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## **15th Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference BSPC** *Northern Dimension and the Oceans and Seas*

Reykjavik 4-5 September 2006  
Hotel Nordica, Reykjavik

### ***DRAFT PROGRAMME***

#### **Saturday, 2 September 2006**

Afternoon and evening      Arrival of participants  
16.00 – 19.00 Registration at Hotel Nordica  
18.30 – 21.00 BSPC Standing Committee

#### **Sunday, 3 September 2006**

08.00 – 09.00 Registration at Hotel Nordica  
09.00 – 17.00 Full-day excursion. Buses leave from all three hotels.  
Afternoon      Continued arrival of participants

17.00 – 19.30 Registration at Hotel Nordica

19.15              *Buses from the hotels*

19.30              Reception at the National Culture House hosted by Ms Valgerður Sverrisdóttir,  
Iceland's Minister for Foreign Affairs

*After the reception buses to the hotels*

#### **Monday, 4 September 2006**

From 08.00      Registration

09.00 – 09.30 Opening of the Conference

*Chair: Arja Alho*

#### **Address by Ms Sólveig Pétursdóttir, President of Althingi**

*Cultural programme*

Greeting by Mr Peter Dimitriev, Chair of the Bulgarian delegation to the PABSEC  
(Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation)

09.30 – 12.00 **FIRST SESSION**

**Co-operation in the Baltic Sea Region**

*Chair: Mr Gennady Khripel*

**Presentation on behalf of the CBSS**

H.E. Christer Persson, Ambassador, Chair of the CBSS CSO

**Report from the BSPC Standing Committee**

Ms Arja Alho, MP, Finland, Chair of the BSPC

**How do we get parliamentarian influence?**

Mr Ole Stavad, President, Nordic Council, MP, Denmark

*10.30 – 11.00*

*Coffee break*

*11.00 – 12.00*

Plenary discussion

*Chair: Kent Olsson*

*12.00 – 13.30*

*Lunch break*

*13.30 – 16.30*

**SECOND SESSION - Oceans and Seas**

*Chair: Mr Valentinas Mazuronis*

**European Maritime Policy and Baltic Sea Marine Strategy**

Mr Berndt Röder, President of the State Parliament of the Free and Hanse City of Hamburg

**HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan**

**Northern Dimension and the oceans and the seas**

Mr Mieczyslaw S Ostojki, Chairman of HELCOM

**Greenhouse gases and marine ecosystems**

Mr Jón Ólafsson, Expert at Iceland's Marine Research Institute

**Ecological problems of the Baltic Sea**

Mr Valery Gravchev, MP, State Duma, Russia

**Algal Blooming – a Baltic Sea Distress Signal**

**Midterm Report from the Working Group on Eutrophication of the Baltic Sea**

Mr Asmund Kristoffersen, MP, Norway, Chair of the Working Group on Eutrophication

**Icelandic Fisheries Management System**

Mr Árni Múli Jónsson, Iceland's Ministry of Fisheries

*15.00 – 15.30*

*Coffee break*

15.30 – 16.30 Plenary Discussion  
*Chair: Ms Dorota Arciszewaska-Mielewczyk*

**17.00 – 19.00** *Extended Standing Committee*

19.45 *Buses from the hotels to Restaurant PERLAN*

20.00 *Dinner at Restaurant PERLAN hosted by the Speaker of the Althingi, Ms Sólveig Pétursdóttir*

*After the dinner buses to the hotels*

**Tuesday, 5 September 2006**

**08.00 – 08.30** *Extended Standing Committee (if needed)*

**08.45 – 11.00** **THIRD SESSION – Northern Dimension Policy**

*Chair: Mr Franz Thönnnes*

**Northern Dimension - enhancing fruitful co-operation**

Mr Tauno Pesola, Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland,  
Member of the CBSS CSO

**European Parliament and the Northern Dimension**

Ms Diana Wallis, MEP

**Russia as a partner in Northern Dimension**

Mr Dmitry Polanskiy, Chief of Division, Department of European Co-  
operation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russia

**Social Dimension and Labour Market issues of the Northern  
Dimension**

Mr Kristjan Vaigur, Secretary General of BASTUN

**Labour market issues and the Northern Dimension**

Mr Kazimierz Kuberski, Vice-Minister of Labour and Social Policy

09.45 – 10.30 Plenary discussion  
*Chair: Mr Alexandr Orgolaynen*

10.30 -11.00 Adoption of the Final Document and Closing of the Conference  
*Chair: Mr Alexandr Orgolaynen*

11.00 *Bus to Keflavik Airport*

11.15 Press Conference

12.00 *Lunch*

Afternoon departures

For those staying there will be a sightseeing tour of Reykjavik at 14.00 – 16.00 hrs.