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BALTIC SEA COMMISSION

Baltic Sea Commission Pre-General Assembly 25th of October 2006 Murcia (SP) MINUTES

- Time: 25 October 2006 at 4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
- Venue: Mediodia Room, Santos Nelva Hotel, Avenida Primero de Mayo 9, Murcia (SP)
- 1 § Opening the meeting
Proposal: The BSC President Ms Christel Liljeström will have the floor by opening the Pre-General Assembly of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission.
A list of present participants will be circulated and made by the BSC Secretariat.
- Final decision: Ms Christel Liljeström, President, opened the meeting and wished everyone most welcome to this afternoon meeting.
- 2 § Adopting of the agenda
Proposal: The Pre-General Assembly will adopt the agenda.
- Final decision: The agenda was adopted.
- 3 § Nomination of the new Executive Secretary of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission

By the BSC Statutes, Article 5, the Baltic Sea Commission has an Executive Secretary whose responsibility is to ensure the day-to-day organisation of its work and implementation of its decisions. On the recommendation of the Executive Committee the General Assembly shall nominate the Executive Secretary. His mandate is renewed every 2 years. In the Organisational Charter of the CPMR (St. Malo 2003), Article 9, it is said that the appointment of the Executive Secretary shall be made in conjunction with the Secretary General of the Conference, who shall be kept regularly informed.

The 11th General Assembly of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission decided on 2 June 2006 in Karlskrona, Blekinge (S) due the change of the BSC Presidency to transfer the BSC Secretariat on the proposal of the BSC Executive Committee to the Region of Gotland for the period of 2006-2008.

The 11th BSC General Assembly was also informed that the new Executive

Secretary will be nominated after the Swedish parliamentary election in September 2006. The nomination will be confirmed by the BSC Executive Committee in its meeting on 24-25 October 2006 in Murcia, Spain. The Regional Council of Päijät-Häme and the current Executive Secretary Mr Marko Mälly has taken care of the tasks of the BSC Secretariat during the transition period.

The Region of Gotland has made a proposal to the BSC Executive Committee and the Secretary-General of the CPMR to nominate Ms Anne Ståhl-Mousa as the new Executive Secretary of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission for the period 2006-2008.

The Executive Committee has decided to make a recommendation to the BSC Pre-General Assembly of 34th CPMR General Assembly to nominate Ms Anne Ståhl-Mousa as the new Executive Secretary of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission for the period 2006-2008. Mr Xavier Gizard at the CPMR endorses the candidacy of Ms Anne Ståhl Mousa.

Proposal: The BSC Pre-General Assembly will nominate Ms Anne Ståhl Mousa as the new Executive Secretary of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission for the period of 200-2008.

Final decision: Ms Anne Ståhl Mousa made a short presentation of herself, professional and academically background. The Gotland administration have promised to support the BSC secretariat with additional personal resources to ensure that the executive secretary will have sufficient time to focus on core activities and act as secretary to the president.

The BSC Pre-General Assembly decided to appoint Ms Anne Ståhl Mousa as the new Executive Secretary of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission for the period of 200-2008.

4 § Possible amendments to the draft final declaration and draft resolutions as well as nominations to the Resolutions Overview Group
There will be the final declaration and two resolutions for adoption in the 34th CPMR General Assembly on the 27 October 2007. These two resolutions are the joint resolutions of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission and North Sea Commissions ("Draft Resolution on the Maritime Policy challenges in the Baltic and North Sea Regions" and "Draft Resolution on the northern dimension policy from 2007 onwards"). These two resolutions were on the round for comments to the BSC Executive Committee and to the BSC Member Regions before sending to the CPMR Secretariat. The deadline for submitting amendments to the Draft Final Declaration or Draft Resolutions to the CPMR Secretariat is set at 13.00 on Thursday 26 October 2006. Appendices1-3.

Presentation: The Pre-General Assembly will discuss the possible amendments made by the BSC member regions and the BSC Executive Committee to the draft final declaration and resolutions of the 34th CPMR General Assembly. Nominations to the Resolution Overview Group will be made.

