

11th Trilateral Governmental Conference on the Protection of the Wadden Sea

Draft SUMMARY RECORD

TRILATERAL WADDEN SEA GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL

Sylt, 18 March 2010

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING

The chairperson of the Conference, Parliamentary State Secretary Ms Heinen-Esser welcomed the delegations and observers to the first meeting of the Trilateral Wadden Sea Governmental Council and opened the meeting. A list of participants is in **Annex 1**.

She thanked Dr. Brown for so excellently moderating the interactive discussion “A Vision for the Wadden Sea – Steps to Achievement” during the Conference opening and commended the panel members for their constructive contributions and their willingness to participate in an open mannered discussion.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Document: WC 2010/1 Proposed Draft Agenda

The proposed draft agenda was **adopted** without further amendments. The agenda is in **Annex 2**.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chairperson invited the delegations and observers to make announcements which would not be covered by other agenda items.

The Danish Minister for the Environment, Ms Ellemann, informed the meeting that she anticipated the Danish National Park Wadden Sea to be established in autumn this year following a public consultation on the draft Statutory Order. She was happy to announce that she would invite, in due course, her German and Dutch colleagues to the opening ceremony. She further indicated that shipping safety and continued involvement in and support of Wadden Sea conservation was of utmost importance.

State Secretary of the Ministry of Urban Development and Environment, Hamburg, Mr Winters informed the meeting on the decision of the Hamburg state senate government to nominate its Wadden Sea National Park for inscription on the World Heritage List as an extension of the Dutch-German Wadden Sea World Heritage Site. It is the firm intention of the senate to undertake this in cooperation with the extension of the Danish Wadden Sea. This joint action would however have to be fulfilled within the current legislative period of the senate, i.e. by January 2012 at the latest.

The meeting **noted** the information.

AGENDA ITEM 4: WADDEN SEA BOARD

On the proposal of the chairperson the meeting confirmed the members and advisors of the Wadden Sea Board as proposed by the delegations.

Ms Ellemann nominated Mr Peter Ilsøe as chairman of the Board. Mr Ilsøe is a senior officer, Head of the Regional Office for the Danish Wadden Sea Region of the Ministry of the Environment and has played a key role in the establishment of the Danish Wadden Sea National Park. She warmly recommended his confirmation as chairman of the Wadden Sea Board for the forthcoming period.

By acclaim, the meeting **confirmed** Mr Peter Ilsøe as the chairman of the Wadden Sea Board for the forthcoming three-year period 2010 -13.

The list of the members and advisors of the Board, as designated by the Council, is in **Annex 3**.

In his acceptance speech, Mr Ilsøe stated that he was honoured and privileged to have been confirmed as chairman of the Wadden Sea Board. He acknowledged the great responsibility that rests on the chairman of the Board, a position he would not be able to accomplish without the help and assistance of the members and advisors. He looked very much forward to work closely with the Board in the forthcoming three years.

AGENDA ITEM 5: MINISTERIAL COUNCIL DECLARATION

Document: WC 2010/5-1 draft Ministerial Council Declaration (17 March 2010)

The chairperson thanked the Senior Officials for having solved many of the outstanding issues on the draft Sylt Declaration leaving two issues, the World Heritage issue and the CO₂-neutral Wadden Sea Region, to be resolved by the Council. She invited the colleagues to react to the outstanding issues.

Re. §4 Wadden Sea World Heritage

On behalf of the German delegation, Ms Nickel restated the position as brought forward by the Hamburg representative implicating that a joint Hamburg and Danish nomination would have to be submitted by January 2012 at the latest. Otherwise a further nomination extending the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site would be postponed until an uncertain future, at least by two years.

The Dutch Minister for Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, Ms Verburg, complimented Hamburg on the decision to nominate its part of the Wadden Sea for inscription on the World Heritage List. She was confident that the Danish part would follow soon after the establishment of the Danish Wadden Sea National Park. It was essential that the Danish part would be nominated since all three countries are partners in the Cooperation, must be jointly committed, and profit equally from the exclusiveness of being a World Heritage Site. She finally stated that she acknowledged that working towards a nomination for the Danish part would require a bottom up consultation process.

Ms Ellemann welcomed the statement of Ms Verburg. She underlined that as a first step the Danish Wadden Sea National Park would have to be established and that the support of the local governments was decisive. Following this step and with the support of the involved municipalities she was confident that a possible nomination could be undertaken in the coming period. She therefore proposed to amend the Dutch-German proposal, § 4 to accommodate the Danish position:

“Agree to start in the forthcoming period a possible nomination of the Danish Wadden Sea in accordance with encouragement of the World Heritage Committee and the nomination of the Hamburg Wadden Sea National Park including, where necessary and appropriate, minor boundary modifications for inclusion on the World Heritage List to complement the existing property.”

The Danish proposal was **agreed** accordingly.

Re. §24 CO₂-neutral Wadden Sea Region

It was **agreed** to amend § 24 to also include the regional and local competent authorities in the work and to underline that the process could also be concluded before 2030: *“Support the global and national efforts to mitigate causes of climate change at the regional level, by calling especially upon local and regional competent authorities and stakeholders to work towards developing the Wadden Sea Region into a CO₂-neutral area by 2030 or before, putting the focus on the special threats for coastal zones by global warming and sea level rise.”*

Having resolved the outstanding issues, the Council **adopted** the Sylt Declaration with acclamation.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT

The Administrative Agreement 2010 on the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat was signed by Ms Heinen-Esser, Ms Ellemann and Ms Verburg providing the secretariat with a legal status under German public law. The Agreement replaces the former Agreement of 23 October 1987.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business discussed.

AGENDA ITEM 8: CLOSING

Ms Verburg thanked the presidency for preparing an excellent Conference and the staff of the delegations for the good work done in preparing the documents for the Council meeting. She wished the Board success with the implementation of the Sylt Declaration and its further work.

Ms Ellemann joined in the thanks of the former speaker and restated her invitation to her colleagues for the opening ceremony of the Danish Wadden Sea National Park.

The chairperson thanked the delegations for their constructive contributions and closed the meeting.

Annex 1**Participants Council Meeting**

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Annex 2

AGENDA

**TRILATERAL WADDEN SEA
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Annex 3

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