

 CPMR BALTIC SEA COMMISSION TOP OF EUROPE		Executive Committee Meeting MINUTES 1 July 2010	
Time	1 July, 13:00-16:00 (lunch from 12:00 at the premisses)		
Venue	Hantverkargatan 45, Stockholm, Sweden. Room "Skärgårdssalen"		
Participants		Members	Substitutes
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	(x)	Ms Marjatta VEHKAOJA Pohjanmaa/Osterbotnia (FI) Vice President	(-) Mr Toomas KIVIMÄGI , Pärnumaa (EST) Vice- President (Pending)
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	(x)	Mr Wolf BORN , Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D)	(-) Mr Dr Barnert MERTEN , Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D)
	(-)	- Hiiumaa (EST)	(-) - Saaremaa (EST)
	(-)	Mr Harri HELMINEN , Kymenlaakso (FI)	(-) Ms Tytti TUPPURAINEN , Oulu Region (FI)
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	(x) Mr Sören BERG, Region Stockholm (SE)	(x) Mr Eero VENÄLÄINEN, Uusimaa (FI)
	MINUTES	
4 §	Opening the Session	
Final decision	<i>Meeting was opened.</i>	
5 §	Round of presentation	
	The participants made a short round of presentations and all, new and old members, were wished welcome to the BSC and its Executive Committee work over the two years to come.	
6 §	Adopting the Agenda	
Final decision	<i>The Agenda was adopted with the following amendments:</i> To 11§ add the invitation to Lahti on Innovation and Research. To 14§ add the topic CPMRs BSS survey To 15§ next ExCom meeting.	

7 §	<p>Constitution of the BSC Executive Committee</p> <p>The Executive Secretary Anne Ståhl Mousa provided a short resume of the whereabouts of not present Executive Committee members:</p> <p>Vice President Toomas Kivimägi was approached in Pärnu by the Executive Secretary the week before this meeting. His reply was that he like to consider for a few more weeks if he should be willing to take up this post. The remaining Estonian nominations awaits the reply of Mr Kivimägi.</p> <p>As for Klaipeda there is no solution how we should be able to continue but the region have paid for the first half of 2010 and the Executive Secretary will continue as before to keep in contact with local administration representative in Klaipeda Ms Asta Raugliene. Officially Klaipeda left the CPMR as of July 1, 2010.</p> <p>The nomination of the Danish substitute will arrive during the next week. The person will be representing Region South Denmark.</p> <p>Our representatives from Podlaski had other local engagements but Podlaskie sent their greetings to new and old ExCom members.</p> <p>Remaining, none present, members had already started their summer holidays.</p> <p>The President pointed out that Ms Inger Linge was suggested as a candidate to the position as vice president at the BSC General Assembly in Warnemünde but for technical reasons she was not able to be elected. The technical reasons should be looked into at a later date but for now the capacity of Ms Linge should be used to the benefit of BSC why the President suggest that Ms Linge should be BSC's special contact with the North Sea Commission.</p>
Final decision	<p><i>The BSC Executive Committee was constituted.</i></p> <p><i>The meeting agreed that we shall await Mr Kivimägi's reply and if he renounce his position the issue will be brought to the table of the BSC meeting back-to-back to the CPMR General Assembly.</i></p> <p><i>Ms Inger Linge, Region Stockholm, was appointed BSCs emissary for the North Sea Commission.</i></p>
8 §	<p>Adopting the Minutes</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Appendix 1 Minutes of the Executive Committee in Brussels</i> <i>Appendix 2 Minutes of the Executive Committee in Warnemünde</i></p>
Final decision	<p><i>The minutes of the Executive Committee in Brussels were adopted.</i> <i>The minutes of the Executive Committee in Warnemünde were adopted.</i></p> <p><i>The minutes will be available on the BSC web-page www.balticseacommission.info under the heading Executive Committee'.</i></p>

Opening Statement from the BSC President

Including report from meeting with CPMR Secretary General

President Erik Bergström started by stressing that BSC is facing a series of challenges internally and externally.

Starting out with BSC we need to keep our present members and make them feel more involved. Members must experience the added value of being a part of BSC.

