

**Meeting of Senior Arctic Officials**  
**Tórshavn**  
**19-20 October 2010**  
**FINAL DRAFT AGENDA**

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. Welcoming Remarks
- 1.2. Introduction to Tórshavn and Social Events
- 1.3. Introduction of new SAOs, PP HoDs
- 1.4. Approval of the Agenda
- 1.5. Approval of Ad-hoc Observers

### Thematic Areas

## 2. Administrative Issues/ Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Arctic Council

- 2.1. **Communication and outreach.** (Chair of the Contact Group to present)

Background: At the last SAO meeting in April the Contact Group presented its findings in the background paper *Analysis of the Arctic Council Communications and Outreach*. SAOs supported the group's work and instructed that the group continued its work developing a final report with recommendations. The Contact Group has worked over the summer and the Chair will present the findings and recommendations.

Action: The contact group is asking SAOs for the following decisions:

- To approve the draft Arctic Council Communications and Outreach Guidelines;
- To approve the objectives and recommended elements that will guide the development of a strategic communications and outreach plan; and
- To approve the process to develop the strategic communications plan.

Documentation: 1) Draft Arctic Council Communications and Outreach Guidelines (AC-SAO-OCT10- 2.1 a) 2) The Executive Summary of the Report on Elements of a Strategic Communications Plan (AC-SAO-OCT10- 2.1 b)

Additional documents for **information** - SAOs will find more detailed information in the three final reports of the Communications and Outreach contact group:

- I. Report on Draft AC Communications and Outreach Guidelines (AC-SAO-OCT10-2.1c)
- II. Report on Elements of a Strategic Communications Plan (AC-SAO-OCT10-2.1d)
- III. Recommendations concerning websites (AC-SAO-OCT10-2.1e)

## **2.2. Lessons to be learned from the Deputy Ministers' Meeting/Information Day**

Background: The first formal Deputy Minister's Meeting and Information Day in the history of the Arctic Council was held in Copenhagen 27-28 May 2010. The Chair will give a short report of the meetings and invite delegates to discuss and evaluate the added value of the meetings.

Action: SAOs may wish to give an evaluation of the first Deputy Minister's Meeting and Information Day of the Arctic Council.

<p><u>Documentation:</u> Final Report from the Deputy Minister's Meeting 27 May 2010 (AC-SAO-OCT10-2.2)</p>
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## **3. Climate Change**

### **3.1. SWIPA -Climate Change and the Cryosphere – Snow, Water, Ice and Permafrost in the Arctic (AMAP to present)**

Background: SWIPA is one of the major deliverables for the 2011 Ministerial meeting. The SWIPA project will deliver a science report on which a layman style report and three films will be based. At the last SAO meeting in April 2010 SAOs were updated on the status of the SWIPA project. SAOs approved AMAP's proposed plans and timelines for finalization of SWIPA including the elaboration of science-based policy relevant recommendations by the AMAP WG in a procedure allowing for national consultations. Since the last SAO meeting, the peer review of the science report has been completed, an outline of the layman's report has been established and production of the films is in progress.

Action: SAOs are requested to review documentation and comment on progress and plans for finalization.

<p><u>Documentation.</u> AMAP Progress Report (AC-SAO-OCT10-AMAP)</p>
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### **3.2. Short-lived Climate Forcers – (Co-Chairs of the Task Force to present)**

Background: At the last SAO meeting in April the progress plan for the work with the Task Force report to Ministers in May 2011 was approved by SAOs. The Deputy Ministers at their meeting in May supported the work and also gave some guidance on the way forward. The Task Force has continued its work over the summer and will give a progress report to SAOs. In addition, AMAP will provide a brief report on the work of the AMAP SLCFs Experts Group and how it is being integrated with the work of the Task Force.

Action: SAOs may wish to comment on the Task Force progress, and give further guidance and comments to the plan for its work leading up to the Ministerial meeting in May 2011.

