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Invitation to AC to join the ND

Dear Gunnar,

The Chair of the Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Wellbeing (NDPHS), which presently is the Swedish Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, has asked me to extend an invitation to the Arctic Council to become a partner in that important work.

The NDPHS was launched at a Ministerial Meeting in Oslo in October 2003. Attached you will find the Declaration on which the Partnership is based.

The NDPHS offers the Arctic Council a valuable opportunity to ensure that Arctic aspects, in particular the perspectives of indigenous peoples, are taken fully into account in the work on public health and social wellbeing carried out by the NDPHS in the European part of the Arctic. Many mutually beneficial synergies can be envisaged through a closer linkage between the NDPHS and relevant AC projects on health and social issues.

I am aware of the very late timing, but still, if possible, please circulate the above message in a letter from the Chair. I would like to raise this issue formally at our Selfoss meeting, under item 4.6 (update on SDWG activities) or item 15 (other business). If possible, i would also appreciate an opportunity to mention it at our informal luncheon on 4 May.

Sincerely./Helena.