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NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT A NEW FISHERIES PROTOCOL HAS BEGUN

During September 26th - 30th Greenland and the EU Commission began the negotiations about the new Fisheries Protocol in Ilulissat, Greenland. Both delegations brought experts and representatives from the affected industries. The first negotiation round was held in a very positive atmosphere. There existed a mutual wish for renewal of the current protocol and to reach a win-win agreement. The negotiations will continue ultimo November.



The Greenlandic delegation was lead by the Head of Unit from the Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture, Emanuel Rosing and the EU delegation by the Head of Unit from DG MARE Constantin Alexandrou.

The European Member States who fishes in Greenlandic waters were also represented, e.g. Great Britain, France, Germany, Poland and Denmark.

Generally, both delegations agreed that the current protocol is efficient and both sides wishes to implement a new protocol under the current Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Furthermore, there were agreement to keep the framework of the current protocol. If changes should be made, it should only be to improve it and simplify it.

Next round of negotiations will take place in Brussels in November.

Premier Kuupik Kleist visits Holland

Greenland's Premier Kuupik Kleist (KK) visited the Haag, Holland during August 31st - September 1st. The Premier was invited by the Dutch government and World Wildlife Fund. The visit was a follow-up on the Dutch expedition in Greenland in May 2011. The Dutch expedition consisted of representatives from the business life, scientific institutions and industries.

World Wildlife Fund (WWF) is a NGO, which is interested in a constructive discussion about the environmental and ecological challenges that Greenland is facing. During KK's visit it was agreed to work towards an open dialog about Greenland's future development and possible concrete areas of cooperation.

KK also met with the Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs Uri Rosenthal and Piet Donner, Minister of Domestic Affairs.

Both the Dutch government, the industries and the scientific institutions emphasized that they were aware of the ecological dimension and the necessity to ensure sustainable development. They also presented a list of areas where the Dutch is interested in contributing to the Greenlandic development. Especially, in relation to energy, raw materials and innovation.

WWF held a dinner in honour of the Greenlandic delegation, where also the Dutch expedition who went to Greenland in the spring participated. Among them, the Dutch Crown Prince Willem-Alexander. The close ties between Holland and Greenland were further developed during the visit with the possibility of a constructive and satisfactory collaboration in the future. A follow-up visit in Greenland from the Dutch delegation is expected until 2012.



The Greenlandic Premier Kuupik Kleist and the Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs Uri Rosenthal



The Greenlandic Premier Kuupik Kleist together with the Dutch Crown Prince Willem-Alexander and Lida Lennert Head of Greenland's Representation in Brussels.

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ARCTIC FUTURES SYMPOSIUM 2011

Prince Albert II of Monaco opened the 2. Arctic Futures Symposium, where Arctic states, scientists, industries, NGO's and indigenous people discussed the Arctic's future, challenges, development and possibilities.

Arctic Council, research, environment, shipping, oil and gas, as well as indigenous peoples' rights were discussed by Prince Albert II of Monaco, Fisheries Commissioner Maria Damanaki, Iceland's President Ólafur Ragner Grimsson, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs in Greenland Inuuteq Holm Olsen and many more.

Representatives from the US, Russia, Canada, Norway and Sweden also participated. Together with Arctic experts and scientists from all over the world.

The participants agreed that the cooperation between the Arctic states should be expanded. Especially in a time were the global focus is on the Arctic in relation to raw materials, environment and sailing routes. It is important to work together with the indigenous peoples as the Arctic future is now.

Arctic Futures Symposium

The International Polar Foundation and Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation organizes Arctic Futures Symposium.

The aim of the symposium is to share knowledge and ideas, with the purpose of promoting a better understanding for the Arctic and create cooperation concerning the challenges which the Arctic faces in the next years.

The International Polar Foundation

The International Polar Foundation is a private non-profit organisation. It was founded by the Belgian explorer and civil engineer Alain Hubert, Professors emeriti André Berer and glaciologist Hugo Decler in 2002. The aim of the Foundation is to communicate and educate about polar science and polar research. The IPF also promotes innovate and multifaceted responses to the complex challenges which the polar areas face.

The International Foundation works towards bridging the science-society divide.



