

Letter from the SAO Chair on item 9 on the SAO meeting in Selfoss agenda, Information and Communication Technology

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In preparation for our discussion of agenda item 9 of the Selfoss-meeting, Information and Communication Technology in the Arctic, I transmitted to you on 7 April 2004 a draft paper on ICT. In the accompanying letter, I encouraged SAOs and Permanent Participants to send me their comments on the draft before the Selfoss-meeting.

In response to my letter, one of the member states has now presented two further ICT activities for consideration, a wireless Arctic network project and a telemedicine project. Accordingly, I have made a limited number of changes in the draft discussion paper, attaching also an outline of the two project descriptions.

I hope the paper and the attachments will serve as a good basis for our discussion under agenda item 9 at Selfoss.

Yours sincerely,

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