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Collaboration Agreement between the Health Committee of Murmansk Oblast and Health Authority of Northern Norway

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1. Introduction

In accordance with "*Barentssamarbeidet (Kirkeneserklæringen av 1993)*" and the long-term collaboration between Murmansk Oblast and the three regions of Northern Norway, Finmark, Troms and Nordland, the Department of Health in Murmansk Oblast and the Health Authority of Northern Norway, hereafter named the parties, agree on the following outline for collaboration for the period 2007-2009.

2. Intentions

The collaboration agreement covers our common interests in health related issues: Diagnostics, treatment, prevention, education and training of health professionals and research. The agreement shall lead to a professional collaboration at all levels, regarding issues of health and wellbeing. The collaboration should be characterized by openness, equality and respect of each others professional skills.

The collaboration should be founded on development and improvement of healthcare, medical education and research.

The parties aim to have, at any time, several common projects ongoing.

3. Main objectives

The parties should actively contribute to a better knowledge of each others organizations and practice, and utilize the regional Barents collaboration as a basis for networking and exchange of information. The collaboration should focus on the following areas:

A) Public Health

Collaboration on measures to prevent disease and health problems, and actions to promote public health in the High North.

B) Health services

There should be a broad collaboration to develop both primary health care and specialist services, and co-operation between these. Improving competence related to environmental and "Arctic" medicine should be emphasized. There should also be