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Summary Report of Activities Public Movement “Association of Nenets People “Yasavey”
Nenets Autonomous Okrug

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Chapter 1: Report on Activities of Public Movement "Association of Nenets People "Yasavey" Nenets Autonomous Okrug for the Period from March 2001 to March 2004

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Distinguished Delegates!

Distinguished Participants and Guests!

In accordance with the Charter of the Public Movement "Association of Nenets People "Yasavey", on March 19, 2004 we are holding our VII Regular Meeting which includes the presentation of reports and elections. Our task during this session will be to evaluate the activities of the Association for the last three-year period, present recommendations and specify the main trends of our activities for the coming three-year period.

We have invited to this session all the representatives from the administrative departments of Yasavey. Today we are 20 representatives. Another department is being founded at this moment in Naryan-Mar. Each of these sub-departments organizes its work independently. We would also like to discuss the topic of setting up a Council of Elders of Yasavey.

The representatives from Yamala and Taimyr intended to be present at this session. The relationship with our tribal brothers and neighbors is a continuation of traditional ties between the Nenets and their neighbors in the North.

On behalf of Yasavey and myself I hereby welcome our delegates, guests and participants who have arrived to this meeting. We hope our work will be rich in content and productive. There are concrete decisions and recommendations that will be elaborated on.

The main concepts of the VII Session of the "Yasavey" Association, the intention of which is to promote the well-being of all Nenets people living in the Nenets Autonomous Okrug (NAO) including the following main trends we intend to look into closer, are the following:

1. What has the Association accomplished in reality?
2. What is it capable of?
3. What must the "Yasavey" Association do to improve our daily life?

I would like to focus your attention especially on how deeply convinced I am that until we ourselves have not determined and not made any efforts, no one will make our life easier. Only through our own endeavor and of course with the help of those who sincerely want to assist us, can we sort out our internal processes. Let us unite our efforts and concentrate on seeking the optimum solutions in order to accomplish these tasks. We are of the opinion that the time is ripe to unite all efforts and begin a constructive dialogue and mutual cooperation.

The power of authority of the acting President of the "Yasavey" Association comes to an end at this session and the delegates are faced with making a choice and electing a leader for the Association.

This report has been prepared by the president of Yasavey and covers the 2001 - 2004 working period.

Presentations have been prepared by the vice-presidents and the executive directorate. In addition, you will also hear from the departments themselves, about their activities and also the difficulties still lying ahead.

* **Main trends laid down at the VIth Session of the Association in 2001.**

The delegates at the meeting of the VIth Session (March 1, 2001) had worked out several options of trends to follow and these served as the basis for the main activities from 2001 to 2004. The program "The Reindeer - our Life and Future" was used as a basis.

Excerpt from the Resolution of the VI Session.

"...we hereby authorize the president, the council and the executive directorate of the Movement:

- X to analyze the critical remarks and proposals expressed during the congress and to take the necessary measures to implement them;
- X to select "The Reindeer - our Life and Future" program for the 2001 -2004 period, which has also been approved by the congress;
- X to give considerable thought to work with the administrative departments of the movement;
- X to propose to all administrative departments of the movement to work more actively with the Nenets residents and bodies of local self-administration as regards defense, and implementing the rights of ethnic minority groups of the North within the NAO;
- X to carry out explanatory work concerning the adopted federal laws on "Guarantees of the rights of the indigenous minority groups in Russia, Siberia and the Far East" among the residents within the NAO and on "General Principles of organizing communes of indigenous ethnic minorities of the North, Siberia and the Far East" among the population in the NAO;
- * to put in more effort into the work with the media in the NAO;
- X to exert pressure to have standards for the representation of indigenous minority groups of the North on a legal basis applied in the NAO;
- X to arrange a series of seminars and elaborate methodological recommendations for the work carried out by the administrative departments of the movement according to the organization of inter-connection with authoritative bodies, local self-administration and other associations;
- * to work out a program to develop and preserve the Nenets language."

Objectives specified by the program "The Reindeer - our Life and Future", for the 2001 - 2004 period:

- X securing and developing traditional reindeer breeding in the NAO as the bases for the age-old surroundings, the preservation of the traditional lifestyle and culture of the Nenets people;
- X work in the field of jurisprudence of the NAO in order to achieve the realization of the laws for the indigenous minority groups;
- * securing and developing the culture of the Nenets people;

We can not say that we have completed everything - but much has been accomplished. Actually almost every item of the resolution by the VI Congress and the aims of the programs are full of various measures to be taken. There is more detail in the special supplement, whereby under each item a short explanation is given as to what has been done in each specific orientation.

* **Basic activities and scheduled work of Yasavey.**

One of the main tasks confronting us was the necessity to keep detailed and clear documentation concerning our operations, to organize the work planned, to set a priority and sequence for the Association's plan of action. Holding regular meetings of the council. Unfortunately, extraordinary Council meetings and other impromptu gatherings of every sort and type in the past did not help in making fair and reasonable decisions. That was the reason for regular monthly meetings with readings of reports and elections of officials to start taking place as of June 2001 on a monthly basis. The executive directorate handled the preparations for the items to be included into the agenda and which were consequently discussed at the Council. This was the basis for making decisions.

Records of proceedings exist for each meeting and the Council came to an agreement and handed down a decision for all the questions. Members of the media were invited to all the meetings and reported on the work of the council and the activities of Yasavey.

Non-acceptance of policy to render material assistance. The council decided to render material assistance only in case of an emergency. One of the reasons for not accepting this policy was taxation and the resulting fines for not calculating tax deductions correctly. A similar situation was occurring with prizes and presents. Everything is taxed and we find ourselves in a paradox situation. The association can not pay taxes for another person who has received material assistance, consequently he must pay his own taxes independently.

It is most difficult to make the correct decision, since taxation regulations change constantly. Rendering material assistance (at different times there were different sums ranging from 100 to 2000 Rbls.) has often brought about a negative reaction on the part of the residents. Misunderstandings occurred and feelings were hurt. Some were helped by receiving a certain amount and there were also those who did not receive anything. There were also situations whereby the material assistance received was used for other purposes than originally intended. There are numerous examples. In our opinion there should be no material assistance. After all there are bodies for social welfare and they are authorized to make use of budgetary funds for these purposes. One of their functions is to render social assistance. We help those who approach us with a request for material assistance and in our case that assistance is consultation. We explain how available opportunities in the district can be used, to whom to turn and how to process the relevant documents. We carry out explanatory work.

Precise distribution of responsibilities and obligations between the vice-presidents and the executive directorate. Every vice-president was requested to come up with a plan of operations according to his orientation, and to agree among themselves as to their plans of action. Some succeeded in doing this, while others did not. For this reason there are reports from every vice-president. At the congress you will have the opportunity to peruse them and then give your evaluation. Bear in mind that having introduced the vice-president institution did not bring about the desired effects we expected when we created that institution to manage the association's activities. More than likely this is where the mistake lies - we were not capable of regulating - to the extent necessary - questions involving interaction and mutual cooperation. Thus, the proposal to the congress is to discuss this subject and make recommendations for improving the quality of work.

Organization of work at Yasavey's main office. Let us go back to the situation as it existed at the beginning of the year 2001. The association did not have any premises of its own and no telephone communication either. Everything was provided by the NAO Administration.

I think the biggest omission in the association's work was the failure to extend the agreement on cooperation between Yasavey and the NAO Administration during the 2001 to 2004 period. Various models of agreements were sent regularly but we have yet to receive a reply.

In the beginning of 2002 we moved into rented premises. This was made possible through the support received from our Danish partner "TGK Consul" with whom we were working on a large joint project and the latter was directed here to reinforce Yasavey's operations. We also managed to get 2 phone lines for the association 49164 and 49163. During the current period we paid for the rent ourselves, for the communication lines and other sundries for an office.

However, the multifold increase in rent will make it difficult to cover all the expenses. We have sent a proposal to the NAO Assembly of Deputies to get an apportionment of financial means from the district budget to pay the rent for Yasavey's premises. We sincerely hope that the NAO Assembly of Deputies will be able to solve this problem.

In addition, we propose to the delegates of the congress to support the initiative of Yasaveyb and to approach the NAO Administration and the NAO Assembly of Delegates with a proposal to acquire premises with means from the district budget for an office for Yasavey. Another alternative would be to solve this problem within the

framework of the construction of the ethno-cultural center together with a hotel for people coming out of town but also other public organizations in the NAO.

In other parts of Russia there are some very positive examples. Especially when we consider that Yasavey is not a typical public organization but an organization for all the Nenets people living within the NAO. Supporting its operations on behalf of the authoritative bodies would be a grandiose present for the 15th anniversary of the Association "Yasavey" in December this year.

Earlier when we were located in the building of the NAO Administration, there was a false feeling of pretense that Yasavey was mistakenly taken to be part of the Committee on Affairs for the Peoples of the North. That is far from the truth. Renting separate premises made it possible to explain to the public-at-large in the NAO that the Association "Yasavey" is not part of the Committee on Affairs of the Peoples of the North under the NAO Administration. It is a public organization for ethnic minority groups in the Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Russian Federation. It is a public organization of indigenous minorities with their own charter, goals and tasks. In accordance with the federal law on "Guarantees of the rights of the indigenous minority groups in the Russian Federation" as an organization of indigenous minorities, the association is entitled to receive from the bodies of the NAO authorities material and financial support for its activities.