Documentation: Report from the SCLF Task Force (AC-SAO-OCT10-3.2)

### **3.3. Short Lived Climate Forcers and Contaminants Project Steering Group (SLCFC PSG) – (ACAP to present as new proposal)**

Background: The topic of black carbon and other short-lived climate forcers was extensively discussed at the 2009 Ministerial Meeting in Tromsø, Norway, where ministers “urge(d) implementation of early actions where possible on methane and other short-lived climate forcers”. Encouragement was also provided at the Deputy Ministers meeting, 27 May 2010. In light of the importance of this issue and the need for early action, ACAP has developed and agreed on terms of reference for a Project Steering Group (PSG) on short lived climate forcers that would focus its initial work on black carbon projects and work in a complementary fashion with the Short Lived Climate Forcers Task Force (SLCF TF) and the AMAP SLCF expert group. Following endorsement by the SAOs, ACAP is prepared to convene the first meeting of the project steering group which will develop initial project proposal(s) and undertake initial project activities.

Action: SAOs might wish to endorse establishment of an ACAP PSG on short lived climate forcers and contaminants that will focus on early action projects on black carbon and request the PSG to develop initial project proposal(s) and activities.

Documentation: Terms of Reference for Short Lived Climate Forcers Contaminants Project Steering Group (SLCFC PSG) (AC-SAO-OCT10- 3.3)

### **3.4. COP 16 in Mexico (SAO Chair)**

Background: In Ilulissat, it was decided that the Chair was to explore options for AC representation/side event in Mexico during the COP 16. The Chair will now report on the result of this exploration.

Action: The SAOs might wish to explore the option of issuing a statement from the Arctic Council to the COP 16.

## **4. Biodiversity**

### **4.1. The Arctic Biodiversity Assessment (CAFF to present)**

Background: CAFF will provide an update on the the current status and progress made in the scientific assessment. The SAOs in Ilulissat in April 2010 noted that the Arctic Council should consider the key findings from the Arctic Biodiversity Trends 2010 report and

consider how they should respond to them. The SAOs also stressed that follow-up on the report was important and in response to this request CAFF will outline the follow-up and response being developed to the Arctic Biodiversity Trends 2010 report.

Action: For information on status and progress, and comments, as appropriate.

<p><u>Documentation:</u> The Arctic Biodiversity Trends 2010: selected indicators of change report (AC-SAO-OCT10-4.1). Key findings from the report – download here: <a href="#">English</a> – <a href="#">Russian</a></p>
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## 5. Human Development

### 5.1. Survey of Living Conditions in the Arctic: Inuit, Sámi and the Indigenous peoples of Chukotka (SLiCA) (SDWG to present)

Background: The objectives of SLiCA have been to measure living conditions in a way relevant to Arctic residents; document and compare the present state of living conditions among the indigenous peoples of the Arctic; improve the understanding of living conditions to the benefit of Arctic residents; and, to provide local, regional, national, and international organizations an improved basis for decision-making. The SLiCA project has from the very beginning been developed in a partnership between researchers including indigenous scholars and representatives of Inuit and Sámi. SLiCA's phase I (the development of an international core questionnaire to be used among Inuit, Sami and the indigenous peoples of Chukotka and the Kola Peninsula) is well documented in a number of scientific articles and conference papers. SLiCA's phase II (validation of data, data entry, processing of data and analyses) was split into two parts. In March 2007 the first comprehensive report based on more than 7.000 personal interviews among the Inuit was released. The report consists of a Review article, almost 600 tables and the international SLiCA questionnaire ([www.arcticlivingconditions.org](http://www.arcticlivingconditions.org)). The second part of phase II consisted of almost 1.000 personal interviews in the Norwegian, Swedish and Kola Peninsula part of Sápmi in 2008. It is now possible to report findings and survey results from all SLiCA regions.

Action: SAOs may wish to formally conclude Phase II of SLiCA. Furthermore to comment and give guidance on future developments and follow up of the SLiCA project.

<p><u>Documentation:</u> Status of SLiCA-publications and -presentations at conferences, August 2010(AC-SAO-OCT10-5.1); CD-ROM containing tables organised parallel to the Arctic Social Indicators comparing living conditions of the Inuit and the Sámi (to be distributed at the meeting)</p>
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### 5.2. Status update on SDWG strategic planning, projects and activities (SDWG to present)

Background: The SDWG fall 2010 meeting is taking place in Ilulissat 2-3 October 2010. The SDWG Chair will provide a brief update on the outcome of this meeting.

Action: For information on status and progress, and comments, as appropriate.

## 6. Oceans

### 6.1. The Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment Recommendations (PAME to present)

Background: Activities of the AMSA follow-up matrix as coordinated by PAME are progressing with reference to status and lead/co-lead responsibilities to date. PAME has agreed to produce an AMSA status report for the 2011 Ministerial meeting.

