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The President

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Dato 31/5-10 kl.

Mr Thor Pedersen  
President of the Parliament of Denmark  
Folketinget, Christiansborg  
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308598 26.05.2010

Dear President,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region (CPAR) will be held in the European Parliament in Brussels from 13 to 15 September 2010. As Denmark is a member of the Arctic Council, your parliament is kindly invited to appoint a delegation to this event, which will constitute a major opportunity to enhance our dialogue on the many challenges the Arctic region is confronted with.

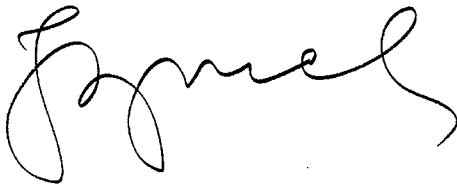
Today, nowhere is the impact of global warming on peoples, ecosystems and economies more visible than in the circumpolar North. In this context, international cooperation must be strengthened if we are to manage and adapt to these changes effectively. The Conference will therefore include representatives from the national parliaments of the Arctic Council member states, the European Parliament, indigenous peoples' organisations and observers from the relevant international organisations.

Three major themes will be addressed, including the sustainable use of living resources, cooperation in education and research and the consequences of melting ice. At the end of the meeting, recommendations will be addressed to the governments of the participating countries, the Arctic Council and other international organisations.

It would be appreciated if your services could inform the secretariat of the European Parliament of the composition of your delegation (responsible officers: Mr Benjamin Rey, [benjamin.rey@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:benjamin.rey@europarl.europa.eu), tel.: +32-2-283-8113, and Ms Annie d'Agosto, [annie.dagosto@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:annie.dagosto@europarl.europa.eu), tel.: +32-2-284-3793).

Let me finally express the hope that you will be able to reply positively to this invitation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jerzy Buzek', written in a cursive style.

**Jerzy BUZEK**

Annex: draft programme of the Conference



CONFERENCE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE ARCTIC REGION

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THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE ARCTIC REGION

Programme (draft - 30/04/2010)

**Ninth Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region**

Venue: The European Parliament, Brussels

Date: 13-15 September 2010

**13 September**

Meeting of the Standing Committee (SCPAR)

Meeting between SCPAR and observers

15.00 **Opening of the Conference**

16.30 **Sustainable use of living resources in the Arctic**

18.30 End of day 1

18.30 Meeting Drafting Committee

20.00 Dinner hosted by the European Parliament

**14 September**

08.30 Meeting Drafting Committee

09.30 **Cooperation in education and research - the legacy of the International Polar Year**

10.30 Break

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Excursion/social event

**15 September**

08.30 Meeting Drafting Committee

09.30 **The melting ice – consequences**

10.30 Break

12.00 Adoption of the Conference Statement  
Closing of the Conference \_\_\_\_\_

12.30 SCPAR-meeting