BSC need more members for our legitimacy and financial strength. Regions should like to join as they see the strength and added value of BSC and its link with CPMR. We are the only pan-European / EU lobby organisation in the Baltic Sea Region.

We look for members from all around our area but perhaps in particular in Germany, Poland, Denmark, the Baltic states and Russia - St Petersburg and Kaliningrad, are of importance.

The financial issue and the shift in governmental structure are an obstacle for membership in some regions but together with CPMR Secretary General we will find a solution - perhaps by tying the fee to GDP instead of the size of population.

Regarding the changes in governmental levels in some countries this should not be an obstacle. Already the CPMR Statutes indicate that membership is open to any governmental body at the first level below the parliament level.

There is a window of opportunity now for strengthening the BSC - the lever is the Baltic Sea Strategy. BSC have to be a major player in the implementation process in the Baltic Sea Area. The few regions leading flag ship programmes are our members.

Information:

CPMR / BSC is making a survey of the role of regions in this macro-regional strategy. The CPMR Secretary General can help link us closer to the EU Parliament Group.

From the discussion:

There will be only a shorter ExCom meeting in Aberdeen back-to-back to the CPMR General Assembly.

The full discussion on the new direction of the BSC will be taken at a full-day meeting of the ExCom in December.

Ms Annika Annerby Jansson pointed out the time-factor. Klaipeda need to know how their membership situation could be solved as soon as possible.

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Vice President, Ms Marjatta Vehkaoj stressed that we need time for a brain-storming session. BSC should also add some pressure on the CPMR Secretary General and the to be new elected CPMR President to help us find new members, particularly if we are to address major cities such as St Petersburg.

President Erik Bergkvist agreed and said that he, after his private talks with Ms Marianou, strongly felt that we will receive her support in meetings with potential new members. To this end, and as for further discussions on co-operation and support Mr Bergkvist have invited Ms Marianou to attend our ExCom meeting in December (or the one after that).

It is clear that Ms Marianou, like to have a closer link between CPMR and its geographical Commissions.

Mr Damien Périssé will be a sort of first-line contact between CPMR and BSC though Ms Marianou stress that she is always available for all members.

Also, our incoming Executive Secretary Mr Tamminen may go to Brussels and Rennes for an intern-ship, as may other officers from our member-ship regions (however, office space and accommodations and costs must be carried by the visiting region).

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Mr Per Strömhaug pointed out that we could look for new members through some of the organisations with whom many of us are already associated such as the AER, UBS and BSSSC.

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Ms Inger Linge agreed that it is time to look into how membership fees are calculated.

Further more, BSC need to decide what focus it should have and Ms Linge suggested it ought rather be maritime than peripheral. - President Bergström agreed with this idea. -

Finally, Ms Linge offered Regions Stockholm's assistance in taking contacts with St Petersburg as the Stockholm Region have an agreement with the Swedish Council there.

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Mr Peder Bang suggested that BSC prepare itself for a "marketing" activity, as most of our members, as well as potential members, are likely to meet up at the BSSSC Annual Conference in Tallinn in October, and this would give a good opportunity to talk with present, old as well as potential members.

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Mr Eero Venäläinen offered Uusima Regions help in the contact making with new regions and suggested that also the Leningrad Region could be interesting.

Summary:

- ***BSC need to be a major player in the Baltic Sea Strategy (BSS) implementation process***
- ***BSC need to be stronger as an organisation within the Baltic Sea Region. The first steps towards this is to map our present members - what do they think - and to list potential members.***
- ***CPMR Secretary General, Ms Eleni Marianou is very solution oriented and stand willing and prepared to support us and we shall make use of this offer.***
- ***Mr Damien Périssé will be the contact between CPMR and BSC.***
- ***A major discussion on the new direction of BSC will be taken at the ExCom in December.***

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Report from CPMR Political Bureau in Troms, Norway 11 June

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[Appendix 4 CPMR Work Plan 2010](#)
[Appendix 5 CPMR Change of the Statutes](#)

Summary of the direction of CPMR over the coming five years as suggested in Troms:

- Refocus CPMR's action on its two fundamental missions: *cohesion policy and maritime policy*;
- Promote the introduction of a *model of development based on the principles of sustainable development*;
- Develop and disseminate the policy instruments and technical tools required by a system of *multi-level governance*;
- *Involve the Geographical Commissions*, working groups, and specific seminars more closely in the activities linked to the priorities of the overall strategy;
- Streamline the integration of the European Regions into the *globalisation process*.

