

REVIEW OF DEVELOPEMENT IN GREENLAND.

First of all I will thank You Madame Chairperson, because You gave me the opportunity to give a brief presentation on the developement in Greenland.

My name is Ivalo Egede, and I am here to represent the Greenland Home Rule Government.

In 1979 Greenland became a self-governing region within the Kingdom of Denmark. We have taken over the authority in most internal political matters. Two years ago we took over the ~~health~~ environmental protection of land and waters, and these days the health issue is negotiated, and will be taken over in 1992.

Defense, justice and foreign affairs are under the dansih jurisdiction. By the establishment of Home Rule Greenlandic ownership ~~is~~ right to and control over land and territories was recognized including off-shore territories, but excluding sub-surface resources.

Exploitation of sub-surface resources can still only take place in case of mutual agreement between the Dansih and the Greenland governments. Any kind of exploitation is conditioned on the full consent by both parts, stipulated in the so-called duble-veto of the law of mineral ~~xxx~~ resources in Greenland. This law was re-negotiated a few years ago, and now a different share of a future income of mineral resorces is achieved. The negotiations have not stopped by this, the Greenlandic Government has recently said that it wants the department of mineral resources moved to Greenland from Denmark.

This spring we had an election for the Home Rule, and the new government is now a coallission between Siumut (5) and Inuit Ataqatigiit (2). The Premier of Greenland is now Lars Emil Johansen, and the average age of the members of the new government is only a little over 40, in other words a young and progressive government.

The first 12 years of Home Rule have been 12 years of ^{hard} work, and now the consalidation of the Greenlandic society has to be established. The expenced are high, the income is low, and alternatives to the ~~income~~

decreasing fishery has to be found. Reasonable exploitation of mineral resources, tourism and a higher degree of economic self-sufficiency has to be found.

The Greenland Home Rule is of course a member of Inuit Circumpolar Conference, ICC. Through ICC we are working together with the indigenous peoples all over the world.

Last month the ICC hosted the Arctic Leaders Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark, where the protection of our lifestyle - our right to hunting and fishing - were one of the most important issues.

In Greenland we are happy to be hosts of the UN expert meeting on self-determination. The meeting is going to be held in Nuuk, the capital of Greenland, the 24.th - 28.th of september this year. Although the travel expences are high, we hope that many of your organisations will be able to send a representative to Greenland to the first UN meeting in the Arctic.

Thank you, madame Chairperson,

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