

14.30 Arrival at **the Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI)**

 Address: Erik Palménin aukio 1, Dynamicum, Kumpula

 Meeting room Aura, entrance floor

14.30 – 15.00 Tour of the Weather Safety Centre

 Professor Jussi KAUROLA, Director of Weather and Safety

15.00 – 16.30 General overview to FMI’s current activities

 Professor Juhani DAMSKI, Director General

 FMI’s role in the Arctic Council priority theme Meteorological Collaboration

 Short presentations and discussions:

 Ms. Johanna EKMAN, Project Manager for Arctic Council Chairmanship issues

 Professor Jouni PULLIAINEN, Head of Unit for Arctic Research

 Professor Ari LAAKSONEN, Head of Unit for Climate Change

16.30 – 17.00 Transport to the hotel

18.50 Departure on foot from the hotel

19.00 – 21.00 **Dinner**

 Host: Ms. Katri KULMUNI, MP, Chair of the Finnish delegation to the CPAR

 Restaurant Karljohan

 Address: Yrjönkatu 21

Friday, 24 November

8.50 Departure on foot from the hotel for the Parliament Annex

 Address: Arkadiankatu 3

9.00 – 10.45 **SCPAR meeting**

 Parliament of Finland, Annex

 Auditorium

Arctic Economic Council (AEC) Update

Mr. Tero VAURASTE, Chair of AEC, President and CEO of Arctia Ltd.

Finland’s Chairmanship of the Arctic Council 2017 – 19

Mr. Aleksi HÄRKÖNEN, Ambassador for Arctic Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

10.45 – 11.00 Refreshment break

11.00 – 12.00 Meeting continues

ca 12.00 Departure of participants