The problem of equipping the Executive Directorate with contemporary office appliances and furniture has been solved. In March 2001 the association had only two computers at its disposal (one computer came from RAIPON and the second one due to a grant). At present the office has several state-of-the-art computers, two Xerox machines and other computer engineering devices. These lists can be seen at the executive directorate. All these items have been acquired from various sources - international and district projects of Yasavey, e.g. "Kanin Red Chum" and others, the working group with natural resource consumers. Yasavey received some equipment from the directorate of the non-budgetary Foundation to Support the Peoples of the North. The equipment received is being used efficiently to solve various tasks. Processing documents occurs on an advanced level. Internet is used quite intensely, as is e-mail. A large amount of photographs are stored, video recordings pertaining to events of Yasavey. Using our own equipment we release a newsletter "Yasavey Vada". The website Yasavey is supported on Internet.

People come up to us and we make copies free-of-charge and help prepare the documents using our equipment whenever possible. We are always ready to help especially when all the equipment was made available to us for public work and not to make a profit from.

Working on so many different projects we managed to arrange work abroad for Yasavey. We can assuredly say today that Yasavey has organized a mobile team and most of the NAO settlements have been visited. Yes, we can truly say that with this mobile team put together by Yasavey, we have visited almost every single settlement in the district. We began from the west and ended with the eastern part. We even managed to arrange a few of our own special excursions for instance to the Kanin peninsula, a trip to Karataika - Kharuta and some other places. The team is flexible and makes it easy to collect information on site, to meet people and to carry out explanatory work. Particularly in the winter (February -April) moving from one place to another requires flexibility and patience and in the summer (August) also. If Yasavey had its own transport (it does not exist today), e.g. snowmobiles, a river barge, then many decisions could be taken independently. This would offer the chance to be even more mobile and on the move. So that in case the delegates of the congress do not object, we consider it necessary to include a proposal into the final resolution of this meeting concerning equipping Yasavey and add transportation means.

The work by the Executive Directorate has improved during the last period. Among the personnel of the association there are always 3 special associates working around the clock. In addition there are volunteers and participants in the project helping out in the executive directorate. The executive director of the association will give you more details on this in his report. I should like to add that the team put together for this purpose turned out to be very competent and active. Without any outside assistance many undertakings had to be carried out

independently. This only confirmed our suspicion that we are capable of organizing any event whatsoever in the NAO. And what is even more important almost all the associates in the executive directorate were born here in the countryside and they can cope very quickly with any situation that crops up within the NAO. Some of our people have made their way to other organizations once they had received their qualification here but they always stay in touch with us and help us out if necessary.

The council of the association has become more active in its work. Any questions that are brought forth at the council are prepared with great detail. The members of the council merge into the very depth of the problem and then give their own opinion. Then the Executive Directorate tries to arrange a way to carry this out. The meetings are mostly held according to the charter. In all only two meetings were omitted. Members of the council have also started taking part in the excursions around the NAO and carry out their work independently. During this last period an incredible amount of mail from NAO residents has arrived at the association. The main topic is always a request for material assistance, request for means to purchase a home and an improvement of social every-day routines in life. In order to solve these requests we always work together with the NAO Administration with the type of committees of the NAO Assembly of Deputies since Yasavey does not have the material means needed to fulfill these requests. Solving these problems - is one of the main tasks of the bodies from the state authorities of the NAO. It is their responsibility to fulfill them. Particularly since the bodies of the state authorities have both the material assistance and the financial resources, as well as the possibilities to fulfill them. In our opinion all the appeals from the residents should form a basis for working out a program on social and economic development of the peoples of the North within the NAO.

Recently appeals have started to arrive with questions concerning land allotments to communes in order to organize and develop traditional types of making a living, for legal questions and juridical consultation which is good news. We are willing to help by inviting consultants and experts in this field to clarify such subjects. We shall also carry out seminars and some have been held already.

*** Administrative departments of the Association "Yasavey" in settlements.**

One of the trends we are pursuing with regard to the activities of Yasavey - is the work with the administrative departments (hereinafter referred to as "cells"), as defined at the VI Session. Yasavey consists of 20 cells in settlements within the NAO. They are independent as far as their actions are concerned and are subject to the charter of Yasavey. At present there is discussion about creating cells in Naryan-Mar. The main task of the settlements would be to organize the work on the same level as in the NAO settlements via coordination with the central apparatus.

Here is a list of the cell leaders (as of 2004):

- * Amderma - Nadezhda E. Voevodina
- * Andeg - Nadezhda N. Kotkina
- * Bugrino - Mariya S. Semenova
- * Volokovaya - Elizaveta I. Khatanzeiskaya
- * Iskateli - Aleksandra A. Lageiskaya
- * Indiga - Nina P. Nazarenko
- * Karataika - Dmitrij V. Vylko
- * Krasnoye - Igor N. Ledkov
- * Kotkino - Svetlana N. Kotkina
- * Nes - Anna E. Sulentyeva
- * Nelmin-Nos - Mariya M. Vyucheiskaya
- * Oma - Nadezhda A. Bobrikova
- * Oksino - Ivan V. Vyucheisky
- * Pescha - Natalya V. Tuligenova

- * Telviska - Galina N. Chuprova
- * Ust-Kara- Mariya L. Vylko
- * Kharuta - Lyudmila A. Kokina
- * Khorei-Ver - Anastasiya A. Rokina
- * Khongurei - Nadezhda A. Kaneva
- * Schoina - Tatyana A. Nazarova

Before the congress, a few meetings took place in the cells on reporting and election. In some cells new leaders were elected.

How was work carried out with the cells? Mainly we used telephone communication, correspondence, distribution of the association's documents. The cells, in turn, received information from the executive directorate and were recruited to participate in events by the association "Yasavey" being carried out in settlements. All administrative departments received a newsletter "Yasavey vada". The chairpersons of the administrative departments as well as their deputies were recruited to participate at council meetings taking time and willingness into account.

There is quite a valid remark on behalf of the cells about reports on meetings of the association council not being dispatched to them. It is necessary to reflect this in the charter and amend this omission in future works. However, almost all the news about the association council was in the newsletter "Yasa vey vada".

I would like to stop at this point and look at the concrete steps taken to improve the work in the cells?

We made an attempt to meet the activists of the cells. Meetings were held in Nes, Oma, Nizhnyaya Pescha, Khongura, Nelmin-Nos, Krasnoye, Indiga, Karataika, Kharuta, Khorei-Ver and Iskateli (see map in Appendix). While the meetings were in progress informative and explanatory work was going on, exchange of opinions with the residents. All the cells were offered to sign an agreement on cooperation between the Association "Yasavey" and the Administrations of municipal formations. The main representative of Yasavey would be a cell. In the agreement the basics of the work were laid down and the inter-relationships on the level of the settlements. And today the agreement operates fully with the municipal formation "Timansk" in which the administration of the municipal formations presented them with a premise for the cell. In many municipal formations cells are recruited to work in the commission on affairs dealing with ethnic minority groups of the North. Work in a cell varies - in some it is more productive and in some there is no harmony and mutual understanding, neither from the management side of the municipal formations nor from the cells. Likewise it is important to note that among the population there is no specific picture as to who belongs or who should belong to a cell and what exactly are their powers of authority. Since the cell is subject to the charter Yasavey, all the Nenets residing in that area belong to it and other ethnic communes who support the charter of Yasavey. This must be clarified for the population and for the officials.

But eventually everything falls back into place. With time even the municipal formations, the residents and cells can be of assistance and in some locations they already work together effectively and make mutual decisions. There are examples of such cooperation in the NAO.

We tried to recruit the cells into our projects. When projects were carried out on sites belonging to the cells, there was a special agreement about their participation. A good example is the project "Kanin Krasny Red Chum" whereby two cells Nes and Oma helped us. The same happened with the children's ethnecological camp in the vicinity of the mouth of Krovinsk - the cells from Nelmin-Nos, Khongura, Krasnoye and Indiga. With the aim of activating the work of the cells Nelmin-Nos, Khongura, Krasnoye and Indiga, Yasavey won a grant in the MATRA/KAP program arranged by the Dutch embassy and announced a tender among the cells. 5 cells applied and 2 won - Indiga and Oma. Consequently these cells were supplied with computer equipment for

the office and with time they started to publish their own newsletters. We considered this as a very successful process since in a span of eight months we had the opportunity to receive direct information from these settlements. The Krasnoye cell received one computer and one fax machine. They are on Internet and supply us every once in a while with their news. Discussions are in progress with the management of the school in Khongura to open up a similar center. It is very effective.

A series of seminars was held for the management of the cells. In November 2002 a seminar "Sites of traditional nature use in the Nenets Autonomous Okrug" was supported by the small grants program of the World Bank. In December 2003 a RAIPON seminar on jurisprudence, dedicated to the legislative initiatives of Yasavey was supported by the International Working Group of Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA). It was remarkable that an one day seminar was held directly in the Krasnoye settlement.

We can truly state that the activation process has started. The youth is being recruited and new arrivals can be seen. If also more resources could be recruited and if more explanatory work could be carried out, then we can expect effective work on the part of the cells. It goes without saying that problems exist for example visiting the cells on behalf of the association council and management. We are trying to solve this problem and work directly at the site.

*** Work with the bodies of the State Administration, NAO.**

On the whole it can be said that interaction is occurring at its own pace and in a constructive manner along with the central link of the Administration apparatus. In spite of this, there are still, unfortunate as it may be, obstacles to be overcome and they are rather large.

The Association "Yasavey" participates in the process of establishing the budget and this occurs mainly along the same lines as the social and economic development of the peoples of the North. There is interaction with the Committee on Affairs with the Peoples of the North, NAO Administration and other similar Committees. Agreement is reached according to the RAIPON Federal Program. Concurrently, it is also in accordance with the committees of the Assembly of Deputies for the okrug and separately with the deputies.