Summary:

The meeting was held in a relaxed atmosphere.

CPMR Secretary General, Ms Eleni Marianou received a lot of positive support for her draft five year plan for the CPMR work.

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After the oral recount of the very open and relaxed Political Bureau meeting, by vice president Vehkaoja and the BSC Executive Secretary, a short discussion followed:

Mr Wolf Born presented the report he received of the meeting from Mr Reinhard Boest, representing Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in Troms:

- **The structure of the meeting** did not provide sufficient time for debate with the members as there was too many external speakers.

- Mr Boest also asked what is really behind **DG Regio's Mr Dirk Ahners concept of "to stream-line global integration" and how this tie in with FOGAR** (no answers were given to this rhetorical question).

- Regarding **the five year plan** that was presented Mr Boest had some hesitation as to whether or not BSC does fully agree to the content in particular the strong hope for what macro regional strategies will be able to bring in real terms as well as the "high hopes set for regional involvement in future multi-governal development.

Mr Born stressed that so far there have been no proof of it working.

The **ExCom** general feeling was that there had not been enough time to debate the issue. BSC Executive Secretary pointed out that the final decision will be taken in Aberdeen at the CPMR GA. **VP Vehkaoja** asked if BSC have an alternative. How does our opinion differ? **President Bergqvist** stressed that the idea of macro regions and macro-regional approach and development is new, but interesting, and that it must be given time to prove itself.

	<p>• Mr Boest had also pointed out that the <i>changes of the statutes needed further attention, paragraph 7.1.</i></p> <p>Mr Born explained that as it is written the paragraph 7.1 could lead to that a minority of 25% of the CPMR members could make decisions as the need for proxy voting had not been foreseen.</p> <p>Anne's notes: (That is 2/3 out of 25% of 161 members,). (Dead-line for amendment is 2010-07-10).</p> <p>President Bergkvist and the ExCom agreed that this was not acceptable. At least 50% should be present and proxy voting ought to be possible.</p>
<p>Final decision</p>	<p><i>If there would be a CODIR meeting before the CPMR GA BSC ExCom to have a follow-up phone meeting.</i></p> <p>Regarding changes to the statutes the member-regions feel there was not given enough time to reflect and inform PB representatives of their opinions. If there will be a CODIR meeting before the CPMR GA 2010 the Executive Secretary should circulate additional information to the ExCom that could be followed by a telephone meeting.</p> <p>Anne's Note: There was no CODIR-meeting before the CPMR GA.</p> <p>Amendment of the CPMR Statutes: The Executive Secretary will circulate the latest draft version of the CPMR Statutes.</p> <p>The Executive Committee agreed that at least 50% of CPMR members should be present and proxy voting ought to be possible. Mr Born was assigned to formulate a revised formulation of paragraph 7.1 that the Executive Secretary could mail CPMR Secretary General Ms Marianou right after the meeting and ask for a reaction by July 8, 2010.</p> <p>Anne's Note: Most likely due to the vacation-season there was never a reaction, despite reminders.</p>

The BSC Work Ahead - *Discussions*

*Appendix 6 Activity Plan 2010 adopted in Warnemünde
Appendix 7 Draft Agenda Aberdeen CPMR GA
Appendix 8 Draft Agenda Tallinn 1st BSS Forum*

1 BSC priority areas

At the BSC GA in Warnemünde a Activity Plan was adopted. The ExCom agreed that a revision of this document need more time to prepare. The Action Plan does point to the EUSBSR, sustainability, transport and environment as priority areas which are all still valid.

