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#### **45 § Opening the meeting**

**Proposal:** The President will open the meeting.

**Final decision:** The President opened the meeting at 2 p.m.

#### **46 § Adopting of the agenda**

**Proposal:** The Executive Committee will adopt the agenda.

**Final decision:** The agenda was adopted.

#### **47 § Minutes of the previous meeting**

The previous meeting was held in Bialystok, Podlaskie Voivodeship, Poland on 6-7 February 2003, **appendix1**.

**Proposal:** The minutes of the Bialystok meeting will be adopted.

**Final decision:** The proposal was adopted.

#### **48 § Implementing the decisions of the 8<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Umeå on 27 May 2003**

**Proposal:** The decisions made by the General Assembly will be repeated. The President will make a summary of the results of the 8<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

**Final decision:** The proposal was adopted.

Concerning the point 9 § of the Agenda of the 8<sup>th</sup> BSC General Assembly, the President of the BSC, stressed the use of the Action Plan for Spatial Development around Baltic Sea in BSC member regions, for cohesion policy and on the national level. The Executive Secretary will make a proposal of the use of the Action Plan for Spatial Development around Baltic Sea to the next Executive Committee meeting.

Concerning the point 12 § of the Agenda of the 8<sup>th</sup> BSC General Assembly, the Action Plan of the BSC should be rewritten and shortened to the next General Assembly in Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D) in 2004. The President and Executive Secretary will give a proposal and ideas about the new Action

Plan of the BSC to the next Executive Committee meeting.

Concerning the point 17 § Ms Bente Nielsen asked why Harjumaa Region (EST) is still on the BSC member region list, if CPMR is not receiving any membership fees from Harjumaa Region. The President and the Executive Secretary will contact Harjumaa Region in this matter. The reply from Harjumaa will be expected until the next Executive Committee meeting.

**49§ Maritime safety: Reactions on the BSC resolution, CPMR Conference in Nantes**

Because of the worrying maritime safety situation in the Baltic Sea the Executive Committee decided in its meeting in Bialystok, Podlaskie Voivodeship (PL) on 6 February 2003 to announce a resolution “Maritime Safety in the Baltic Sea Area”. The BSC resolution was sent to all Prime Ministers of the Baltic Sea States. The Baltic Sea Commission has received several answers and reactions from the responsible ministries on maritime safety of the Baltic Sea States. **Appendix2**

The Executive Committee also decided to take actively part in the CPMR activities to promote Maritime Safety. The CPMR Conference “The Regions and maritime safety” will be held 16–17 June 2003 in Nantes (F). The Conference will be open to all CPMR member regions.

**Proposal:** The reactions to the BSC resolution on maritime safety in the Baltic Sea Area will be summarized by the Executive Secretary. The Executive Committee will discuss the reactions on the resolution and the maritime safety seminar in Nantes in June 2003. The seminar programme as **appendix3**.

**Final decision:** The proposal was adopted. The Executive Secretary briefly summarised the reactions to the BSC resolution on maritime safety in the Baltic Sea Area. The information was recorded in the minutes.

**50§ Fishery Partnership in the Baltic Sea Region – a new possible BSC working group**

The Regional Municipality of Bornholm has presented a project-idea concerning Fishery Partnership in the Baltic Sea Region. This could also be a start for a new working group in the area of fisheries. **Appendix4**

**Proposal:** The Executive Committee will have a discussion about the need for possible new working groups and projects.

**Final decision:** The proposal was adopted. The Executive Committee supports the project idea and project work of the Regional Municipality of Bornholm. The BSC Secretariat will help the Regional Municipality of Bornholm in offering information about the project plan to the BSC member regions to encourage the interested regions to take part in this project.

## 51 § **Coming events 2003**

- 16-17 June, CPMR Seminar on Maritime Safety, Nantes (F)
- 18-20 June, 12<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the CPMR North Sea Commission Cuxhaven, Niedersachsen (D)
- 19-20 June, Bureau and General Assembly of the CPMR Atlantic Arc Commission, Inverness, Scotland (UK)
- 2 July, CPMR Intercom agriculture and rural development working group, Brussels (B)
- 21 July, CPMR Political Bureau, Napoli (I)
- 10-12 September, XXXI CPMR General Assembly – 30<sup>th</sup> CPMR Anniversary, Saint-Malo, Brittany (F)
- 17–19 October, VII General Conference of the Union of the Baltic Cities, Klaipeda (LV)
- 23–25 October, 11th BSSSC Conference, St. Petersburg (RU)
- tbc November, CPMR Political Bureau, Sardegna (ITA)
- 27–28 November 2003, AEBR General Assembly and Annual Conference, Karlovy Vary (CZ), Euregio Egreensis

### *Year 2004*

- (dtbc) June, 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D)
- (dtbc) September, 32nd CPMR General Assembly, Telemark (N)

**Proposal:** The Executive Committee will record the coming events as information.

**Final decision:** The proposal was adopted. The 9<sup>th</sup> BSC General Assembly will be held in Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D) in the beginning of June 2004. One day will be devoted to a Seminar. The exact date and venue will be confirmed later.

## 52 § **The pre-general assembly of the Baltic Sea Commission in St. Malo (F) on 11 September 2003 and the next Executive Committee meetings 2003 – 2004**

The CPMR 31<sup>st</sup> General Assembly will be held in St. Malo, Brittany (F) on 10-12 September 2003. The so-called pre-general assembly of the Baltic Sea Commission will be held in St. Malo **in the place of Assembly in Salle Lammenais 1 and 2 at 11.00 – 12.00** on 11 September 2003. Draft programme of the CPMR General Assembly as **appendix5**.

Next Executive Committee meetings – a meeting calendar for autumn 2003 and for spring 2004.

**Proposal:** The Executive Committee will discuss the preparations for the CPMR 31<sup>st</sup> General Assembly meetings and decide a meeting calendar for autumn 2003 and spring 2004.

**Final decision:** The proposal was adopted. The next Executive Committee meeting will be organised in Lahti, Päijät-Häme (FIN) on 15 October 2003. The first half of 2004 was planned with two Executive Committee meetings. The exact dates will be decided in the next meeting in Lahti in October 2003.

**53§ Any other business**

**Proposal:**

**Final decision:** There was no other business

**54 § Closing the meeting**

**Proposal:** The President will close the meeting

**Final decision:** The President closed the meeting at 3.30 p.m.