EU SEMINAR IN NUUK

On September 23rd Greenland's Representation in Brussels held a EU Seminar together with Premier Kuupik Kleist and the Foreign Ministry for the collective chiefs of Ministries.

The aim of the EU seminar was to make the collaboration with the EU more clear to the Ministries and at the same time discuss the future collaboration and the possibilities that cooperation with the EU can create for Greenland.

The seminar's focus was Greenland's relationship with the EU and the status of the agreements with the EU after 2013, as well as Greenland's strategy concerning EU collaboration. Under the seminar it was pointed out that Greenland is a popular country and therefore it is important to choose the right forums to attend and to enter into agreements with care.

The Premier and his ministers have held a lot of meetings on the highest political level in the EU. These relations should be used and the work already done should be followed through.

The Self-government of Greenland's future EU strategy was presented by the Head of Greenland's Representation in Brussels Lida Lennert.

The Deputy Minister of the Bureau of Minerals and Petroleum, Jørn Skov Nielsen presented the state of affairs concerning researching activities in the minerals area. The debate also concerned subjects like the growing global interest in Greenland's raw materials, especially oil and rare earth minerals.

Also the changes that the Lisbon Treaty has brought and which implications these changes will have for Greenland was discussed.

The Premier Kuupik Kleist made it clear that the Greenlandic self-government has ambitions to expand the portfolio of agreements with the EU. However, potential agreements have to be looked at with critical eyes, and it is important to gather facts and meet with the relevant authorities and people before any decisions are made.

GREENLAND'S AGREEMENTS WITH EU

Partnership Agreement 2007 - 2013

The common political statement underlines that the EU has a special historic interest in maintaining and developing the cooperation with Greenland. The Partnership Agreement consists of economical support to the Greenlandic education system and the Fisheries Protocol, which is a separate agreement under the Partnership Agreement.

Fisheries Partnership Agreement (FPA) with protocol 2007-2012

The FPA consists of two parts; a financial contribution for fisheries rights, which Greenland makes available for the EU and budgetary support for the support and development of fisheries policies.



Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT)

Greenland got OCT status via the Treaty of Greenland after the resignation from EU in 1985. The OCT association is a council decision from 2001, which were revised in 2007 and will run until 2013. The association gives several advantages, like access to EU programs, visibility in the EU concerning climate and environment and very liberal customs preferences. Together with Denmark, Greenland puts extensive focus on the political agendas on a very high political level.

PICTURE REPORTAGE FROM BRUSSELS

THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS HAS OFFERED EXCITING CHALLENGES FOR GREENLAND AND GREENLAND'S REPRESENTATION IN BRUSSELS.

VISIT IN HOLLAND, FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS, ARCTIC FUTURES SYMPOSIUM AND PWP MEETINGS.



Prince Albert II of Monaco welcomed the participants to Arctic Futures Symposium 2011



Iceland's President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson



The team from the Representation in Brussels; Lida Lennert, Jacob Isboethsen and Katrine Kærgaard with Deputy Foreign Minister Inuuteq Holm Olsen.



The delegations enjoy the view across Ilulissat Icefiord during a break in the Fisheries negotiations in Greenland.



Head of the Greenlandic delegation Emanuel Rosing, Alfred Jakobsen from Greenland's Fishermen and Hunters Association, Jacob Isboethsen from the Representation in Brussels and Henrik Krogh from Polar Seafood enjoys the sun during a sailing trip in Disko Bay.



EU's delegation during the Fisheries Negotiations at Hotel Arctic in Ilulissat, Greenland.



Lida Lennert from Greenland's Representation in Brussels, the Danish Ambassador in Holland, Reimer Nielsen and Premier Kuupik Kleist during the visit in Holland.



Jacob Isboethsen from Greenland's Representation in Brussels with his fellow Co-chair Titaina Trillon from the Commission at the PWP 3 meeting.

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PARTNERSHIP WORKING PARTIES

Partnership Working Parties (PWP) meetings were held on October 14th. PWP is composed of OCTs, Member States and the EU Commission. PWP is divided into 4 subgroups, this day there were meetings in Trade and Regional Integration, as well as Environment, Climate Change, Prevention and Management of Natural Disasters.