A private meeting between the president of the Association and the head of the district Administration took place last time in June 2001. Afterwards there were no more official meetings. This is our omission but for the time being that is the nature of the activities in our okrug. Many letters have been left unanswered. A letter sent by the Association "Yasavey" to the NAO Administration in December 2001 stating that the statue of I.P. Vyucheisky should be brought into a respectable condition, is still awaiting a reply.

Invitations by the Association "Yasavey" for representatives to participate in our projects from the NAO Administration remain ignored. There are many such examples, such for example as mutual cooperation in a Working group with consumers of natural resources, attending trips to settlements, participation in the project "Kanin Krasny Chum". This brings forth a strange kind of feeling. There is much positive to see at the site, meet people, find out about their problems, mutual cooperation can only help in finding solutions and searching for new directions to explore. But as experience has shown, the officials today do not show the necessary initiative.

*** The work of the Association "Yasavey" as a subject of legislative initiative**

We are always working with documents arriving from the different departments of the authorities and we make an attempt to participate in their undertakings. As far as possible we hand over our information. The following episode will illustrate what I mean - the introduction of proposals about the condition of the sites of traditional nature use, proposals about environmental measures on the site within the NAO. Due to our persistence and mutual cooperation with the deputies of the district budget the amount of means of the foundation for social and economic development has remained equal to 4% from payments for natural resources, in accordance with the

district law. At this point we did not wait for a reply. But today we can observe that finally the process has taken one step forward. We expect positive results and shall participate as actively as possible.

Due to our initiative in June 2001 final touches were put to the district law on reindeer breeding. This law was approved in March 2002 and today it is one of the most successful laws in the Russian Federation. About 60 % of our proposals were accepted into it. In addition, in February the association took advantage of its right on legislative initiatives to elaborate and introduce two draft projects to the Assembly of Deputies and which had been put together with the assistance of RAIPON and the State Duma , Russian Federation.

These draft projects regulate the interactions between the reindeer herders and oil extracting companies on the territory of the NAO, an original feature to carry out ecological independent tests by specialists. Important is to remember that these two draft projects have been designed without acquiring means from the okrug and oil companies, even though constantly interested in everything they acted like consultants and were involved in explanatory works. Legislative initiative - carries much responsibility with it and most important you have to know how to handle it wisely.

While summarizing there are several general things one could say.

Unfortunate but true, there are still many negative moments in our work but we don' t look at this as a ~~problem~~. We knew the time must come when more partnership-like relations will exist. By the way, just a few moments of a lack of full concentration, an insignificant oversight, defect or counting were only in favor of the association. We have learned how to become independent and felt that this was difficult yet also interesting. We learned how to approach a task to be "worked on" with more than caution and responsibility. It is a pleasure to know that during the current period we obtained enough experience and we have something to account for. For example certain sites have been proven to be traditional sites for natural use, sources for financing programs to support minority groups of the North (at this point it should be noted that from these funds the personnel of the executive directorate was financed by Yasavey and the VII Session is going on). A law has been passed on the quota of representatives to the Assembly of Deputies, a meeting of reindeer herders took place, and the year of Nenets literacy was proclaimed. The population is more aware of what Yasavey should do and to establish constructive and partnership-like cooperation with the bodies of the authorities both within the NAO as well as adjacent regions, by federal bodies of the state authority and bodies of self-administration.

X Mutual cooperation with communes and reindeer breeding farms of the NAO to the program "The Reindeer - our Life and Future".

The first step in this direction was made during the trip to Nelmin-Nos for a meeting of collective farmers concerning the state of the SPK named in honor of I.P. Vyucheisky. Even if it did not succeed the first time, but now there are results and I think the ice has been broken. Three communes appeared in the Malozemelsky tundra - one was a reindeer farm and two were for fisheries. We tried to support the process of the reindeer herders leaving the kolkhoz but only those who were themselves ready to go. In no case whatsoever did we insist they stay, we gave them explanatory work, spoke honestly and openly about the pros and cons which people might encounter. The decision to step out was taken by the people themselves. As an example, the commune "Ilebtz" (headed by Nikiloai Vylko) shows clearly that if you take a risk you might just win. It was not a cheap experience. But Lady Luck came just in time and put them on their feet. Today they are doing much better. But the troubles they had - let the members of the commune tell you themselves.

One of the most important events in which Yasavey participated - "The Day of the Reindeer". Here is the time-schedule for visitors and participants.

- * 2001 SPK "Nenets Commune Kanin", SPK "Yerv", SPK "Kharp".
- * 2002 SPK "Indiga", SPK Nenets Comune Kanin"
- * 2003 SPK "Zapolyare", SPK "Indiga", SPK " Voskhod", SPK "In the Footsteps of Lenin"

In addition there were also meetings, which were held in the winter of 2001 - SPK "Indiga", 2002 - SPK "Nenets Commune Kanin", 2003 - SPK "Nenets Commune Kanin", SPK "Voskhod". The choice of commune often depended on transportation possibilities.

Meetings with Reindeer herders were always very enjoyable. In the beginning there were cold and attentive faces and soon everything was back in place. A live exchange of experiences got underway. The reason for this is probably that the herders do not know and do not understand the tasks of the association "Yasavey". We try to explain and one custom which is very common upon parting is that you are always asked to come back again. We thanked all those who have helped us get to the reindeer herders or participated in these events with us. Such meetings always give you something new to think about and on this basis proposals are made followed by possible new projects. We hope that this tradition will not disappear and that the Day of the Reindeer will be celebrated in the tundra and our older citizens and suburban settlers can get there easily. They can see the effort and the daily life of the herders, breathe in some of the fresh smell of the tundra and remember their native places.

Not always did the SPK people meet us with understanding. Often Yasavey is considered to be nothing but a free-loader. But once explanations have been made, the negative part disappears. It is so very important to be at the site itself, to go through the problems and to get a true picture of what is truly happening. For us the most important thing is experience in mutual cooperation with the reindeer herders from SPK "Yerv". We seem to have reached some kind of understanding on behalf of the SPK management and are trying to behave in an agreed manner. We also had our problems here basically because of land allotment for oil operations. Here I want to point out the following: originally we had changed the practice of signing the allotments. We changed the usual routine on purpose, because Yasavey gave its approval only after SPK had signed. We are trying to become more familiar with the documents and study them in detail. We offer our recommendations to both sides as to what should definitely take place in this case. We bring forth well-founded arguments and offer a legal basis for them. Earlier we gave our recommendations only to the company but nowadays according to a certain priority the information goes all the way to the SPK. So that if A.I. Vyucheisky (unfortunately he did not indicate in his report which actual case he had in mind) is referring to this case in his report then the case with the reindeer herders from SPK "Yerv" served as a good lesson for all the sides in the negotiating process to reach balanced and reasonable decisions when signing agreements.

Based on the experience obtained in the district, we initiated the elaboration of two draft projects that regulate the inter-relationship of the natural resource consumers and land users. And we hope that the deputies in as short a time as possible will read them and accept them so that the legal vacuum in this field can be gotten rid of on the NAO level.

At present on the basis of new draft projects, we are busy with a topic that is new for us - the study of licensing agreements and the preparation of three-party contracts, i.e. Association "Yasavey", Reindeer Breeding Ranch and Oil Extraction Company. This type of agreement should strengthen and simplify the position of the herders. We also welcome the bodies of the official authorities in the NAO to join this process. A similar process was recently implemented between Yasavey, SPK "Yerv" and the company "Naryan-Marnftegaz". Let us hope that this process will be successful since as a basis for these agreements we are laying the foundation for the use of natural resources - a legal and balanced approach which is transparent. By the way, it is a shame that in the law on "mineral prospecting" both within NAO and the federal legislation, which protects the rights of the indigenous minority groups, there is very little attention paid to these questions. This must be rectified as soon as possible.

We are also of the opinion that many questions actually depend on personal inter-relationships between people. If people only had more patience, had more respect for each other, many things could be arranged. I can give you numerous examples but shall not dwell on this subject now.

On the whole, as far as reindeer breeding in the NAO is concerned, it is our opinion that there are some important questions which must be solved and which will be difficult to decide on without the government's support and leaving it up to the enterprises alone. They are the following:

- * The issue of ownership concerning reindeer and the internal organization in enterprises.
- * Adapting the SPK control system in accordance with the new conditions.
- * Providing and scheduled preparation of personnel for the agricultural sector.
- * Writing off old debts, particularly those that were made prior to the introduction of the district budget.
- * (since the tax burden is becoming unbearable and very complicated).
- * Inter-relationship between private reindeer herders and collective farmsteads.
- * Designing and constructing a comprehensive system of trading houses for the entire NAO.
- * Normal conditions to market reindeer products, doing away with the monopolizing in which OAO "Myasoprodukty" is engaged in, development of alternative markets to sell the products to.
- * And much more.

We think that it is from this point of view that we should approach the situation. The development of independence for the farmsteads and to maintain the same relations with government bodies as well as with communes and the collective farmsteads.

We offer all the SPKs and all the communes our utmost assistance.

In addition to this, it is not only the reindeer herders whom we help out but also other communes, for instance fisheries. They are recruited by means of grants to start up small foundations to render some assistance in developing communes. We try to help them with teaching and for this the Training Center for Indigenous Peoples (RITZ), under RAIPON, is very helpful. Furthermore the Administration has signed an agreement with RAIPON in November 2001 where one of the items mentions the opening of a new RITZ branch in the NAO. This question has not been decided on yet but this branch would help solve very many problems pertaining to the education of people living in the countryside and adapting to new surroundings. For example our neighbors (YANAO and KHMAO), Taimyr, Evenkiya) have already opened similar branches and are carrying out the teaching process and they can confirm this - quite successfully. I think it is worth raising this question once again at the Meeting and then approach the Administration and the NAO Assembly of Deputies with the proposal to open a branch of the Training Center within the NAO.

