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IMPACT OF NATURA 2000 ON ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING

EUFJE ANNUAL CONFERENCE: 15 and 16 September 2006 in Helsinki, Finland

Venue: The Supreme Administrative Court, Unioninkatu 16, 00130 Helsinki

Programme

Friday 15 September 2006

- 9.00 EUFJE Board Meeting
9.15 Registration
10.00 Welcome
 - Dr. Pekka Hallberg, President, Supreme Administrative Court
 - Ms. Leena Luhtanen, Minister of Justice
10.30 Outline of the Conference Programme: Dr. Kari Kuusiniemi, Justice, Supreme Administrative Court
10.35 Global Judges Programme – Application of Environmental Law by National Courts and Tribunals: Dr. Iwona Rummel-Bulska, Principal Legal Officer and Chief, Environmental Law Branch, UNEP
10.50 General Assembly of EUFJE and Preview of the EUFJE Programme for 2006-2007: Lord Robert Reed, President of EUFJE
11.20 Tea & Coffee
11.50 Legal Analysis of Art. 6 of the Habitats Directive: Dr. Nicolas de Sadeleer, Professor, Université Catholique de Louvain
12.30 Discussion
12.45 Lunch

Afternoon session: Legal Impacts of Natura 2000 Sites on Environmental Licensing Issues
Chair: Dr. Erkki J. Hollo, Professor, University of Helsinki

- 14.15 Key Note Address
 The ECJ and Nature Protection: Dr. Allan Rosas, Justice, European Court of Justice
15.00 Enforcement of EC Nature Protection Law: Ms. Marie-Claude Blin, Deputy Head of Unit ENV.B.2, European Commission, DG Environment
15.30 Significance of Natura 2000 Network for the Protection of Biological Diversity and Threats of the Future Developments: Dr. Heikki Toivonen, Professor, Finnish Environment Institute

- 16.00 Tea & Coffee
16.15 Implementation of Natura 2000 Protection, Problems Faced by the National Courts:
 Dr. Pekka Vihervuori, Justice, Supreme Administrative Court
16.45 Open discussion
17.00 End of session
- 19.00 Dinner, Government Banquet Hall
 Speech of Welcome: Dr. Kirsti Rissanen, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice

Saturday 16 September 2006

- 9.00 Address: Mr. Jan-Erik Enestam, Minister of the Environment
9.15 Natura 2000 and Environmental Licensing in Member States: Problems and Case-
 studies
 Chair: Professor Luc Lavrysen, Justice, Arbitration Court of Belgium
 Presentations by selected judges and general discussion
 - Justice Ulf Bjällås (SWE)
 - Justice Thijs Drupsteen (NED)
- 10.30 Tea & Coffee
10.45 Presentations continue
11.45 Closing comments
12.00 Lunch
13.30 Departure to Nuuksio Natura 2000 site (bus from Hotel Vaakuna)
18.00 Dinner at Nuuksio
19.45 Bus transport back to the hotel leaves