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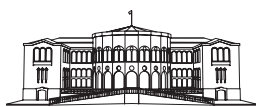
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# The Storting's Arctic Delegation

In recent years we have witnessed a new development in the Arctic. A general rise in temperatures means that the Arctic sea ice is melting. This has led to the region becoming more open and accessible to such human activities as shipping, utilization of resources and tourism. At the same time, we have seen that interest in the Arctic and the High North has increased nationally, among the Arctic States, and in the international community at large.

On 22nd October 2009 the Storting resolved to establish a delegation for Arctic parliamentary cooperation. The objective was to increase the attention of the Storting in developments in the Arctic. The head of the delegation represents the Storting in the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region, which comprises parliamentarians from Russia, Canada, the USA, the five Nordic countries and the European Parliament.

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