The municipal formations are also important to include into this process. I think that a positive example of our mutual cooperation with the administration of the Malozemelsk AgroCouncil is worth looking into and to recommend it to others. This type of cooperation enables to solve many questions and we are most thankful to Mikhail S. Taleev and his team for their work and mutual understanding.

We also think that it is necessary to discuss at the meeting the question of creating regional corporation for the economic development to help communes and SPKs. It seems to us that we have built up our political structure and it must now be reinforced. Yet we must not forget the economic issues. The creating of a non-political structure dealing with economic questions is becoming more of a necessity. We propose to add this also to the agenda. Especially since recently our neighbors managed to have their proposal passed - not long ago a similar corporation was created in a theatre group "XMAO" on a district level. This, in my opinion, would also be suitable for us.

- * **Establishing mutual relations with oil enterprises operating in the NAO.**

This subject can be debated a very long time. I shall only pause at a few major points.

The problem which we tried to solve - that is to begin an open process about establishing relations between the Association "Yasavey" and consumers of natural resources. There was unfavorable criticism from both sides. But things started moving only after the first Round Table meeting in May 2001. And what is remarkable is that the President of the Russian Federation signed a law on "Territories of Traditional Nature Use of the Minority Groups of the Peoples of the North, Siberia and the Far East, R.F.". That was when we could for the first time involve the consumer of natural resources into the dialogue, see their work with our own eyes (Ardalinsky trade of the company "Polyarnoe Siyanie", listen to their claims and tell them ours. And so began the process of establishing a normal relationship between partners.

Much was accomplished due to the cooperation with a non-commercial organization "Union of geologists and oil workers of the North". Work with this organization brought mutually beneficial results and it is a great loss that this organization does not exist any more. Recently we also lost people very dear to us and who worked with us very much. We are thankful to all our partners and our plans are to continue the process of concluding mutually beneficial agreements.

As a result of this work, we held three Round Table meetings, *"Developing natural resources in the NAO. Indigenous peoples and oil companies. Outlook for future inter-relationships"*. A working group was founded and worked on preparing for the "Round Tables" and preparation for regional legislative acts. As a result of these activities, in February 2004 in the Assembly of Deputies two draft projects were handed in. I spoke about them earlier. That is an incredibly tedious job. (The activities of the Working Group (WG) are reflected in the report of the executive directorate).

As a result of the dialogue that ensued with the consumers of natural resources it was possible to implement a series of projects and undertakings. The main list is attached in Supplement No. 1

The following agreements were concluded:

- * NK "Komi TEK" - concluded until 2001
- * OOO "Bovel". Basis - licensing agreement. The license has now been handed over to OOO "Naryan-Marneftegaz".
- * OAO "Archangelsgeoldobycha" in 2003. Has not been executed unfortunately.
- * OOO "Severnoe Siyanie". Basis - licensing agreement. Agreement schedule - license is valid for 18 years. The sum to be financed for a year is approved annually.

In summarizing, one can say with a large amount of certitude that it is possible to establish normal relationships. We showed you how it can be done in practice and this activity has been of benefit to the residents of the district. Of course this involves a mutual obligation and a mutual achievement of results. We hope this process continues and joint beneficial works will be done even more.

At the same time, one must remember that developing oil extraction applications carry a threat to the traditional use of nature. For this reason we took certain steps to reinforce control over the production activities of the oil companies. An example of this is addressing the President of the Russian Federation in September 2002. Unfortunately the efforts we have made today in the government and among the public-at-large is not sufficient. And now attention is only paid to the income from prospecting natural resources into budgets of various levels. It is time to consider how our children will continue to be and what will they see on our earth.

We hereby propose to the congress to approach the government organs demanding reinforcement of control over monitoring the nature protection legislation, in defending the environment and the traditional lifestyle of the indigenous minority groups of the North within the NAO. It is time to seriously think about a reasonable manner to control our natural resources.

We are of the opinion that these trends in our operations (enumerated under items 5-6) reflect the main directions of the work by the association as per the program "The Reinder - our Life and Future".

X Cooperation with RAIPON.

Yasavey is a participant of RAIPON (Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North, {Siberia and the Far East}). The president of the association "Yasavey" is a member of the coordinating council of RAIPON. During the period I took part in all the meetings of the coordinating councils.

In November 2001 there was a mobile meeting of RAIPON' s coordinating council. On that occasion an agreement was signed on "cooperation between the NAO Administration and RAIPON.

Several representatives of communes within the NAO took part in the RITZ training courses. Information from RAIPON is distributed around the okrug. In addition about 100 copies of the newsletter reach the town and specific addresses and are also on the library net in the okrug. Furthermore, Yasavey is distributing other RAIPON publications. In No. 13 of the almanac "*The World of Indigenous Peoples - The Living Arctic*" a special section on Yasavey was published.

The technical resources of the RAIPON Information Center support the website of Yasavey.

Yasavey became one of the initiators of building horizontal ties between regions. In March 2001 an agreement was concluded with the public organization of the Saami people from the Murmansk oblast (OOSMO), and in December 2002 an agreement with the association "Yamal for Future Generations!"

The experience obtained by Yasavey in establishing relationships with oil companies is used by RAIPON as a source of information and is disseminated in other regions.

The support given to us by RAIPON enabled us to carry out several international projects. International partners were recruited. The initiative by Yasavey is also beneficial for RAIPON. The implementation of the "Kanin Red Chum - 2002" project made it possible to disseminate information about this project on an international scale and also shed light on the problems of the nomadic folk of the Russian North.

Along with RAIPON Yasavey is working with the federal bodies, attends national and international assemblies and conferences.

The NAO was selected as an experimental site for a series of projects. For example the project AMAP on the pollution of the Arctic, the EKORA project and others.

Once again the support received from RAIPON made it possible to establish the information centre "Yasavey Manzara". It mainly handles information-related work and supports the executive activities of Yasavey.

For the work being done on the legislative initiatives of Yasavey, RAIPON helped recruit specialists to work on this and the result was that two draft projects have already been dispatched to the NAO Assembly of Deputies.

Yasavey is entitled to receive at any time legal and juridical consultation in a routine manner.

Thus, in summarizing, one can say that relations have been sorted out and that this situation is mutually advantageous for both Yasavey and RAIPON.

The activities RAIPON is engaged in and the policies it follows on a national as well as on an international level, have been and form the basis for the activities being carried out by Yasavey on the level of the NAO.

*** Activities on an inter-regional and on an international level**

As already mentioned, the support by RAIPON made it possible to become involved in an inter-regional and an international level. Yasavey has many reliable partners and has participated in a series of international meetings. Yasavey' s main partners:

X Dutch organization "Arctic Peoples Alert", director Govert de Groot. We have been working together for about six years (since 1999). Thanks to his support we won the grant in the Program MATRA/KAP "Reinforcing the activities of the administrative departments of the Association "Yasavey". He organized the trip for the delegation Yasavey to The Netherlands in 2001.

X Danish partner - TGK Consult, manager Thomas Kochler. With the assistance of TGK Consult it was possible to implement the project "Institutionalized Development of Yasavey. A project was carried out with NGTRK "Zapolyare" (installation equipment handed over). A newsletter started appearing "Yasavey

Vada". Help was given to the communes in Nelmin-Nos and to the administrative department in the settlement of Krasnoye. A project was also realized.

- X The International Organization IWGIA, coordinator Katrin Vessendorf. With the assistance of IWGIA the activities of the information center "Yasavey Manzara" were maintained. A journey was made Karataika - Kharuta. Participation in the film festival of indigenous peoples in Basel, Switzerland. At present work is continuing on new projects. Contacts are maintained through Arctic cooperation.
- X ANSPIRA Organization, manager Winfred Dalman. A project has been planned and an application sent in for assembly of electronic boards.
- X Mutual cooperation is developing with the Saami in the Scandinavian countries. Yasavey has become a member of the Association "Reindeer Herders of the World".
- X Efforts are continuing to be made to include Yasavey as a participant into the activities of international projects within the NAO and also in the Arctic Region.

X Some separate remarks on the cooperation in the Barents Euro-Arctic region. There are some mechanisms for work.

Working Group on Affairs Dealing with Indigenous Peoples. The representative of Yasavey participated in several meetings of the Working Group. In our opinion it is time to raise the status of this group and to provide full participation of indigenous peoples and not only the regional authorities. A Working Group (WG) - that is political activity and we welcome the changes occurring on the level of the Barents region. At present a review of the procedure of appointing members to the WG is underway. Together with the council we determined who should be the representative of the Nenets people in the WG. It should be the president of Yasavey since he is elected at the congress and thus represents the legitimate representative of the Nenets people. We hereby propose to the meeting to give support to this decision made by the council since it is very important for the Nenets people themselves to determine who will represent them, this decision must depend on the people themselves. We also support the idea that the representative of the Administration, dealing with the affairs of indigenous peoples, should participate since this will enable many questions to be settled together. There are many possibilities and they must be taken advantage of.

Inter-relationship with the Barents Secretariat. During the last period two grants were won. Publishing the Nenets calendar for 2003 (a request was made in 2000) and the granting of a subsidy for reindeer herders. (it is represented and shall be handed out to the delegates) Within the framework of this cooperation, work is built up and along with it cooperation with the Nenets Barents center. We are quite certain that cooperation should definitely be developed and improved. Particularly since there exists an interest from both sides. We are most grateful to the Nenets Barents center for the cooperation which they are engaged in with us and for the support on their behalf.