Action: For information on status and progress, and comments, as appropriate.

<u>Documentation:</u> 1) Presentation on the status of AMSA follow-up activities (AC-SAO-OCT10-6.1) and 2) PAME Progress Report to SAOs (AC-SAO-OCT10-PAME)
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### 6.2. Arctic Ocean Review (PAME to present)

Background: At the last SAO meeting, SAOs requested they be closely consulted during the process of finalizing AOR Phase 1. PAME will report on progress to date, including on the outcome from the expert workshop in Washington 13 September 2010.

Action: SAOs may wish to comment the Phase 1 draft report and approve the plans for finalization of the AOR project.

<u>Documentation:</u> Draft Arctic Ocean Review (AOR) Project Phase I Report (version from August 13 <sup>th</sup> ) (AC-SAO-OCT10-6.2 a) Workshop report from Washington (AC-SAO-OCT10-6.2 b)
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### 6.3. SAR Taskforce (Task Force co-chairs to present)

Background: Since the last SAO meeting, the SAR Task Force was discussed at the Deputy Ministers Meeting, and the Task Force has met twice. The SAR Task Force co-chairs will give a brief update on progress and outline the plan for finalization process of the work.

Action: For information on status and progress, and comments, as appropriate.

<u>Documentation:</u> none
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**6.4. Behavior of Oil and other Hazardous Substances in Arctic waters (BoHaSa) project (EPPR to present)**

Background: the BoHaSa project was developed in response to a request in the Salekhard Declaration to synthesize knowledge and expertise on the behavior of oil and other hazardous substances in Arctic waters and to promote the development and use of technologies and working methods that improve the capability to respond to accidents. The BoHaSa project, led by Norway, analyzes how properties of hazardous noxious substances (HNS) (e.g., physical state; density; solubility; vapor pressure) will behave when exposed to temperatures prevalent in the Arctic and the associated implications and impacts on the response to spills involving HNS. The BoHaSa project has already yielded two conclusions: 1) that more information is needed about the amount and type of HNS traffic in the Arctic so that trends can be developed; and 2) that the greatest risk to the Arctic comes not from traffic originating or ending in the Arctic region, but from shipments that are simply passing through Arctic waters. Transshipments through Arctic waters are of particular concern because ships that are simply passing through are not obligated to report the nature of their cargo to any of the countries where they do not make a stop. Comments on the draft report provided by November 1 will be addressed during the EPPR meeting November 8-9 in Washington, D.C. A final document will be circulated to SAOs for comment by the end of the year.

Action: SAOs may wish to comment on the draft report and advise EPPR on the process to finalize the report for the Ministerial meeting in 2011.

Documentation: draft of the *Behavior of oil and other hazardous substances in Arctic waters (BoHaSa) Report* (AC-SAO-OCT10- 6.4)

**6.5. Arctic Ocean Acidification (AMAP to present)**

Background: Ocean acidification is a significant world-wide environmental issue and the Arctic is particularly sensitive to its impacts. AMAP will report on progress to date on developing a proposal, based on the Tromsø Declaration, to conduct a scientific assessment dealing with observations and potential impacts of Arctic Ocean Acidification (AOA) related to climate change for delivery to Ministers in 2013. An AMAP experts' workshop was conducted in Tromsø in May 2010 to develop a plan to conduct an AOA assessment.

Action: It is suggested that SAOs support the work to date by AMAP on AOA and welcome AMAP's proposal to conduct an AOA assessment for delivery under the Swedish Chairmanship of the AC.

Documentation: AMAP Progress Report (AC-SAO-OCT10-AMAP)

## 7. Contaminants

### 7.1. The Strategic Action Program for the Protection of the Russian Arctic Environment (SAP-Arctic). Cooperation in implementation (*Russia to present*).

Background. The National Plan of Action (NPA) for the Protection of Marine Environment from anthropogenic pollution in the Arctic Region of the Russian Federation was acknowledged by the Arctic Council as an important component of the Regional Program of Action for the Protection of Arctic Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (RPA). As a result of the Russian Federation fruitful cooperation in 2005-2010 with UNEP, GEF, USA, Canada, Iceland, NEFCO and some other organizations, the Strategic Action Program for Protection of the Russian Arctic Environment (SAP-Arctic) has been developed. Based on pre-investment studies, a package of priority investment projects for environment remediation has been prepared and a number of demo and pilot projects have been realized. The Russian Federation in collaboration with USA, UNEP and NEFCO is preparing proposals on cooperation in implementation of the SAP-Arctic, realization of investment projects, as well as new demo and pilot projects. The Arctic states and interested international financial institutions are invited to this cooperation.