2 Assignments for the members of the BSC Executive Committee

3 Work groups

Today we have the following BSC thematic work groups; Transport (*Mecklenburg-Vorpommern*), Energy & Climate Change (*Västerbotten*), Fisheries, expert group (Kjell Nybacka (FI) and Rolf Gydemo (SE).

Within CPMR we lead the WG Social Inclusion 'Migration & Integration' (*Skåne*), and we are also active in the WG TEN-T (*Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Västerbotten and South West Finland*), WG Energy (*Västerbotten*), WG Fisheries (*our experts*), WG Fuure of the Objective 3 (WGO3) Territorial Co-operation (*Västragötaland*), WG Employment and Training (*Podlaskie*), WG Mountains, Islands and Sparsely Populated Regions (*Gotland / the BSC Executive Secretary*), WG Aquamarina, Maritime Safety (*Blekinge*).

4 How to include the members in the work

Discussion under heading 2-3-4:

President Bergkvist summarised his goals:

A) The way we work:

- more **involvement of members and other parties**;
- more **work done**;
- a reasonably **active Executive Committee**
- **ExCom members** should be "**rapporteurs**" and responsible to contribute to each Executive Committee meeting (details to be discussed at the next ExCom meeting);
- if the rapporteur feel his topic demand it, e.g. the need to reply to a green book, he/she could form a WG;
- **any member region could lead a WG** (*Anne's note*: in the past there have been a preference to have ExCom members as WG leaders as they could keep the ExCom posted of their work. However, there have in fact been exceptions to this rule such as our Fisheries experts and the Tourist group);
- **WG's should start "with a purpose"** (*Anne's note*: In BSC Vision & Objectives WG's are supposed to deliver their result to the GA and then close unless a new line of action is decided within the same group, such has been the case with the WG Transport and WG Energy);

B) The way we meet:

- we need to meet, to debate, to get to know one-another. This take face-to-face meetings;
- in the past we have at times been to few. We meet our-self to death. There should be in-between, short and focused telephone/web-conference meetings;
- **all members meet once a year at the General Assembly** and the member regions does also have the **option to meet back-to-back with the CPMR General Assembly** (*Anne's note*: However it may not be the same people representing the member regions at a BSC GA and in a CPMR GA);
- in the future we could organise a video-meeting once a year. Or back-to-back with the BSSSC GA, someone suggested, as does for instance B7, as all our members are usually taking part in this event and it could also serve as a good pace to invite new members.

• members need to inform the Executive Secretary in advance if they can't join the ExCom meeting. In case there are less than 50% of the ExCom members that could come an alternative like a phone- or a web-meeting should be considered.

C) The meeting calendar:

- The BSC meeting calendar should be set for a full year in advance;
- The meeting calendar should try to make room for major CPMR events such as the PB, GA and meeting of NSC and IC where double membership exist.

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From the discussion that followed:

VP Vehkaoja suggested that small ad-hoc WG's could be formed around narrow topics. The ad-hoc group would be small and deliver fast.

The trust in video-technology is good but need to be used with caution. The meeting have to be well prepared in advance. Also, in many places it is still expensive to use. Telephone meetings may need the same preparation but is simple to use for all.

Ms Annerby Jansson stressed that we need to meet our members, and events such as the BSSSC Annual Conference leave a good opportunity. However, more important is that BSC is "interesting enough" to attract existing and new members. **BSC must be "worth-while" a member-ship.**

Mr Born suggested the use of **Skyp** for communication in particular if BSC should aim to include more member regions in the commission work.

As for the future line of work we need to **make sure that our members, make their comments** to the circulated CPMR papers.

As for future priorities there are several things we could do, like:

- **find BSC in the CPMR work programme;**
- as the next **EU work programme** arrive, 2011, we should **analyse this;**
- BSC should inquire among the **member regions** how, and with what **resources** they are interested in involving themselves in the BSC work;
- **BSC ought to make our own paper and send them to the CPMR** --- changing the order of matters;
- **three-four member-regions could join** and work on a topic of common interest and after this share with the rest of the BSC members (smaller, more targeted, faster groups);

Ms Annerby Jansson noted that in our Activity Plan, page 2, it state that BSC should answer to **policy papers, etc. circulated from the CPMR, how is this done?**

Executive Secretary Ståhl Mousa replied that the documents are either...