Furthermore, inter-regional relations were also being successfully developed. The following agreements have been concluded:

- * Agreement with OOSMO.
- * Agreement with the Association "Yamal -for future generations!".
- * Agreement with the land association "Tosavey".
There is also cooperation with regard to RAIPON data lines with Kamchatka, and St. Petersburg.
Here are some undertakings realized within the framework of these agreements:
- * Participation of the delegates of Yasavey and the Bugrino settlement in the celebration of the North, the Lovozero settlement, the Murmansk oblast, 2002, 2003.
- * A journey to Salekhard, December 2002, Participation in a Round Table meeting.
- * A visit by an editor of the paper "Naryana Ngerm", Khabeche Yaungada to the Nenets Okrug, August 2003.

- * A journey Mezen - Dolgotschele - Nes - Oma, March 2002, March 2003.
- * Meeting with the land association "Tosavey" in Naryan-Mar, 2003.
- X Work with the meeting of deputies of the Archangelsk oblast, 2003. Attempt to solve cooperation with the Mesen raion
- * And so on and so forth....

The main projects have been realized during the current period and are presented in Annex No. 2.

Thus, the active project operations of the association during the current period has made it possible to spend many public commemorative undertakings. We should remember that project activities- is a very difficult process and takes much work. In order to make the necessary preparations for one project, to find the sponsors, to agree on the venues and their costs with the sponsors and then to render an account, which demands another several months of precise work of the entire collective group.

* **Financial situation of Yasavey.**

During the period of March 2001 the financial provision for the activities of Yasavey was based on support from the district budget and sponsor assistance from consumers of natural resources. Unfortunately, for this period a tax inspection was carried out on financial activities of Yasavey and the results led to a fine. This fine was not written off and we consider this matter to be an open question. It was not possible to resolve this problem in the ordinary way even though we approached many different instances. For this reason the accounts of Yasavey are now encashed and part of the funds were written off. This will be reflected in the report by the executive directorate.

In addition to this, because of the lack of experience of the accountant, Yasavey was subjected to fines during 2003. These fines have been written off.

The main activity on the projects of Yasavey was managed with the help of partners. In 2002 an agreement was concluded with the Union of Geologists concerning cooperation but under special conditions and they were: when the projects have been carried out, the Union of Geologists will take upon itself the work with finances.

Briefly summarizing, the Union has never let us down. Large projects have been realized with their help - "Kanin Red Chum", the Working Group and many more. The list of projects is attached in the annex.

Coordination of projects with the Union of Geologists was headed by Aleksandra E. Belugina.

As a result of the situation with the invoices of Yasavey, a decision was taken to establish an executive organization - this was the information center "Yasavey Manzara". The founder was Yasavey. All equipment has now been handed over to them as well as the financial resources in order to save them for being written off by the tax inspection. There is an agreement between Yasavey and the Information Center "Yasavey Manzara" on this type of cooperation and at the moment the center "Yasavey Manzara" is responsible for work carried out on these projects and now the "Yasavey" office is responsible for the work on the projects of the Association "Yasavey".

Since 2001 the work of Yasavey on international projects became one of the main orientations. That is one of the actual possibilities to recruit resources for financing the activities of the association and it solved many problems. In addition, it must be sad that to be awarded with such financing is a rather difficult task and basically it is a type of catalyst which attracts other means. In this case it is also our partners who carried the financial responsibility since we told them what situation we are in. Nonetheless, it was possible to accomplish quite much. Now that a new organization has appeared our partners took the decision to finance the projects and work with the new organization. And we are now completing a series of projects and are preparing new ones. We constantly hand in applications to various foundations. In some cases we receive financing but not always. Work with attracting means from the oil companies was continuing constantly. Quite a large number of undertakings was being carried out. The work was adjusted and finely tuned so that we were able to receive a large amount of resources. One of the mechanisms for financing activities of Yasavey was part of the conditions

of the licensing agreements during the period of the preceding management of the association. And this mechanism has started to work now but with difficulty. Only two companies came forwards and concluded a contract with Yasavey and made direct deductions. This was the company "Bovel" and the company "Severnoye Siyanie". The remaining companies did not do this and during this period we were not able to get precise data concerning the licensing agreements. According to our information, we heard that all the resources were transferred to the accounts of the NAO Administration and have been used by the latter. From our point of view the mechanism of receiving financial deductions is more effective and legitimate way. It is mandatory to make it work and bring benefit. It was also easier to attract resources even additional ones. Very much has been done with OAO "Archangelskgeoldobych", ZAO Varandineftegaz" the company "Polyarnoe Siyanie" and others. New negotiations have started but many companies are extremely wary. Support from the district budget consists of payments of wages to the employees who are registered as personnel. That makes three units - Executive Directorate, accountant and specialist. Also holding a Congress of the Association "Yasavey" mainly goes through the district budget. We consider this to be good since this is an event on the scale of the entire okrug.

We are ready to take upon ourselves the responsibility for implementing projects and programs with support from the district budget. But this question is only at the beginning phase The authoritative bodies are not ready to make such a decision. Even though according to the decision arrived at by the administration of the Non-budgetary Foundation for social and economic development of MNS in 2002, the Association "Yasavey" was given about 1.5 million roubles in view of its liquidation.. These means were spent on goals specified by the Charter of the Foundation and the decision as to spending these means is reflected in the report of the Executive Directorate. Here the following is important to note: quite a large part of the amount (about 500 000 roubles) of this Foundation was spent on maintaining the Directorate of the Foundation since the liquidation process was not yet finished. But for reasons not depending on the Association "Yasavey", and it was necessary to pay salaries to the employees of the Foundation for their work.

Based on the above the following conclusions can be made:

- * For the fiscal period under review, the financial activities of Yasavey had expanded. According to our estimates the overall economic effect can be estimated at about nine million roubles. This is significantly higher than the preceding period. We do not invest only direct financial transfers into it but also additional services and assistance provided for us, such as an offer to go on a special tour by helicopter, having certain equipment at hand, transport, etc.
- * the increasing financial funds demand a more professional approach and an increase in expenditures for servicing financial activities. Many problems occur because of the impossibility to provide professional servicing (the low wages of the accountant). Money demands spending in order to service it. This is beginning to become the main prerequisite for successful business operations
- * The conclusion of agreements must be continued with consumers of natural resources, to take advantage of all the possibilities included in the licensing agreements.

On the whole we can consider the activities as being successful. The efficiency factor of Yasavey has risen significantly in spite of financial difficulties. The acquisition of additional sources for financing permits the association to acquire a certain amount of freedom for its activities and this enables decisions to be made independently.

Thus, it is precisely the active design and planning force of the association regardless of the financial situation, which gives the association the possibility to carry out projects having a public significance.

Active involvement in designing and planning is that new orientation which the present management of the association included and proved to be successful, gave us the possibility to implement many projects of public significance. This activity as I mentioned is very time-consuming and demands high qualification. For the period under review our colleagues in the executive directorate obtained useful experience in this field.

X Future Activities of Yasavey and the direction they will take for the next period.

For this current period much attention has been given to internal self-organization of Yasavey, work with the cells, establishing relationships with consumers of natural resources, carrying out explanatory work among the residents.

Much attention has been paid to normalizing political work on an inter-regional level and also on an international level, and applying legislative initiative.

And yet there are gaps and unfinished business. In essence it is work for interaction with authoritative bodies of the NAO and solving economic questions.

As far as fundamental priorities for Yasavey activities are concerned, we hereby propose the following:

- * Strengthen political activity since we are going to face the question of implementing a quota for representation purposes in the Assembly of Deputies in the NAO. Your own candidates must be determined and lobbied for thus organizing encompassing support for them. It seems to me to be worthwhile to discuss this issue as well at the meeting. By coming up with a good political strategy, Yasavey will make it possible to establish a process of normalizing interactions and establishments of partner-like cooperation with the governmentl authoritative bodies of the NAO.

- * The work on establishing programs for foundations of social and economic development of minority groups from the North of the NAO particularly since the process has started already.

- * Continue work along your own platform. We shall recommend that supplements and agenda be introduced into the existing program "The reindeer - our Life and Future".

- * Start work on establishing economic development of the Nenets people. We have the intention to raise a question at the meeting on the need to prepare for creating a corporation for economic development of the Nenets people. A competent and qualified economic staff, legal aid to communes and entrepreneurs.

- * Continue increasing professional know-how of your colleagues in the executive directorate, cells, settlements and in towns.

*** Summarizing.**

During previous periods and the period 2001 - 2004 much has been accomplished. In finishing my presentation I should like to express my gratitude to all these folks who helped in setting up the Association "Yasavey", those who helped with the current work and who added some of their steam to the movement of indigenous minority groups, those who assisted in establishing the association "Yasavey" in this work and who pepped up the movement of minority groups in the Nenets Autonomous Okrug.

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Thank you for your attention and your trust.
 V.V. Peskov,
 President of the Public Movement
 Association of Nenets people "Yasavey".