The subjects discussed at the meeting in Trade and Regional Integration included current and future trade possibilities for the OCTs. Challenges and obstacles for the OCTs and their products were also discussed.

Furthermore, the parties looked at which forms of support the OCTs would need in the future in order to continue their development in the trade area. It was pointed out that the OCTs is moving closer to the EU in relation to trade, which were seen as a positive development.

Partnership Working Parties is composed of 4 groups:

- PWP 1, Financial Services
- PWP 2, Trade and Regional Integration
- PWP 3, Environment, Climate Change, Prevention and Management of Natural Disasters
- PWP 4, Future OCT - EU Relations

All PWP subgroups is Co-chaired by someone from the ExCO, the OCTs executive board and chaired by a member from the EU Commission's Task Force. These two lead the meetings together. Greenland is Co-chair in PWP 3, Environment, Climate Change, Prevention and Natural Disasters.

At the PWP meeting in the Environment, Climate Change, Prevention and Management of Natural Disasters' the new Co-chair, Secretary to the Embassy Jacob Isbosethsen from Greenland's Representation in Brussels was presented.

Several OCTs presented environment and climate connected initiatives, there amongst a workshop about the Coastal Development in the Pacific.

Greenland, the Faroe Islands and Denmark's common Arctic strategy was also presented along with the progress of the Ilulissat World Heritage Icefield Station in Greenland. Global Climate Change Association (GCCA) and the OCTs wants to have a workshop about climate change and finansiering etc. immidiately after the EU-OCT Forum in January 2012.

The aim of these more focused meetings in PWP's are to exchange knowledge and identify challenges, and possibilites which the OCTs has and in what way the partnership with the EU can help



Jacob Isbosethsen from Greenland's Representation in Brussels Co-chaired PWP 3, Environment, Climate Change, Prevention and Management of Natural Disasters at the meeting on October 14th.

GCCA WORKSHOP

Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA) is a EU financed platform, which arranges workshops about climate changes and adjustments, as something new the OCT countries had gained access.

GCCA can deliver workshops which as tailored modules, which is fitted to accommodate the different countries needs and interests.

Together with the OCTs the GCCA has planned a special workshop in extension of the yearly OCT-EU Forum ultimo January 2012.

It is expected that the participants for the workshop will be climate- and financing people from the OCTs, as the workshop will cover subjects as climate, green growth and financing etc.

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OCT CHAIRMANSHIP

Greenland is taking over the Chair in Overseas Countries and Territories from Montserrat at the Ministerial in January 2012.

In connection with the presidency there is a lot of preparation. Further details will follow in the next NAP-Nyt.

The English island Montserrat is the Chair of OCT at the moment. During its chairmanship Montserrat has in particular chosen to focus on the OCT's competitiveness and suppleness, as well as their management and system of government. Montserrat, which has a population of approx. 5140 people, literally had big parts of the island, the economy and the society destroyed by a volcano eruption in July 1995. Approximately 8000 people had to escape from the island and not all has returned. Therefore it is the above mentioned subjects and focus areas which will influence this years EU-OCT Forum.

It is also a wish from the Chair in Montserrat, that government leaders and politicians should be more in focus at the Forum and interact with each other at seminars and workshops. It is expected that Greenland will participate and influence the discussions concerning climate changes and renewable energy.

Montserrat is located in the Caribbean, close to the coast of South America.



Temporary OCT President

As the current OCT President Chloé Calvignac is pregnant and begins her maternity leave in primo November, Kedrick E. Malone from the British Virgin Islands is taking over the presidency temporarily.

Kedrick E. Malone is Head of the British Virgin Islands Representation in London and an English Representative in the

government of the British Virgin Islands. Kedrick Malone has a bachelor- and masters degree in Business Administration from City University of New York.

He became Head of Representation in 2008, before this his work experience include director of tourism in BVI's Tourist Board.



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An Airport to St. Helena

On November 7th St. Helena's Governor Mark Capes could announce that St. Helena at long last will get financing for an airport. The airport will connect the approximately 4300 inhabitants with the rest of the world. St. Helena is one of the most isolated places in the world and so far the island can only be reached by ship. An airport will have enormous importance for the development of this small OCT.

