

**Open letter to participants of the meeting on the Green Belt of Fennoscandia
(Finland, Kotka, September 4-7, 2012)**

We thank the organizers for the invitation. However, due to the fact that we can not take part in this event, we will share our views and suggestions on the work of Green Belt of Fennoscandia (GBF).

1. We fully support the FANC proposals, contained in a letter dated September 4, 2012 in fact and form of the development of cooperation in the field of GBF:

2. For our part, consider that:

- The main vector in the GBF should be the creation of new protected areas on both sides of the border so as to maintain ecosystem integrity. Well as the creation of new protected areas will meet the obligations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) to achieve 17% of the protected areas of land. For the Russian side priority areas identified in the GAP analysis and regional Master plans for regions: Nature park "Rybachij and Srednij pieninsulas" (Gorodetsky bird colonies, Skorbeevskaya guba, guba Eina, Rocks Srednij Peninsula), zakaznik "Jonn-Newgoaiv", national park "Kutsa", zakaznik "Spokojnij"; national park "Ladoga Skerries", a regional complex zakaznik "Karelian forest "; Ingermanlandsky zapovednik.

We hope that our opinion will help the constructive development of the project GBF.

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