- re-distributed via the BSC Secretariat that receives to the named contact person in each of the member regions. The Executive Secretary usual add details such as what is expected, when a reply have to be at the hand of the Secretariat and when CPMR / EU need it. The Executive Secretary does also remind the contact persons;
- papers in some of the major topics where there are established CPMR and BSC WGs are mailed directly, or via, CPMR - WG - members with a copy to the Executive Secretary.

Ms Bergman agree that we should follow the EU Commission. the Swedish CPMR members made an analysis of the EU2020 and came to the conclusion that the EU2020 and the EUSBSR have similar objectives.

As for Region Stockholm there is an interest to influence the National Reform Program.

The cohesion policy is interesting.

President Bergkvist's comments to what was said in the debate:

- here are many good suggestions as to how BSC could find what topic's to focus but this does also bring on a big work-load on the members and the BSC staff - that we will now see increase to meet the demand;
- the presidium and the BSC staff will have to set out to share the work-load;
- BSC member region civil servants could be encourage to work together, even if not in WG's, as suggested by VP Vehkaoja and Mr Born;
- the key is Ms Annerby Janssons comment "BSC must be worth while a member-ship";

Discussion on BSC WG's:

Mr Born informed that the **BSC WG on Transport** have been very active. A **reply to the TEN-T consultation** will be made at the end of September 2010.

The group as such have been active with several member **regions engaging** themselves.

The TEN-T **will be followed for an additional year** and the group is prepared to monitor and lobby to make the TEN-T remember the input made by CPMR and BSC.

Mr Strømhaug reminded that already at the BSC GA in Bodø, 2007, it was suggested that BSC should have **a group focusing on air-transport**, as this is of vital importance for many BSC member regions. Today big companies only like to serve big hubs.

Ms Annerby Jansson passed the information that also the **BSSSC** have, time and again, been suggested to take on the issue of **air-transport but declined** the idea as it risk too meet with strong disapproval from environmentalists and some political sectors.

President Bergkvist will **leave the chair of the WG on Energy**. How will BSC proceed? Will there be another WG? Please, interested parties are welcome. An alternative is that BS direct all its efforts on the CPMR Inter commission WG on Energy.

This, and the other issues on how to proceed with our **WGs will be further debated at the next ExCom meeting in Helsinki**.

Regarding **air-transport that might in the future be a sub-group** of the WG on Transport.

VP Vehkaoja noted that in **Osterbothnia energy and transport** are much discussed and that there is **Europes strongest energy cluster** in the region, formed around **Wärtsilä Diesel in Oulu**.

Now, Wärtsilä Diesel does organise themselves and will show little interest in CPMR BSC unless we have something to offer. This something could be **our ability to influence the structure of transports**, as creating transport systems take public money.

VP Vehkaoja would like to be a member of the BSC WG on transport (the Executive Secretary will inform the group).

Ms Annerby Jansson gave a short report regarding the **CPMR Inter Commission WG on Social Inclusion**. Ms Annerby Jansson will **discuss the future of the group** with the CPMR Secretary General Ms Marianou at the CPMR GA in Aberdeen.

