Task Force for Institutional Issues (TFII)

Chair’s progress report to SAOs
Luleå, 8 November 2011
Ambassador Andreas von Uexküll

TFII mandate

• Nuuk declaration:
  - “to implement the decisions to strengthen the Arctic Council, including any necessary arrangements to establish the Secretariat”.
  - “approved the composition and mandate of the task force as set out in the SAO report to Ministers” (Terms of Reference 2011-2013).
• SAO report: “Framework for Strengthening the Arctic Council” (Establishing a secretariat, Nature of decisions, Criteria and role for observers).
• Other relevant legislation: Ottawa declaration, Rules of Procedure, International law, Norwegian law, etc.

Documents under discussion

• Revision of Rules of Procedure
• Terms of Reference
• Host Country Agreement
• Indicative Budget
• Financial and Staff Rules