Supplement 1: Main list of measures implemented with participation of oil extracting companies

2001

Measure	Main Sponsor
Round Table with oil companies	ОАО "Archangelskgeoldobycha"
Visit to Ardalın oil deposits and Settlement of Khorei-Ver	"Polyarnoye Siyanie Company"
Group of children from Krasnoye Participate in children's ethnological camp in Khanty Mansij Autonomous Okrug	ОАО "Archangelskgeoldobycha"
RAIPON's Coordinating Council in Naryan-Mar	ОАО "Archangelskgeoldobycha"
Establishing Working Group "Severnoye Siyanie"	"Polyarnoye Siyanie Company"

“Archangelskgeodobycha”
“Bovel”
“Severgeoldobycha”
“Lukoil-Sever”

2002

Measure	Main Sponsor
Round Table with oil companies	From Working Group funds
“Kanin Krasny Chum” project	OAO “Archangelskgeoldobycha”
Yasavey delegation and settlement of Bugrino participated in “Festival Of the North” in Lovozero, Murmansk oblast	ZAO “Arktikneft” FGUP “Arkimorneftegazrazvedka”
Day of the Reindeer at Timan, SPK “Indiga”	ZAO “Varandineftegaz”
Assistance to Ilebts commune, SPK Nelmin-Nos settlement	OAO “Archangelskgeoldobycha”
Training and advising residents of Remote areas and assist in finding a job	OAO “Severnaya Neft”
Celebrating the Nenets poet’s – P.A. Yavtysogo’s - 70 th birthday	OAO “Archangelskgeoldobycha”

2003

Measure	Main Sponsor
Celebrating 70 th anniversary Of SPK “Indiga”	ZAO “Varandineftegaz”
Participation of Yasavey delegation And Bugrino at the Festival of the North in Lovozero settlement	ZAO “Arktikneft” FGUP “Arkimorneftegazrazvedka”
Round Table with oil companies	Working Group funds
Closing of the project “Kanin Red Chum 2003”	OOO “Naryan-Marneftegaz”

Day of the Reindeer SPK “In the Footsteps of Lenin”	OOO “Severnoye Siyanie”
Training and advising residents in Remote areas and assist in finding a job	OAo “Severnaya Neft”
Finding jobs for residents from remote areas	“Naryan -Marseismorazvedka”
Ethno-ecological camp for children In the vicinity of the bay of Korovinsk	ZAO “SeverTEK” OOO “Bovel”
Visit Karataika – Kharuta	Partly by “Polyaroye Siyanie Kompani”

2004

Measure	Main Sponsor
25th anniversary celebration of the “Maimbava” ensemble	OOO “Bovel”
the VIIth Session of the Public Movement “Association of Nenets People “Yasavey”	NAO Administration OOO “Severnoye Siyanie” OOO “Bovel” OOO “Arktikatranssekskavatsiya”

Preparation and holding

Supplement No.2 Main List of Projects

Implemented during 2001 to 2004

Name of Project	Associate of Association	Organizations (participants of project)	Goals and tasks of project	Results of Project
2001				
Support and patronage of river boat “Yasavey	President V.V. Peskov	PM “Yasavey”, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (TGK Consult)	Improve service of population, distribute information	The ferry has new windows, floor covering and music center exists
“Extension of	Executive	PM “Yasavey”	Renewal of	Sustainable

workshop production "Enabts"	directorate	TGK Consult	equipment, more jobs, improve service to population	production established, 2 new jobs and 3 seasonal jobs are open

'Round Table 2001 – indigenous peoples and oil companies. Outlook for cooperation	A.E. Belugina, secretary of WG. Executive Committee of "Yasavey"	PM "Yasavey", NO "Union of geologists and oil workers of the North"	Setting up stable and mutually beneficial cooperation between oil companies and traditional land users.	An ever-increasing circle is aware of the problems which exist in the relations. W.G. established.
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'Ethno - ecological camp in KhMAO"	Executive Directorate	PM "Yasavey" PM "Saving the Yugri"	Becoming acquainted with KhMAO, its nature, culture and indigenous peoples.	Children have seen what it means to live in harmony with nature and preserve it. We are familiar now with customs of Khants and Mansis.
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2002

"Yasavey Manzara"	L.E. Kanyukova, associate of "Yasavey"	PM "Yasavey" IWGIA-TGK Consult (Danish mass media)	Informing public of Yasavey events Newsletter to be released monthly.	Inhabitants of NAO have possibility to be informed about NAO events.

'Kanin Krasny Chum 2002"	Executive Directorate	PM "Yasavey", OAO "Archangelskgeoldobycha" – OAO NK "Lukoil"	Provide nomads on Kanin peninsula with medical service and aid. Cultural program.	Evaluation of general health condition of herders. Nomads received psychotherapeutic aid.
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'Participation of oil companies in development of Bugrino, Kolguev. Phase 1. Culture'	L.E. Konyukva, specialist, member of SO Bugrino, herders SPK 'Kolguev'	PM 'Y asavey', SO PM 'Yasavey' Bugrino, NK 'Arktineft', NK 'Arktikmorneftegaz - razvedka'	Establishing cultural ties with Saami people. Visit to Festival of the North.	Project enabled exchange of experience. Residents of Bugrino have met residents of Lovozero.

Working group 'Round Table 2002 – indigenous peoples and oil companies'. Outlook for mutual ties'	A.E. Belugina –WG secretary. Executive Directorate, 'Yasavey' Association	PM 'Yasavey', NO 'Union of geologists and oil workers of the North'	Get conflict under control which erupts between herders and oil workers. Precise positions for future cooperation	At the Round Table a dialogue began between the two conflicting sides with a consequent solution for the situation. Future plans have been designated.
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Seminar 'traditional nature use territories in NAO'	Executive Directorate of 'Yasavey' Association	PM 'Yasavey', World Bank	Explanation of legal situation of TTP, training for practical application of laws to protect one's rights.	Information forthcoming on passing of law on NAO territory. Addendums have been worked out for the law. The population will be informed how to apply it.
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'Calendar in Nenets language issued for 2003'	Executive Directorate of 'Yasavey' Association	PM 'Yasavey' Barents Secretariat	Supporting and making the Nenets language popular	Enormous interest in calendar. Draws attention of
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'Strengthening activities of administrative departments of "Yasavey" Association in remote areas within NAO	Executive Directorate, structural departments of "Yasavey" Association, Oma and Indiga	PM "Yasavey" Dutch Embassy in RF	Activate operations of SO. Develop and reinforce structure of "Yasavey" Association. Strengthen mutual cooperation between SO and self-administrating bodies.	More vitality in work performed by structural department. Information about settlement is going around within NAO.
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"Yasavey Manzara"	L.E. Kanyukova, V.N. Kotkin, associates of "Yasavey" Association	PM "Yasavey" IWGIA – TGK Consult (Danish mass media)	Continuation of informative project for 2002. Goals and tasks are analogous.	Information bulletin is distributed within NAO. Population has information about activities of Association.
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'Participation of oil companies in development of Bugrino on island of Kolguev. Phase 2. Culture"	I.S. Semenov, specialist from "Yasavey" Association, A. A. Lageiskaya – Council member, SO members in Bugrino, SPK herders "Kolguev"	PM "Yasavey", NK "Arktikneft", NK "Arktik-morneftegaz"	Continuation of 2002 project. Mtg. In Murmansk with oil co. reps. working on island. Discussion of problems, etc. Visit to Festival of North in Lovozero.	Continuous ties established with Saami. Herders meet directly with oil company managers and have established their position on mutual relations.
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Chum 2003. SPK “Voshod”, mobile cinema	Kotkin, associate of “Yasavey” Association	NK “Bovel”	ready. Goals and tasks set to a minimum.	program finished in SPK “Voskhod”
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Working Group “Round Table 2003 – indigenous peoples and oil companies. Outlook for joint work”	Executive Directorate of “Yasavey” Association	PM “Yasavey” NO “Union of geologists and oil workers of the North”.	Joint solution to problems when using resources and land.	Two concepts ready for draft project concerning settling matters between NK and herders.
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“Release of ethno-ecological calendar for 2003”	Executive Directorate of “Yasavey” Association	PM “Yasavey”, Non-budgetary Fund for development of ethnic minorities in North.	Support and revitalization of Nenets peoples’ culture	Publication of calendar. Distributed within NAO and beyond. Population received traditional Nenets knowledge.
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“Children’s ethno-ecological camp for 2003. Inlet Korovinsk”	Executive Directorate of “Yasavey” Association	PM “Yasavey”, NO “Union of geologists and oil workers of the North”, ZAO “SeverTEK”, OOO “Bovel”	Educating children to have a caring relationship with nature. Becoming acquainted with traditional way of life of Nenets people.	Children learned to respect nature on Korovinsk inlet. Cleaned the coastline. Had a course in reindeer breeding. Witnessed the garbage left after excavation by oil workers.
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“Institutional construction. Working with settlements in remote areas”	Executive Directorate of the “Yasavey” Association, President	PM “Yasavey”, IWGIA – TGK Consult (Danish mass media)	Evaluating work of administrative departments, consulting	Two remote settlements in eastern part of NAO were visited.
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			local people, evaluation of all parts of the settlement to obtain a true picture of the situation the population is in.	Meeting held with residents where acute problems were brought to the surface. Meeting held with head of Administration. Social facilities were visited.
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Chapter 2: Report on Activities by Alexander I. Vyucheisky, Vice-President

I was elected Vice-President at our last meeting to deal with issues pertaining to the exploitation of natural resources. Being well acquainted with this sector, I deliberately stipulated the right to sign Land Allotment Acts. I only used this right once after the elections. Never again did an Act cross my path - everything took its own course by-passing me without asking for any advice. The specific character at that time was that I succeeded in having the Association control the land allotment procedure. The main idea was not to alienate the lands without the herders' approval. I don't know what questions the present president wanted to solve with the consumers of natural resources but my worst fears materialized - land allotment acts were signed without the herders' approval. Consequently the oil workers began to hold the herders in contempt: the Association signed but you bunch of no-goods are not signing. The herders have the right to agree on the compensation for the loss of agricultural products when their land is allotted as well as other kinds of reimbursements. The Association does not have the right to solve their own problems behind the back of the herders. Completely different mechanisms exist to deal with those matters.

In spite of this, I constantly organized a check-up, with the help of the authoritative bodies, of the oil workers according to how many times they have violated environmental laws. I assisted in concluding contracts on mutual cooperation between the oil companies and the SPK reindeer farms "Friendship of Peoples", "In the Footsteps of Lenin", and "Dawn of the North".

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I participated actively in organizing the harnessed reindeer sledge races, which today are a tradition and arranged the meeting of reindeer herders. Have also visited the sacred place of the Nenets on the island of Dolgij and their sacred site on the island Vaigach.

