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## **Sami Parliament of Norway's support letter regarding the planned Dakota Access Pipeline, AKA. The "Bakken Pipeline"**

Recently the Sami Parliament of Norway has been informed about a planned pipeline to be implemented on and near by the territory of Lakota, Dakota and Nakota nation, called the "Dakota Access Pipeline" or the "Bakken Pipeline".

As the Sami Parliament of Norway is concerned about the human rights and the indigenous people's rights, being respected and implemented in a full and effective way on a local, regional, national and international level we would like to convey our solidarity to the affected indigenous people by the Bakken Pipeline.

We encourage the parties to actively use the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples (The Declaration), adopted in 2007 and supported by the USA in 2010, in all stages of the process regarding the Bakken Pipeline and for a future solution(s).

When the Declaration articles are implemented in a full and effective manner, the Declaration can be a useful tool for avoiding or solving conflicts and ensure a peaceful future coexistence, and to facilitating good processes and establishing dialogue between the involved parties.

To mention few of many articles that can be implemented in the Bakken Pipeline matter, the Declaration states that:

- The indigenous people have a right to participate in decision-making on matters affecting them (art 18)
- States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned, and gain their free, prior and informed consent before adopting and implementing legislative and administrative measures affecting them (art 19)
- Free, prior and informed consent must be obtained before approval of any project affecting indigenous people's lands or territories and other resources, including waters (art 32)

- Indigenous peoples has the right to protection of the environment, and no disposal or storage of hazardous materials shall take place on their lands or territories, including waters, without their free, prior and informed consent (art 29)
- Indigenous peoples have the right to have access to financial and technical assistance from States for the enjoyment of the rights contained in the Declaration (art 39)

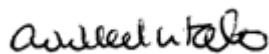
We are aware worries expressed regarding public health issues. The Declaration contains articles describing the rights indigenous peoples have regarding the protection of their health. Few examples are listed here:

- Indigenous individuals have the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (art 24)
- States shall take measures to ensure continuing improvement of Indigenous people's health condition (art 21)
- Indigenous people have the right to be involved in developing and determining health programmes affecting them (art 23)
- States shall take effective measures to ensure that programmes for monitoring, maintaining and restoring the health of indigenous peoples, as developed and implemented by the peoples affected by storage or disposal of hazardous materials, are duly implemented (art 29)

The Sami Parliament of Norway expresses our support for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and other affected tribes in Lakota, Dakota and Nakota nation, or elsewhere in the State, in achieving a fair and just process regarding the planned implementation of the Bakken Pipeline.

We encourage all involved parties, included the state authorities, the affected indigenous peoples and the business enterprise(s), to respect and implement human rights, indigenous peoples rights and treaty rights in all stages of the process when dealing with the Bakken Pipeline matter.

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