



Ministry of sport, tourism and youth policy of the Russian Federation

**Protocol of the 29th meeting
of the Working Group on Youth Policy
of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council
23 September 2009, Murmansk**

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Participants:

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Chair: Mr Roman Aleksandrov
Secretary: Ms Nadezhda Karkach

1-3. Opening of the Meeting. Adoption of the agenda

The Chair opened the 29th meeting of the Working Group on Youth Policy (WGYP).

The protocol of the previous meeting (September 3, Murmansk) was approved.

The proposed agenda was adopted.

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Approve the protocol of the previous meeting
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. The Declaration of the Conference
5. The draft programme and the practical issues of the Conference
6. Work of afternoon sessions
7. Date and venue of the next meeting in Sweden

4. The Declaration of the Conference

Mr. Hansen has presented the draft of declaration prepared on the basis of Russian text. The WGYP has found a suitable wording for the paragraph concerning the future work of the BYCO. It was confirmed that the Declaration would be adopted by all BEAC member countries in the format of joint summary. The Declaration is a result of work of WGYP, it shouldn't be discussed by other participants during the Conference. The opinion of youth is maintained in the Archangelsk declaration

and in the results of working groups. The youth Archangelsk declaration is a background paper.

5. The draft programme and the practical issues of the Conference

The Russian representatives presented the Programme draft. The WGYF has discussed and confirmed the attached Programme of the Conference.

The WGYF has mentioned a big amount of participants from Norwegian and Russian counties of the Barents region.

The WGYF was informed that the Conference will be chaired by Mr. Boris Gusev.

The heads of the delegations will take part in the Pressconference.

The Russian Ministry will issue a brochure on 2 languages.

6. Work of afternoon sessions

The WGYF has appointed the moderators of the group sessions. The members have discussed the results of the afternoon sessions. The recommendations, concrete steps and proposals, could be done in each topic could be as the results of the work. The moderators should ask the youth to estimate the current situation. Every group should have a reporter.

The planned afternoon session “Youth and Environmental challenges in the Barents Region” was discussed. The responsible for this session person, Mrs. Bente Christiansen the representative from the BEAC Working Group on Environment couldn't come because of the illness. That's why the content of this group was changed and focused more on youth participation with saving environmental issues. The name of new group has become: “Youth participation and role of youth organizations in the development of society. Environmental challenges in the Barents Region.”

7. Date and venue of the next meeting in Sweden

The next WGYF meeting will be held in Stockholm, preliminary dates are 16-17 November 2009. The issues will be: budget for 2010, BYCO financial report, cooperation with Regional working group.