With sincere thanks to the delegates for their attention,
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Conclusions:

* It is a pity that the residents who are affected by passing District laws for indigenous minorities show only a passive interest in the draft projects being proposed to them. I don't recall any proposals, supplements or amendments concerning the district legislation on reindeer breeding in the NAO. There was a lack of enthusiasm by the chairmen of the cells themselves in this direction. Even in their reports I did not notice which items of the draft projects do not correspond with the traditional economic activities in reindeer husbandry. This question should be observed in a special manner by the management of all the Yasavey-cells.

* It is imperative that all draft projects and approved laws on indigenous minorities are brought to the attention of the entire local municipal formation.

Chapter 4: Report of the Vice-President of Yasavey on questions of traditional management Alexander E. Vyucheisky

At this point, relations between N.G. Vylko and SPK were, to say the least, not exactly very warm. SPK refrained from allotting pastures and the per capita given was very small. The pastures were for harvesting hay

and this could be seen in the documents. In general, N.G. Vylko, his family and SPK did not make any joint effort to get closer. We organized in the village club a meeting with the SPK representatives (chairperson - L.M. Talyeva), members of the Vylko family and the chairperson A.P. Gavrilyeva. During the meeting proposals were made to find a solution for this situation. Consequently they organized an FTC and at present herd their reindeer together, independent of the kolkhoz. The land plots, however, are not yet registered in the name of the FTC.

* In 2001 a joint trip was undertaken with the president to Kautokeino in Norway.

Goal: A business meeting with the Association of the World Reindeer Herders, presentation of projects: twinning relationships of the Kautokeino commune and the MO village Nes, student exchange programs, etc. During the meeting the projects enumerated above were presented and the participants of the meeting took note of them.

Yasavey was also accepted as a member of the Association of the World Reindeer Herders during the course of this meeting.

* In 2001 a trip to the settlement Nes was made.

Aim: to assist the Norwegians in setting up twinning relations with the MO settlement Nes in compliance with the project by V. Peskov.

We spent 3 days in Nes and met with the residents of the settlement. We were offered to stay in the boarding school in the building of the former barracks which housed 15 people. Today about 80 children live here. Up to 8 people occupy one small room. The windows don't have any small window panes to open, the toilets are the so-called "direct-hit" facilities without any ventilation. These were the conditions offered to us by the chairman Yu. P. Rochev of the MO Nes during our stay. The mayor Jan Ule Bulio did not even shrug his shoulders at these conditions and this is how we lived.

The Head of the administration - Yu. P. Rochev - did not only complain about the rotting sidewalks in the settlement during the meetings but acted as if there were no other problems. The mayor of Kautokeino waited patiently for three days to hear from the local authorities about possible directions, whereby they could cooperate but finally gave up. Then the mayor asked me to count the number of windows in the boarding school - there were 54. At the next meeting with the Head of the Administration, the mayor said that he was willing to give out financial means in order to repair the boarding school. The Head however replied that a new boarding school will be built in Nes. We never did get an estimate of the costs from him. He just crossed off twinning cooperation even though there was much to be done. We also visited brigade No. 10 of the Kanin Commune for the opening of the "Kanin Red Chum" project with the Norwegian delegation and members of Yasavey.

With the exception of the student exchange program since 2002 in Finland, and since 2003 in Norway, 2 people are being trained in the Kautokeino commune from SPK "Yerv". They are being trained to work at the slaughtering stations when processing venison.

During the entire period I worked in district commissions on cases of violations of laws protecting the environment and land allocation laws in the Russian Federation and the NAO due to oil drilling companies in particular on land belonging to the SPK "Yerv" as told by the herders. And there were cases of violating the laws: riding around the tundra on caterpillar chains in non-winter periods, oil spillages, etc. In my opinion the oil workers do not give a damn about complying with the law. Their slogan is "Oil - at any price!" plus total indifference as to whether grass will grow here again or not. Any attempt on behalf of the herders to somehow influence them is not possible. All they can do is promise "gold mountains".

Time allowing I attended the councils of the Associations since I live in Krasnoye and there is not always the possibility to go because of an emergency situation somewhere beyond the limits of the okrug.

I consider the work done by Yasavey as satisfactory, because the Association has ceased to be a social cashier' s office but began to make tangible items using the principle : "just hand me a fishing pole. I can catch fish by myself".

Chapter 5: Report Executive Directorate of Yasavey March 2001 B March 2003

Alexander E. Belugin

According to the Charter of the Public Movement, Association of Nenets People Yasavey, the Executive Directorate forms the executive staff structure of the Movement.

The executive directorate comprises a staff of three persons:

- * executive director
- * specialist
- * chief accountant

As of March 2001, the executive directorate of Yasavey has been executing its activities in compliance with the legislature of the Russian Federation, Charter of Yasavey, decisions taken by the council and the president of Yasavey.

Since not so long ago, the activities have mainly evolved according to the legislature of the R.F., the Charter of Yasavey, decisions arrived at by the council and the president.

The activities involving the executive directorate in the recent past consisted of the following, namely:

- Making all the necessary arrangements and organizing the acceptance of the population into the community;
- * Seeking consultation for citizens with questions and problems;
- * Business and accounting activities;
- * Organizing and carrying out undertakings on the scale of the NAO;
- * Organizing and carrying out undertakings directly organized by Yasavey;
- * Participation in flights on land allotment issues for oil extracting companies and their subcontractors;
- * Participation at meetings, committees, organizational commissions on behalf of state authorities, including other events as well;
- * Trips to settlements within NAO;
- * Making the necessary arrangements for summer camps for the children in NAO;
- * Ensuring the availability of the newsletter Yasavey Vada and other printed matter to all structural divisions of the Movement and to the settlements in NAO;
- * Compiling archive documents.

From 2001 up to the present, the executive directorate has participated in the following venues:

- * Undertakings directly organized by Yasavey.
- * Events arranged on an NAO level;
- * Flights dealing with land allotments as part of a commission B circa 50 trips annually
- * Events carried out jointly with Russian and foreign partners;
- * Organizing summer camps B 4 years, of which 3 were spent in organizing summer holidays together with the deputy A.N. Chilingarov from the State Duma and the summer of 2003 was organized independently as an ethno-ecological camp;

- * Replying in writing to questions put forth by citizens.
- * Consultation hours were taken advantage of by at least 750 people.

Co-workers of the executive directorate have carried out the following items:

- * Fulfilled decisions made by Yasavey;
- * Solved routine problems of the population and answered their questions;
- * Participated in NAO venues;
- * Coordinated actions with various goals while carrying out Yasavey=s operations;
- * Took part in flights regarding land allotment issues for the oil extracting companies;
- * Spent time organizing summer camps;
- * Compiled archives of Yasavey;
- * Rendered assistance to the NAO population in matters of an informative or legal nature;
- * Managed the activities and book-keeping operations for Yasavey;
- * Took part in meetings, committees, organizational commissions jointly attended by the bodies of the NAO officials, including those organized by other organizations and establishments;
- * Made up the members of a body flying out to settlements within the NAO.

The executive directorate did everything possible to coordinate the work while organizing various events and not once while performing the activities of Yasavey was a complaint handed in concerning their work.

In generalizing the questions raised by the public, Yasavey prioritized them in the following order and they usually dealt with financial assistance for the following situations:

- * People in need of consultation B more than 750 individuals;
- * Housing issues - 64;
- * Seeking employment - 49;
- * Organizing the work of another commune or other legal entity B 8;
- * Children=s summer holidays - 4;
- * Enquiries by legal entities - 1532;
- * Organizing material assistance - 113;
- * Training period - 16;
- * Business trips through settlements.

For the past 3 years, an amount of 3 822 892,25 (three-million-eight-hundred and twenty-two-thousand-eight-hundred and ninety-two roubles and 25 copecks) has been transferred into Yasavey=s account to finance undertakings, projects and programs of Yasavey, to support and develop the indigenous minority groups of the North within the NAO, to pay the colleagues of the executive directorate their salaries. This sum plus the amount in the account comprises an overall total of 3 915 450,24 (three-million-nine-hundred and fifteen-thousand-four-hundred and fifty roubles and 24 copecks) has been given out for expenditures by January 1, 2001.

In 2001, the amount of 1 098 424,80 (one million-ninety-eight-thousand four-hundred and twenty-four roubles and 80 copecks) was given out. The remaining balance of 159 962,60 (one-hundred and fifty-nine roubles nine-hundred-and-sixty-two roubles sixty copecks) was left on the account by January 31,2001.

2001	Balance at beginning of year	arrived	spent	Balance at end of year
	108 580,50 Rbls.	1 149 806,90 Rbls.	1 098 424,80 Rbls.	159 962,60 Rbls.

Overall monetary funds received:

1	Budgetary appropriations and other budgetary goal-related financing	222 900,30 roubles
2	Free transfers from organizations and enterprises B goal-related	203 794,80 roubles
3	Miscellaneous earnings (from oil companies, international organizations and other such instances)	723 111,80 roubles

Financial means spent:

1.	Salaries for executive directorate	96 459,90 rbls
2.	Events, projects, programs (including goal-related events)	744 558,40 rbls.
3.	Social and material assistance (cash)	139 409,10 rbls
4.	Tax deductions for social needs	34 533,40 rbls.
5	For tax and other purposes	83 464,00 rbls.

The account of Yasavey had the sum of 159 962,57 (one hundred and fifty-nine-hundred Band-sixty-two roubles and 57 copecks).

During the entire year of 2002 the sum of 1 929 777,17 (one-million-nine-hundred and twenty-nine thousand-seven-hundred and seventy-seven roubles and 17 copecks). Out of this sum 1 651 779,31 (one-million-six-hundred-and fifty-one-thousand Bseven-hundred-and-seventy-seven roubles and 31 copecks).

