



SCPAP statement on the situation of Greenland and the Arctic Council

The Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region has noted the decision of Greenland not to attend the Ministerial Meeting in Kiruna, and putting on hold all of its participation in the work of the Arctic Council. The committee hopes that boycott will not be used as a procedure in the future.

The committee finds it very important, that the Arctic Council continues its inclusive character. It is important, that there is space in the council's work to effectively hear the voices of the peoples living in the Arctic.

The Arctic Council is a memberstate organization, and the member states are the eight Arctic states.

As the committee has highlighted in its report on Arctic Governance in an Evolving Arctic Region, the Arctic Council has a solid tradition of including the indigenous peoples of the Arctic in its work. The Council has a unique structure, with six permanent participants and the council must build on that unique structure.

The Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region hopes that the negotiations between the Kingdom of Denmark and the chairmanship of the Arctic Council will be successful for all parts.