Action. It is suggested that SAOs might welcome the concept of the Russian Federation Project “SAP-Arctic Implementation” and proposals on development of an extensive program of environmental cooperation in the Arctic region “Arctic Agenda 2020”, as well as call the AC member states and all interested parties to participate in preparation and implementation of this project and program.

<p><u>Documentation.</u> 1) SAP-Arctic (AC-SAO-OCT10-7.1 a) 2) Proposal for the “GEF- Russian Federation Partnership on Sustainable Environmental Management in the Arctic (“Arctic Agenda 2020”) (AC-SAO-OCT10-7.1 b)</p>
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### 7.2. Development of the Integrated Hazardous Waste Management Strategy (ACAP to present)

Background: The development of an Integrated Hazardous Waste Management Strategy (IHWMS) was first identified in the 2006 Arctic Council Ministerial declaration (Salekhard) and later repeated in the 2009 Tromsø declaration. The overall objective of this Project is to develop an IHWMS for selected Northern regions of the Russian Federation, aimed at improving waste management practices in order to decrease the negative impact on the Arctic environment from hazardous waste streams. The IHWMS should set forth recommendations for future waste management system(s) for the selected region(s), based on a few selected waste streams, including identification of the waste producer(s) (industry) and other stakeholders, storage, collection, transportation and environmentally sound destruction of the waste.

Action: SAOs might wish to welcome the work to date by ACAP on IHWMS and endorse ACAP's proposed Terms of Reference for the IHWMS Project steering Group, which will conduct IHWMS activities and invite Arctic Council's Members/Observers, PPs and experts to participate in IHWMS activities.

Documentation: Terms of Reference/project description of the IHWMS project steering group (AC-SAO-OCT10-7.2)

### **7.3. Indigenous Peoples Contaminants Action Program (ACAP to present)**

Background: Industrial development of the Arctic has been accompanied by waste accumulation that represents a growing threat to safety and health of some of the Arctic residents and indigenous peoples especially. The Permanent Participants of the Arctic Council have proposed the elaboration of the Indigenous Peoples Community Action Program (IPCAP) „to develop partnership with ACAP to identify and remove local sources of contamination and improve the environmental condition in indigenous communities“. The decision was taken to establish the IPCAP PSG with the goal of IPCAP to enhance involvement of Arctic indigenous peoples communities in reducing exposure and impact of contaminants in their communities. The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the IPCAP project steering group was adopted by ACAP members at its working group meeting in September this year. The coordination of the PSG will be organized by co-chairs, one from the PPs and one from Arctic Council Member States.

Action: SAOs might wish to welcome the work to date by ACAP on IPCAP PSG and endorse the ToR for the IPCAP PSG, which will conduct IPCAP activities and invite Arctic Council's Members/Observers, PPs and experts to participate in IPCAP activities.

Documentation: Terms of Reference of the IPCAP PSG, approved by ACAP and accepted by PPs (AC-SAO-OCT10-7.3)

### **7.4. Report from NERPA emergency response exercise (EPPR to present)**

Background: EPPR sponsored the conduct of an emergency exercise at the Nerpa Shipyard near Murmansk, in the Russian Federation. The scenario involved a simulated leak of radioactive material during the dismantlement of the reactor compartment. In the exercise, response forces provided timely response and took appropriate mitigation actions to protect workers and the public. EPPR representatives from Norway, Finland, Sweden and the United States observed the exercise.

Action: For information purposes

Documentation: None

### **7.5. AMAP Mercury Assessment and UNEP Global Mercury Negotiations - 2nd meeting of Inter-governmental Negotiating Committee (INC-2) (AMAP to present)**

Background: At the Ilulissat meeting, SAOs supported AMAP's mercury work in support of the UNEP global negotiations. They also urged the Arctic states to take a strong position at the first meeting of the Global Mercury negotiations held in Stockholm in early June (INC-1) and complete the negotiations by 2013, as envisioned. It was further concluded that the Arctic Council needs to strive actively to influence the outcome of international transboundary pollution issues that are of direct concern to the Arctic region.

