



PRONOUNCEMENT The Declaration by the Sami Parliamentary Conference on the Nordic Sami Convention adopted in Umeå 2014

The Sami Parliamentary Council, represented by the Sami parliaments of Finland, Norway and Sweden have convened in Umeå, the European Capital of Culture, on 20 February, 2014¹:

1. The Sami parliaments remind of the declarations in Jokkmokk 2005, Rovaniemi 2008 and Kirkenes, as well as SPR's declaration on 14 April 2010, that highlights the importance of the Sami parliaments' participation in the work with the Nordic Sami Convention and how this work should be supported in the future.
2. The Sami parliaments stress that a Nordic Sami convention is important for the acceptance, strengthening and making the most of Sami rights as well as supporting Sami cooperation over national borders.
3. The Sami parliaments demand resources from the Swedish, Norwegian and Finnish states to be able to participate in and coordinate their own work.
4. The Sami parliaments remind that a Nordic Sami Convention cannot be approved and ratified without consent from the Sami parliaments. This shall be a condition for negotiations of the Convention.
5. The Sami parliaments stress that the articles in the draft of the Nordic Sami Convention are founded on broad in-force international agreements and their importance cannot be circumscribed during negotiations.
6. The Sami parliaments are deeply concerned that the negotiations have not progressed in a desired manner, since every article of the Convention draft becomes an object of negotiation.
7. The Sami parliaments demand that the negotiations are completed at the latest under 2016. The Sami parliaments refuse to accept additional negotiation delays.

¹ 91 parliamentarians were present. The polling resulted in 80 *Yes* votes, 6 *No* votes and 5 were cast *Blank*. *Framskrittpartiet* from the Norwegian Sami Parliament does not support the pronouncement. *Nordkalottfolket* and *Fastboendes Lista*, also adherent the Norwegian Sami Parliament, submit a written reservation.