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12 § Opening the meeting

Proposal: The President will open the meeting.

Final decision:

13 § Adopting of the agenda

Proposal: The Executive Committee will adopt the agenda.

Final decision:

14 § Minutes of the previous meeting

The previous meeting was held in Karlskrona on 2 June 2006.

Proposal: The minutes of the Karlskrona meeting will be adopted, **Appendix1**.

Final decision:

15 § 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.

Proposal: The Executive Committee will decide to make a recommendation to the BSC Pre-General Assembly in connection with the 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.

**Final
decision:**

16 § CPMR Current affairs

Mr Enrico Mayrhofer, Director, CPMR, new contact person on the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission will present himself and have a presentation about the current CPMR activities due to the 34th CPMR General Assembly.

Proposal: The presentation will be recorded as information in the minutes.

**Final
decision:**

17 § Activity report June 2006 (Karlskrona) – October 2006 (Murcia)

19-21 July, Seminar on “Towards a Future Maritime Policy for the European Union – A European Vision on Oceans and Seas”, Turku (FI)

3-5 September, 15th Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference, Reykjavik (IS)

6-7 September, Informal meeting of the BSC Chairmen and Secretariat, Visby, Gotland (S)

20-21 September, “European Maritime Policy – Conference of the Baltic Sea

Area”, by Land Schleswig-Holstein and BSSSC, Kiel (D)

22 September, BSSSC Annual Conference, Kiel (D)

18 § Working guidelines of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission for 2006-2008

The President and Vice-President have drafted a document of working guidelines for the Executive Committee for the working period 2006-2008. This document has a role as a working tool for the Executive Committee beside the “Vision and Objectives” document.

Proposal: The Executive Committee will discuss and decide about the proposed working guidelines. **Appendix 2.**

**Final
decision:**

19 § Visions and Objectives of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission

The “Vision and Objectives” strategic document of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission was adopted by the 9th BSC General Assembly in Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D) on 4 June 2004. The BSC Secretariat had prepared this document with the Executive Committee and BSC Member Regions. **Appendix 3.**

Proposal: The Executive Committee will discuss proposals on changing or amending the “Visions and Objectives” document and ask the BSC Secretariat to prepare an updated document and send it for comments to the BSC member regions.

**Final
decision:**

20 § Updating statutes of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission

The statutes of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission were updated last time in the 7th General Assembly of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission in Klaipėda (LT) in 2002. Updating has become current and actual after the CPMR has updated its own statutes in the 31st General Assembly in St. Malo in 2003 and there have been recently discussion on establishing the post of the second Vice-President in the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission. The statutes of the Geographical Commissions must be written in accordance with the CPMR statutes. The proposal on updated BSC statutes should be handed in to the BSC Executive Committee latest in its spring meeting that the 12th BSC General Assembly may adopt the updated statutes in Bodø, Nordland (N) on 15 June 2006. **Appendix 4 and 5.**

Proposal: The BSC Secretariat will present the needs to update the statutes of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission. The Executive Committee will discuss the principles of updating the statutes and give the task to the BSC Secretariat to prepare the proposal on updated BSC statutes for adoption of the BSC Executive Committee in its spring meeting 2007.

Final decision:

21 § Nominations of contact persons to the Organisations of Co-operation

The CPMR Baltic Sea Commission states in its Action Plan "Visions and Objectives of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission" to strengthen exchange of information and recognition from other actors in the Baltic Sea Area. Various organisations in the Baltic Sea Area are working with regional and local co-operation. It is important to co-operate closely with them, especially as many regions are members of different organisations. It is important for the Baltic Sea Commission to be benchmarking and exchanging information with other Baltic Sea organisations.

Proposal: Due to the new nominations of the Executive Committee of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission it is time to update the list of contact persons to the various international organisations of co-operation. The list of co-operation organisations of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission as **Appendix 6.**

Final decision:

22 § BSC Working Groups

1) Transport Working Group (Mr Geir-Ketil Hansen, Ms Maria Öberg)

Within the Executive Committee it has been decided that the working groups in general should have a politician as Chairman (and also a Vice-Chairman) - preferably elected by and from the Executive Committee - for the groups according to the same model as in the North Sea Commission. This to secure contact with the Executive Committee and also secure better political dialogue when presenting transport issues e.g. to national and international politicians (National transport ministries, EU, CPMR etc.). The day to day work like organising meetings, producing agendas and minutes from meetings, preparation of papers for political decisions etc. should in this case be lead by a "Working Group Co-ordinator" who also will take part in external meetings when needed.

Meetings of more technical character within the working group could however be lead by the co-ordinator, and the co-ordinator should also represent the working group in external meetings of more technical character.

At the same time there should be good connections between the transport

working group and the project "InterBaltic" since the project really is initiated by the working group. It is therefore suggested that the co-ordinator is appointed as member of the project's "Strategy Group" where also other pan-Baltic organisations like CBSS, BSSSC, VASAB, UBC, HELCOM and others will be invited. The project will also establish a High Level Group to which the Chairman could be appointed if also member of the Executive Committee.

