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## INVITATION

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sub-Regional Conference on *The High North – Environment, Security and Co-operation***

The Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE and the Storting (Norwegian Parliament) are honoured to invite you to the 4<sup>th</sup> Sub-Regional Conference on the *High North – Environment, Security and Co-operation*, which will take place on 12-13 May 2005 in Tromsø, Norway. The Conference will be followed by a sightseeing tour of the Polaria wildlife centre and surroundings of Tromsø on 14 May.

The Conference will consist of audiovisual presentations, speeches and panel discussions on four sub-topics of global concern: climate change, nuclear waste management, pollution, and petroleum exploration, all with particular relevance to the Arctic. The Conference will bring together Parliamentarians, Government ministers, leading scientists, and other important stake-holders from various OSCE countries.

The Conference is hosted by the Storting and organised jointly by the Norwegian Delegation to the OSCE PA and the OSCE PA International Secretariat.

Please find attached the general information document and reservation forms for the Conference. The draft programme will be sent to you shortly.

We look forward to welcoming you in Tromsø.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of Alcee L. Hastings in black ink.

**Alcee L. Hastings**  
President of the OSCE  
Assembly

Handwritten signature of Bjørn Hernæs in black ink.

**Bjørn Hernæs**  
Head of the Norwegian Parliamentary  
Delegation to the OSCE PA,