FIRST ARCTIC COUNCIL MINISTERIAL MEETING

IQALUIT

SEPTEMBER 17 - 18, 1998

AGENDA

Thursday, 17 September

0830   Ministers depart Ottawa
(chartered Airbus, all details of flights and other logistical arrangements
have been discussed with local missions/delegations)

1140   Arrival in Iqaluit
(Ministers will be met by small welcoming party, arrangements have
been made for vehicles to move delegations and baggage to assigned
hotels)

1200   Meetings with delegations
(each delegation will meet privately and, as appropriate, make
arrangements for lunch)

1245-1345  Ministers participate in meeting/briefing with GNWT/Nunavut
officials and Indigenous leaders
(meeting will take place at Nunavut Tourism Centre, delegations will be
represented by Ministers + 1, light refreshments will be served)

1400-1430  Formal opening of First Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting
- welcoming address by Chair
(remaining items below are procedural since all items would have prior
Ministerial approval)
  • designation of the first and second chair of the meeting
  • approval of the agenda
  • adoption of the Rules of Procedure
  • adoption of the Arctic Council Terms of Reference for a Sustainable
    Development Program
  • approval of Observers and new Permanent Participants to the Arctic
    Council

1430-1630  Opening statements by Ministers and Permanent Participants

1630-1715  Observer statements
1715-1745  Statement by Chairs of Working Groups  
(CAFF, PAME, EPPR and AMAP)

1830  Reception and cultural event  
(hosted by Minister Axworthy)

2000  Official dinner  
(hosted by Minister Axworthy)

Friday, 18 September

0830-1000  Ministerial Perspectives  
(private roundtable session with Permanent Participants)

1000-1100  Setting the agenda: future priorities and projects  
• SAO report  
  (consideration and discussion)  
• new proposals and other matters  
• adoption of SAO report

1100-1200  Closing session  
• summation by Chairperson  
• selection of next host state, including statement by Minister representing the host state  
• adoption and signing of Declaration  
• official photo

1200-1230  Press Conference

1330  Departure