	<p>5 CPMR General Assembly in Aberdeen 29-30 September 1 October 2010 The debate did continue were it had left of in paragraph 10... Mr Born asked that BSC try to have the items Finance and FOGAR issues moved from Friday afternoon to an earlier session, to better match possible travel arrangements.</p> <p>Election of CPMR President. The picture is not clear enough for the time being but the issue could be discussed at the BSC member meeting in Aberdeen.</p> <p>6 1st Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, Tallinn, 14-15 October</p> <p>Mr Born suggested that maybe the Commission can't be blamed for the fact that only 6 regions are leading EUSBSR flag ship projects.</p> <p>Also, the BSC should offer DG Regio a meeting-place or that we organise a work-shop and make sure that our new BSC President is visible.</p> <p>Mecklenburg-Vorpommern will present the flag-ship project on Tourism.</p> <p>The Executive Committee agreed that, with the high priority President Bergkvist have given the regional involvement in the implementation of the EUSBSR, BSC need to be very active in the Tallinn meeting. The BSC President ought to participate, together with other members.</p> <p>CPMR/BSC have been making a small survey among our member regions to have a first indication on what Baltic Sea Regions think of the strategy implementation so far. DG Regio have shown interest in having this information presented.</p>
<p>Final decision</p>	<p>The BSC Action Plan adopted at the GA in Warnemünde is still valid. A future revision should be given sufficient time and effort and aim for the period 2011-2012.</p> <p>The work and focus of the BSC, including WG's, will be further debated and decided at the next regular ExCom meeting in Helsinki (FI) December 1-2, 2010.</p> <p>The executive secretary will suggest that issues on Finance and FOGAR will be moved to an earlier session at the CPMR GA.</p> <p>The President, the secretaries and interested members should continue to develop BSC activities at the EUSBSR. BSC should be active and visible with highest possible political representation.</p> <p>Added: BSC should be represented by President Bergkvist at the Lahti seminar September 16-17, in order to signal our intention to be a strong player in the Baltic Sea Region. CPMR Message: Other participants, experts, are also welcome.</p>

12 §	<p>The BSC Organisation - Secretariat / Executive Secretary and Private Secretary of the President</p> <p>President Bergkvist explained that the work and position of the Executive Secretary will not change. Uusimaa Region will take the full responsibility for the BSC Secretariat as from January 1, 2011 when Mr Janne Tamminen will take up office. Until then the out-going and in-coming Executive Secretaries should keep in contact to make the transition easy.</p> <p>Ms Ståhl Mousa will be the assistant of the President and is expected to have a number of other tasks to attend, not the least as President Bergkvist envision that the BSC shall enter a very active period.</p>
Final decision	<p>As from January 1st Uusimaa (Helsinki) Region will assume the responsibility to host the BSC Secretariat and Mr Janne Tamminen will be the BSC Executive Secretary.</p> <p>The role of the Private Secretary of the President will be a new one - details to be presented at a later meeting.</p>
13 §	<p>Meeting(s) 2010</p> <p>Note: Wednesday 29 September, 16:00-17.00 - Meeting of the BSC member regions in Aberdeen</p>
Final decision	<p>The BSC Executive Committee Meetings will be held in Helsinki, 1-2 December 2010</p> <p>December 1; A joint dinner in the evening (approx. at 19:00, local time). December 2; ExCom meeting 09:00-15:50, local time.</p> <p>The delegates will receive an invitation to remind them of the event as well as Agenda and relevant documents. All information will also be available on the BSC web-site front-page and under the heading Executive committee prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Meeting calendar for 2011 will be agreed at the Helsinki meeting.</p>
14 §	<p>BSC General Assembly 2011</p> <p>Brief information from Ms Inger Linge:</p> <p>There is not yet any candidates to host the BSC GA 2011. However, Region Stockholm and Uusimaa are discussing the possibility to host a joint GA on the ferry between Stockholm and Helsinki, in commemoration of BSC 15 years of lobbying co-operation.</p> <p>The BSC sprang into existence on a ferry crossing from Helsinki t Mariehamn. The Ferries offer good facilities for conference's, and dinners at affordable prizes. The program could be "extended" at both ends, with activities in Stockholm and Helsinki.</p> <p>Mr Berg, Region Stockholm and Mr Tamminen will look in to the possibilities and make sure reservations are made.</p>
Final decision	<p>The host of the BSC GA 2011 need to be advertised as the BSC Member Regions meet in Aberdeen, 29 September.</p> <p>The date for the GA need to be settled, but should be matched to the availability of the vicinity and the possibility for BSC to invite the new CPMR President and CPMR Secretary General.</p>

15 §	Closing The Session
Final decision	<i>President Erik Bergqvist thanked our host, Region Stockholm for an excellent arrangement. Mr Bergqvist continued by thanking all the delegates for a very constructive meeting, wishing all good summer holidays and looked forward to the future work that all parties are prepared to do for the BSC.</i>

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