AMAP's mercury assessment report is planned to be presented at the 2011 Arctic Council Ministerial meeting. At INC-1, Arctic countries met informally and agreed that the AMAP mercury assessment report would be a useful document to inform the global negotiations. They further supported the idea to produce a 1-2 page summary document of key findings from the mercury assessment which could be released at INC-2 to be held in January 2011 in Japan.

Action: SAOs may wish to again provide their strong support for AC countries to play a key role at INC-2. They may also support the preparation by AMAP of a brief summary document of key scientific findings from the AMAP mercury assessment to be released at INC-2.

Documentation. AMAP Progress Report (AC-SAO-OCT10-AMAP)

#### **7.6 Development of an UNEP/AMAP Report on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and Climate Change for delivery to COP-5 of the Stockholm Convention on POPs (AMAP to present)**

Background: A recommendation was put forward by the Coordinating Group of the Global Monitoring Plan under the Stockholm Convention on POPs to assess the influences of climate change on POPs trends in the environment. AMAP was asked by the Stockholm Convention Secretariat to assist in producing a science and policy document on Climate Change and Persistent Organic Pollutants based on the completion of the AMAP POPs Assessment in 2009 (in Arctic Pollution 2009) and peer-reviewed publications in 2010. AMAP experts are now directly involved in the development and review of the science report and the associated policy relevant recommendations. It is the intention of the Stockholm Convention Secretariat to prepare a paper, supported by the detailed science report, by December 2010 for presentation at COP-5 of the Stockholm Convention on POPs to be held in Geneva in April 2011.

Action: SAOs may wish to support the work of AMAP in assisting the Stockholm Convention Secretariat in producing a science report on climate change and POPs by December 2010.

Documentation. AMAP Progress Report (AC-SAO-OCT10-AMAP)

## **7.7 Update on The Project Support Instrument (PSI) (presented by NEFCO)**

**Background:** Arctic Council Project Support Instruments (PSI) Guidelines, approved by the SAOs, on 7 April, 2005, requires that the Funds Manager (NEFCO) shall semi-annually present a report to the SAOs about the activities of the PSI. The previous report was provided to the April 2010 SAO Meeting. The PSI Trust Fund with contributions from Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden; interest and bank cost, as of 31 December 2009, stands at a total of EURO 739 800.39. Since the April Update to SAO, the Russian Federation Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) has informed that its contingent contribution had been approved with respect to the concerned RF Ministries and domestic legislation and included in the 2010 Federal Budget. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs during summer 2010 has submitted the PSI documents to the Prime Minister for the decree to enable Russia's participation in the PSI. In parallel, the MNRE has shortlisted the potential organizations that could act as the Russian Executing Agency (REA) that shall be selected when the Prime Minister's Decree is in place. The three organizations currently shortlisted are:

- NPAF (National Pollution Abatement Facility)
- Polar Fund
- Ecobezopasnost (Ecosafety)

Upon signing of the Contributor's Agreement with Russia and deposit of the RF contribution, NEFCO will proceed with making PSI operational, including its contribution of EURO 450 000, and call for convening the first PSI Committee meeting, tentatively during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2010.

**Action:** SAOs may wish to note NEFCO's Report on the PSI and status of contributions and pledges as contained in the document NEFCO PSI Update to SAO Draft 2010-09-16; and to invite Parties to consider contributing to the PSI and encourage Parties that have pledged to deposit their contributions with the Fund Manager to enable the Fund Instrument to become operational during 2010.

**Documentation:** NEFCO PSI Update to SAOs (AC-SAO-OCT10-7.7)

## **8 Data, Observations and Monitoring**

### **8.1 SAON – Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks. (AMAP to present)**

**Background:** Since the last SAO meeting, SAON was reviewed at the Deputy Ministers Meeting, a SAON Data Management workshop was held, and the SAON Steering Group has met twice. A draft Plan for Initiation of SAON Operations will be presented to SAOs in fall 2010 to obtain initial response to a proposal for an "institutional framework" and a list of potential SAON activities for the initial operational phase.

**Action:** SAOs are requested to review the documentation and offer initial views on feasibility of proposed actions.

**Documentation:** 1) Draft Plan for Initiation of SAON Operations (AC-SAO-OCT10-8.1)

## **8.2 CBMP - Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Programme (CAFF to present)**

Background: CAFF will present to SAOs the following news from the Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Programme: 1) Arctic Marine Biodiversity Monitoring Plan – CAFF's expert monitoring group on the marine environment is completing the Arctic marine biodiversity monitoring plan. CAFF will ask the SAOs for an intercessional review for the Marine Monitoring plan. 2) Community Monitoring – report on *Bering sea Sub-network (BSSN) Phase 1* and on the *Community monitoring handbook*

Action: SAOs may wish to agree to the requested intercessional review period for the Marine Monitoring Plan and to comment the progress report as appropriate.

