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1. After these days of national consultations after the Helsinki meeting, I would appreciate a short message back whether you see a need for substantial changes in the Helsinki proposal.
2. If yes, another meeting will have to be planned. If all agree that the present text could be used, i.e. you may have minor comments but no real problems, I will do the following:
 - a. Circulate a proposal for a short preamble and minor changes in the present text. You would be given 1-2 days to respond.
 - b. Based on what I receive under a, I will edit our proposal and send it to you officially together with a cover letter.
3. If all this works well, you should be able to give your positive reply within the end of this month or sooner as to having the founding meeting at the end of August.
4. But first things first, please inform me as soon as possible, whether the Helsinki proposal has met any substantial objections in your country.

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Dear Planning Group Member,

IASC UPDATE INFORMATION

Unfortunately, the Helsinki paper was not quite perfect. You should all have received the Canadian position paper stating that they would prefer the Leningrad version, but might also accept the Helsinki model. All other comments received by me are in favour of the Helsinki paper, although there are some suggestions for changes.

As agreed in Helsinki: If there are substantial comments, "the big three" will consult as soon as possible. They will have a meeting in Moscow 28-29 June and we sincerely hope that they will solve the problems, so we can get started with some real work later this year.

The Helsinki Document

As several of the members may have problems with the Leningrad paper as a consequence of the demarche, I have prepared some improvements of the Helsinki document as such together with some remarks:

1. Front page:

See enclosed draft, please comment if you disagree.

2. Preamble:

The earlier "Background" introduction was shortly commented in Helsinki and a preamble was suggested. Please find enclosed a draft for a preamble composed of:

- a. a short introduction of what IASC is,
- b. some "headlines" about Arctic,
- c. our previous "Background" chapter in a shorter version.

Improvements are most welcome.