The BSC Executive Committee did unanimously decide in its meeting on 2 June 2006 in Karlskrona, Blekinge (S) to renominate Mr Geir-Ketil Hansen, Member of the BSC Executive Committee, Nordland (N) as a new Chairman and Ms Maria Öberg, Norrbotten (S) as a new co-ordinator of the BSC Transport Working Group for the period 2006-2008.

The new organised BSC transport working group had its first meeting in Klaipeda (LV) in June 2006. As Ms Öberg is now going to maternal leave, a new co-ordinator is searched at the moment as substitute to Ms Maria Öberg within the working group during her absence from her co-ordinator tasks. The next meeting of the working group has been planned to be organised in the end of November 2006. The BSC transport working group should develop co-operation with similar working groups in the CPMR North Sea Commission and in the other Baltic Sea organisations and networks.

Proposal: The working situation of the BSC working groups will be reported. The Executive Committee will also discuss the establishment of other possible ad hoc or working groups of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission.

As new initiatives there would be need and interest for an ad hoc working group on European Maritime Policy. It was decided that BSC Secretariat and Vice-President do study the possibilities for establishing this new (ad hoc) working group.

Human resources was the other sector where still would be need for a working group also regarding the questions e.g. of organised crime. Stockholm and Podlaskie regions have been active in these questions, and the possibilities for establishing a working group or ad hoc working group will be studied. Mr Tommy Karlsson from Stockholm region has chaired the CPMR working group on Human Resources.

Energy sector also seems to be an interesting area of co-operation. There is at the moment the CPMR working group on energy.

There was also made a proposal on activities in the fisheries sector in the Baltic Sea Area by the representatives of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission in the CPMR fisheries working group. The Baltic Sea RAC has been formed and it is suggested that BSC should be participating as observer. It is though apparent that more input than is available today is needed from the Baltic Sea member regions since although there are large similarities in the Baltic Sea fisheries, there are also regional differences that need to be highlighted. It is therefore proposed that member regions are encouraged to introduce candidates for participation or as contacts in fisheries related issues.

**Final
decision:**

§23 Draft Final Declaration and Draft Resolutions in the 34th CPMR General Assembly

There will be the final declaration and two resolutions for adoption in the 34th CPMR General Assembly on 27 October 2006. These two resolutions are the joint resolutions of the CPMR Baltic and North Sea Commissions (“Draft Resolution on the Maritime Policy challenges in 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 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. **Appendices 7-9.**

Proposal: The BSC Executive Committee will discuss possible amendments of the CPMR

Baltic Sea Commission to the Draft Final Declaration of the 34th CPMR General Assembly.

**Final
decision:**

24 § Coming events 2006-2007

Coming events – a calendar for 2006-2007 (only major CPMR or BSC events listed)

25 October, BSC Pre-General Assembly, Murcia (SP)

25-27 October, 34th CPMR General Assembly, Murcia (SP)

30-31 October, Helsinki Summit of the Baltic Development Forum, Helsinki (FI)

8 November, Special consultation with the Swedish CBSS Presidency, Kalmar (S)

20-21 November, BSC and NSC joint conference on European Maritime Policy, Stavanger (N)

15 February 2007, CPMR Political Bureau meeting, Florence (I)

1-2 March 2007, BSC Executive Committee, Porvoo/Borgå, Itä-Uusimaa/Östra Nyland (FI)

14-16 June 2007, 12th BSC General Assembly, Bodø, Nordland (N)

15 June 2007, CPMR Political Bureau, Bialystok, Podlaskie Voivodeship (PL)

10 July 2007, BSC Seminar on Environmental Impact Assessment of the new Baltic Sea Gas Pipeline, Almedalsveckan, Visby, Gotland (S)

Proposal: The Executive Committee will discuss the thematics and practical arrangements of the seminar and the 12th BSC General Assembly in Bodø, Nordland (N) in June 2007, Appendix 10, as well as the BSC seminar during the Almedalsveckan in July 2007 in Visby, Gotland (S). It was proposed as a theme for the BSC Seminar during the Almedalsveckan “Environmental Impact Assesment of the Baltic Sea Gas Pipeline”.

The discussion should also be started for the host of the 13th BSC General Assembly in 2008.

The Executive Committee will record the coming events as information and nominate representatives of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission to various meetings and conferences.

**Final
decision:**

25 § The next Executive Committee meetings 2007

Proposal: The Executive Committee will decide a meeting calendar for spring 2007. The next Executive Committee meeting was already decided to be organised in Porvoo, Itä-Uusimaa/Östra Nyland (FI) on 1-2 March 2007.

**Final
decision:**

26 § Any other business

**Proposal:
Final
decision:**

27 § Closing the meeting

Proposal: The President will close the meeting

**Final
decision:**