<u>Documentation:</u> Community Monitoring Handbook (AC-SAO-OCT10-8.2)
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## **8.3 The Arctic Spatial Data Infrastructure (ASDI) (CAFF to present)**

Background: In their November 2009 meeting SAOs endorsed the ASDI project. Greenland has through CAFF taken lead of the ASDI project and will facilitate and coordinate the development of the Arctic SDI with the other Arctic Council working groups. CAFF will also supply regular reports to the Senior Arctic Officials on the status and progress of the Arctic SDI. Directly prior to the SAO meeting a kick off workshop for the project is being held in Brussels. CAFF will report on this and outline the project organization and the coming years activities for the ASDI project.

Action: For information on status and progress, and comments, as appropriate.

<u>Documentation:</u> pending
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## **9 IPY Legacy**

### **9.1 Report of outcome from the IPY Legacy workshop in Oslo in June 2010 (Norway and AMAP to present)**

Background: The IPY Legacy workshop, arranged by Norway and supported by both the AC and the ATCM, took place in Oslo 9 June 2010. At the Ilulissat meeting in April, AMAP was requested by SAOs to provide its input on the outcomes from the IPY Legacy workshop from an AC Perspective. A presentation will be given by Norway and AMAP.

Action: SAOs to discuss and agree on course of action based on input from Norway and AMAP.

Documentation: Report from the Workshop on the legacy of the International Polar Year (AC-SAO-OCT10-9.1)

## 10 Working Group Administration

### 10.1 Working Group Progress Reports

Background: Working Group Progress Reports contain information on project progress and outcomes intended for Ministers, including special issues for SAO consideration.

Action: SAOs are asked to refer to the Working Group reports for progress on projects which are not being presented, and raise questions to the Working Groups if needed under this agenda item.

Documentation: Working Group Progress Reports:  
ACAP Report to SAOs (AC-SAO-OCT10-ACAP)  
AMAP Report to SAOs (AC-SAO-OCT10-AMAP)  
CAFF Report to SAOs (AC-SAO-OCT10-CAFF)  
EPPR Report to SAOs (AC-SAO-OCT10-EPPR)  
PAME Report to SAOs (AC-SAO-OCT10-PAME)  
SDWG Report to SAOs (AC-SAO-OCT10-SDWG)

### 10.2 Revised AMAP Strategic Framework (AMAP to present)

Background: At the Ilulissat meeting, SAOs requested that they approve all revised WG Strategic plans. AMAP has undertaken an extensive internal and external review process, conducted wide consultations and produced a significantly revised Strategic Framework. The framework sets out a forward-looking strategic plan for AMAP's future activities with key partners.

Action: Approval by SAOs of AMAP's revised Strategic Framework.

Documentation: 1) Revised AMAP Strategic Framework and (AC-SAO-OCT10-10.2 a) 2) External Review Team's Report to AMAP (AC-SAO-OCT10-10.2 b).

## 11 Any other business

### 11.1 Report from the Ninth Conference of Parliamentarians from the Arctic Region 13-15 September 2010 in Brussels

Background: The Secretary General of SCPAR will give a brief update on the work of SCPAR and mainly the outcome of the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region in the European Parliament, Brussels 13-15 September 2010.

Action: For information purposes

Documentation: Statement from the Ninth Conference of Parliamentarians from the Arctic Region (AC-SAO-OCT10-11.1)

**11.2 Next meeting** (including need for an extra SAO meeting before the Ministerial)

## 12 ANNEX:

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**1. Documents for information purposes** *(to be posted on website for reference, when available)*

- CBMPs Marine Monitoring Plan
- Proceedings of the Fifth International Workshop: CAFF. Circumboreal Vegetation Mapping (CBVM) Workshop. CAFF Technical Report
- Panarctic checklist of lichens and lichenicolous fungi. CAFF Technical Report
- Bering sea Sub-network (BSSN) report on Phase 1. CAFF Technical Report
- Community Based Monitoring Handbook: lessons from the Arctic. CAFF Technical Report