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Dear Colleague,

INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC SCIENCE COMMITTEE - IASC
THE REPORT OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL DRAFTING GROUP

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This report is sent to you as "chairman" of the representatives your country had at the Stockholm meeting. I would ask you to do the following:

- a. Distribute copies of this report in your country, i.e. to the other participants at the Stockholm meeting and other scientific or political agencies taking a special interest in IASC,
- b. Consult with appropriate bodies so you can be well prepared as to views in your country on the organization of IASC.

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Drafting Group should take an active part in the discussions.

The following procedure is suggested:

1. A limited Planning Group meeting is called in Leningrad.
2. The participation in the Planning Group is limited to eight persons - one from each Arctic country. If there is an extremely strong need for a country to have more persons present, these will not have a chair at the table, but are allowed to be present and to sit in the background.
3. The meeting is run in 45 minutes sessions with 15 minutes breaks, any national consultations to be conducted in the breaks.
4. Many representatives have underlined the need to make a clear distinction between the science conference and the IASC meeting.

The IASC meeting is suggested to be held 9-10 December in Leningrad.

Kotlyakov is asked to consider this, consult and to send out final information as soon as possible.

If you agree to this procedure, i.e. the one person representative or spokesman, it implies that you have to do some homework before the meeting in Leningrad. If all eight representatives do a thorough consultation at home and we succeed to agree at the meeting, we would have a final report ready for "in-country" circulation and review.

If we succeed in keeping this time schedule, some ideas on how, where and when to arrange a founding meeting may also be discussed in Leningrad. You may also consider which organization in your country should be the national link to IASC. The Drafting Group's report use the wording "an identified national scientific organization or committee".

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting and to a positive exchange of opinions.

Yours sincerely,



Odd Rogne

Enclosure

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