- Final decision: The Pre-General Assembly did agree to the text added by the North Sea Commission regarding fishery.
The Pre-General Assembly decided that no further amendments should be made to the final declaration, there by adopting it.
To the Resolution Overview Group was appointed vice president Mr Poul Müller, former executive secretary Mr Marco Mälly and the new executive secretary Ms Anne Ståhl Mousa.
- 5 § Working guidelines of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission for 2006-2008

The President and Vice-President of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission have drafted a document of Working Guidelines for the Executive Committee for the working period 2006-2008. This document has a role as working tool for the Executive Committee beside the "Vision and Objectives" document. The Executive Commission has discussed the working guidelines in its meeting 24-25 October 2006 in Murcia.
- Proposal: The President of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission will present the new working guidelines for the period 2006-2008.
- Final decision: The President made a short presentation of the working guidelines, including the amendments made at the Executive Committee meeting. The document was unanimously adopted.
- 6 § General information on activities of the CPMR and the Baltic Sea Commission
- Proposal: Ms Christel Liljeström, President of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission, the BSC Secretariat and Mr Enrico Mayrhofer, Director, CPMR Brussels office will give a short account of the current and future activities regarding the CPMR and its Baltic Sea Commission.
- Final decision: The CPMR Baltic Sea Commission *President Ms Christel Liljeström* made a short review of the coming meetings and activities of the BSC.
The "Vision and Objectives" will be revised and reduced to a short and sharp document. More in-depth information shall be kept on the web.
The adopted guidelines are intended to help the organisation to keep the focus on core-issues 2006-2007.
These are:
The work on the green paper on Maritime Policy during the consultation period.
To strengthen the work of the executive committee the statutes will be amended.
Working guidelines will also focus administration and the demand for papers of good condition received in time.
Provide more information about us, what we are, what we achieved and what we intend to do in the future.
Co-operation is a key word. Co-operation will be particularly close with HELCOM and the North Sea Commission with whom we will have two joint seminars on the green paper for Maritime Policy. The first meeting will be

held in November in Stavanger 2006 and the second during spring or early summer 2007.

That the prime activity for the Baltic Sea Commission during the coming year will be on the 10th of July 2007 in Almedalen, Gotland (S). Almedalen is a week of political activities in Sweden attracting not only all Sweden's top politicians but also media both national and international. The subject Environmental Impact Assessment of the new Baltic Sea Gas Pipeline and the goal is to attract attention to BSC work by inviting high-ranking participants to give their views to the topic.

Mr Enrico Mayrhofer is the new appointed contact person for BSC affairs. Stationed in Brussels he is responsible for CPMR's director for communications and as such, he has a good horizontal perspective on CPMR affairs. Mr Mayrhofer directed the executive committees attention to the three main focus areas for CPMR at present, being:

1. The development of the EU Regional Policy after 2014 - Mr Philippe CICHOWLAZ, is responsible for this topic at the CPMR.
2. The developing of the EU Maritime Policy – The green paper is the first attempt by EU to take a holistic view on maritime issues. CPMR consider the intentions are on the good but will add the need for global perspectives and regional specifics. The subject will be much discussed until the summer 2007 and the geographical committees are expected to contribute. The consultation period for the green paper will close in June 2007 and CPMR intend to answer to it.
3. The issue of Globalisation – The focus here is the role of regions.

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| 7 § | Any other business |
| Proposal: | None – but... |
| Final decision: | <p>The President of CPMR Baltic Sea Commission gave her own and the members of the regions most cordial thanks for the excellent work performed over the past four years by Mr Marko Mälly and Ms Kati Oja. They have given so much to the organisation and made certain that its reputation have been held at highest esteem both within the organisation and among all others with which they have been in contact.</p> <p>Ms Kati Oja was presented with a small token of the appreciation in the form of a brooch. Mr Marko Mälly was given a weekend of experience in November 2007 when the Baltic Sea Commission will support his participation fee and stay for the Gotland Grand National Race.</p> |
| 8 § | Closing the Pre-General Assembly of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission. |
| Proposal: | |
| Final decision: | The president Ms Christel Liljeström closed the Pre-General Assembly of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission at 5 p.m. on the dot. |

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