It was firstly suggested to build an airport in 1999. This airport should be the replacement for the aging RMS St. Helena, a cargo ship that is vital for the island, as it other than deliver vital supplies, also can carry a small number of tourist. However, the journey with ship to St. Helena takes 14 days from England and 7 days from Cape Town in South Africa. Which makes St. Helena one of the most isolated places in the world. Sometimes people can wait up to a week in Cape Town before a cargo ship is going to St. Helena comes by and this creates logistical and growth related problems for a population of just under 4300 people.

The airport will bring big changes to the small island, not just concerning development, job opportunities, tourist related infrastructure and a link to the outside world. But, also an opportunity for the people who left St. Helena in order to find jobs to come back home. It is the single biggest investment in the small island – which will entail the biggest change in the island's history. St. Helena is embracing this change with open arms.



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Profile: New Team in Brussels

Since September 1st Greenland's Representation in Brussels has had a new team. Jacob Isboethsen has replaced Naja Lund as Secretary to the Embassy and Katrine Kærgaard replaced Rebecca Lyngé as Stagiaire.

Head of Representation Lida Lennert has a new team at the Representation in Brussels. Jacob Isboethsen, who has come from a job in Greenland's Ministry for Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture has succeeded Naja Lund as Secretary to the Embassy. Jacob has earlier been stagiaire at the Representation in Brussels and is therefore quite familiar with the assignments.

Furthermore has Katrine Kærgaard succeeded Rebecca Lyngé as stagiaire - Katrine will be part of the team from September 1st 2011 until January 31st 2012.

The Representation in Brussels is facing an exciting time with both Fisheries Negotiations, EU-OCT Forum and the Presidency of the OCTs. Both Jacob and Katrine has been looking forward to engage in the assignments and looks forward to an exciting and instructive time in Brussels.



The new team in Oqaatsut, a small village during the Fisheries Negotiations in Ilulissat, Greenland.

NEW SECRETARY TO THE EMBASSY

Jacob Isboethsen has since September 1st been Secretary to the Embassy at Greenland's Representation in Brussels. Jacob will mainly manage the Representation's assignments concerning amongst other things the OCT area and the Partnership Agreement. Jacob is joining the Representation from a job in the Ministry for Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture. Within the Ministry Jacob has been secretary to the Fisheries Commission and helped manage and implement the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the EU and Greenland. Jacob has also participated in the negotiations concerning the bilaterale fisheries agreements between Greenland and the Faroe Islands, Russia and Norway. Through this Jacob has gained experinece and knowlegde about the areas which he is going to manage for the Representation in Brussels. Jacob is Cand. Jur. - Lawyer from Aarhus University.

As a part of his Masters Degree, Jacob was Stagiaire at Greenland's Representation in Brussels in 2007, so he is already familiar with the office and its assignments.

Jacob is looking forward to representing Greenland in Brussels.



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EU.NANOQ.GL UPDATED!

Greenland's Representation in Brussels' website eu.nanoq.gl has been updated as a vital part of a strategy to make Greenland's Representation more visible. Another part of the strategy is to publish NAP-Nyt in English, as well as Danish and Greenlandic.

Greenland's Representation in Brussels' website has been a little neglected in the last couple of years. This neglect is something that the new Secretary to the Embassy Jacob Isboethsen has decided to change. In that connection the stagiaire Katrine Kærgaard has been working hard the last weeks getting to know the editing system sitecore. Her work has resulted in a update of eu.nanoq.gl. The contact information has been corrected and new pictures of the employees at the Representation has been uploaded. The last years NAP Nyts has been uploaded onto the website together with a new stagiaire notice. Within the nearest future weekly news about Greenland's Representation in Brussels' work will be uploaded onto the site.

In the future it will be a part of the stagiaire's job to update eu.nanoq.gl, edit the content and write short news reportages for the NEWS segment on the homepage.

It is important to make Greenland's Representation more visible and therefore it has been a priority from the new Secretary to the Embassy to get the homepage going again. As a part of the visibility strategy, the Head of Representation Lida Lennert and Secretary to the Embassy Jacob Isboethsen has decided to publish NAP-Nyt in English. It has been a wish from Greenland's foreign partners. Especially, the OCTs has been asking after an English version of NAP-Nyt.

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