2002	Balance at beginning of year	arrived	spent	Balance at end of year
	159 962,60 Rbls.	1 929 777,17 Rbls.	1 651 779,31 Rbls.	437 960,43 Rbls.

The funds which arrived in 2002 were spent on undertakings by Yasavey, developing and maintaining traditional lifestyles, development of culture and languages, maintaining intellectual capacity, making arrangements for celebrating traditional festivals and evenings, wages for the executive directorate, and activities not prohibited by the Charter of Yasavey.

As a result of this the monetary transfer among the accounts of Yasavey amounted to the following:

Balance of means at beginning of year	159 962,57 Rbls.
Incoming means:	1 929 777,17 Rbls.
* voluntary contributions	248 443,33 Rbls.
* miscellaneous earnings	1 681 333,84 Rbls.
Means spent:	1 651 779,31 Rbls.
1. Expenditures for goal-oriented events:	819 146,01 Rbls.
* social and charity aid	528 755,39 Rbls.
* holding conferences, meetings, seminars	147 454,27 Rbls.
* miscellaneous events	142 936,35 Rbls.
2. Expenditures for maintaining the executive directorate	343 624,06 Rbls.
* Expenditures related to wages (incl. taxes)	280 653,48 Rbls.
* Expenses not related to payment of wages	-
* Expenditures for business trips and official visits	-
* Maintaining premises, buildings, vehicles, other assets	27 891,81 Rbls.
* repair of main accessories and other assets	-
* sundries	35 078,77 Rbls.
3. Acquisition of basic means, inventory	-
4. sundries	489 009,24 Rbls.
Balance of means at end of fiscal year	437 960,43 Rbls

Due to the dissolution of the non-budgetary state fund for the welfare and development of minority groups of the North within NAO, a sum in the amount of 1 378 000,00 (one million-three-hundred-and-seventy-eight-thousand-roubles-and-00-copecks) was entered into the current account of Yasavey. These funds were expended in accordance with a decision dated January 30, 2002 for the development and maintenance of minorities from the North within the NAO:

- * to develop traditional festivals and undertakings, culture and language, customs and traditions;
- * for traditional ways of earning ones living;
- * to support students and render material assistance in case of natural catastrophes
- * miscellaneous measures oriented towards social and economic development;
- * salaries of the Management of the Fund.

Thus, based on a decision by the Council of Yasavey, the following was used from the funds transferred by the Non-budgetary Fund to fulfill the aims above:

- * the period from March 13 to June 10, 2002 B 228 672,40 (two-hundred-and-twenty-eight thousand-six-hundred-and-seventy-two roubles and 40 copecks);

- * the period from June 10 to September 10, 2002 B 434 222,70 (four-hundred-and-thirty-four thousand Btwo-hundred-and-twenty-two roubles-and 70 copecks);
- * the amount of 400 000,00 (Four-hundred-thousand-roubles and 00 copecks) was transmitted to the Non-budgetary Fund in order to pay the salaries of the Funds management.

This repeated transfer of funds back into the account of the Non-budgetary Fund is due to the fact that as of January 2001, no decision has been made as to the dissolution of the Fund. All documentation concerning the dissolution of the Fund are in the City Court House awaiting their fate.

Consequently the balance on January 31, 2002 comprises 437 960,43) four-hundred-and thirty-seven thousand-nine-hundred-and-sixty roubles and 43 copecks).

The year 2003 was not the best for Yasavey. Old problems came to the foreground related to taxes of Yasavey, a social project remained unfinished the Kanin Red Chum B 2003) and no funds were allotted for it. But even under such circumstances the executive directorate continued their activities in a routine manner according to the Charter.

2003	Balance at beginning of year	arrived	spent	Balance at end of year
	437 960,43 Rbls.	743 308,18 Rbls.	1 165 246,13 Rbls.	16 022,48 Rbls.

The sponsorship aid made it possible for Yasavey to accomplish the following:

- * a social project was executed B the Summer ethno-ecological camp together with the companies Frtum and ZAO SeverTEK;
- * funds from the company Lukoil-Komi (former Komi TEK) were used to carry out cosmetic repair of 2 premises in the office of Yasavey;
- * implement a series of projects with international partners and pay for the rent and telephone calls made including the expenses for being on Internet;
- * visit settlements of the NAO and reindeer breeding farms;
- * carry out ambulatory seminars and meetings of a consulting nature in the villages;
- * Participate in international meetings and seminars.

In spite of the problems with the Inspectorate MNS R.F. for NAO and the not so generous financing on behalf of the sponsors, Yasavey continued its work during these 3 years. Due to the agreement signed in 2001 with the non-commercial organization Union of geologists and oil workers of the North, all major events occurred jointly with the Union.

Yasavey continued to carry out all the organizational activities with the difference that it was using the settlement account from the NO Union of geologists and oil workers of the North. And in May 2001 a working group was established which managed to solve the situation which arose in Yasavey.

Working group. The results from the round table held in May 2001 resulted in setting up a Working Group Indigenous peoples and oil extracting companies in the NAO by Yasavey and the non-commercial organization Union of geologists and oil workers of the North. It began its work that same year in October.

Since the existence of the WG mutual relations have been established between Yasavey and the oil companies that were working on the territory of the NAO. In our opinion this process has started to acquire a civilized approach and a constructive dialogue has begun between the two sides.

During its operations the following oil companies have given an effective boost in organizing and implementing projects and programs geared towards the social and economic development of the indigenous minority groups of the North in the NAO by financing its activities and participating in the work.

IN 2001:

*	OOO Zevernoye Siyaniye	B 294 70,00 rbls;
*	OOO Bovel	B 58 967,00 rbls;
*	ZAO Severageoldobycha	B 42 000,00 rbls;
*	ZAO Varandineftegaz	B 59 800,00 rbls;
*	ZAO Sever TEK	B 71 200,00 rbls;
*	OOO Kompaniya Polyanoye Siyaniye	B 60 360,00 rbls.

TOTAL SUM: 321 797,00 rbls.

IN 2002:

*	OOO Archangelskeoldobycha	B 75 500,00 rbls;
*	ZAO Lukoil-Sever	B 63 301,15 rbls;
*	OOO Lukoil-Komi	B 60 000,00 rbls;
*	ZAO Arcticneft	B 60 000,00 rbls.

TOTAL SUM: 258 801,15 rbls.

IN 2003:

*	OOO Arctictransexskavatsiya	B 62 584,00 rbls;
*	ZAO Varandineftegaz	B 62 774,40 rbls;
*	OOO Lukoil-Severnefteprodukt	B 62 768,00 rbls;
*	FGUP Arkticmorneftegazrazvedka	B 34 244,00 rbls;
*	ZAO Sever TEK	B 62 565,80 rbls;
*	OOO Archangelskgeoldobycha	
	balance of means according to projects	- 5 196,10 rbls.

TOTAL SUM: 351 123,30 rbls.

The overall sum transferred for activities of the Working Group amounted to: 931 721,45 rbls. (Nine-hundred-and-thirty-one-thousand-and-seven-hundred-and-twenty-one rbls and 45 copecks). The following expenditures were used from that amount:

* Acquisition of computer technology B	116 683,10 rbls;
* Acquisition of furniture B	19 030,00 rbls;
* Office expenses B	155 618,20 rbls;
* Expenses for business trips B	229 563,19 rbls;
* Funds for salaries B	218 455,10 rbls;
* Expenses for sessions and Round Table meetings B	19 702,61 rbls;
* unexpected expenses B	12 669,25 rbls.

We succeeded in recruiting additional financing within the framework of the Working Group and carry out a series of large-scale undertakings and projects by involving means from the Working Group and other sources, namely:

* For the Coordinating Council of the Association RAIPON with the financial assistance of OAO Archangelskgeoldobycha 393 655,68 rbls. (Three-hundred-and-ninety-three-thousand- six-hundred-and-fifty-five roubles and 68 copecks). Of this amount: 236 501,04 rbls were spent for organizing and carrying out the Coordinating Council:

* Meals	175 907,89 rbls;
* Sundries	60 593,15 rbls;
*	75 000,00 rbls

(Seventy-five-thousand roubles and 00 copecks) were spent with the approval of OAO Archangelskgeoldobycha for activities of the Working Group and 81 654,65 (eighty-one-thousand-six-hundred-and-fifty-four roubles and 65 copecks) for undertakings and projects of Yasavey;

* For the implementation of the project Kanin Red Chum B 2002 with financial assistance of 1 239 830,35 rbls from OAO Archangelskgeoldobycha (one-million two-hundred-and-thirty-nine thousand-eight-hundred-and-thirty and 35 copecks). In all 1 235 155, 81 rbls, the balance of the means amounting to 4 674,54 rbls was transferred as agreed with the company into the account of the Working Group for its activities;

* In order to realize the project Ethno-ecological camp with financial assistance from the companies Fortum, ZAO Sever TEK and AOOO Bovoil, 185 734,06 rbls (one-hundred-and-eighty-five-thousand-seven-hundred and thirty-four roubles 06 copecks) were spent.

Thus, during the entire period of activities of the Working Group for undertakings, projects and programs, in all the sum of 2 635 032,94 (Two-million-six-hundred-and-thirty-five-thousand-and thirty-two rbls and 94 copecks) arrived and was spent.

Descriptive Report On the Activities of the Working Group Indigenous Peoples and Oil Extracting Companies in the NAO for the years 2001 to 2003.

Main undertakings carried out within the framework of the WG:

* Round Table Meetings on The development of natural Resources in the NAO. Indigenous Peoples and oil extracting companies. The outlook on future mutual cooperation dated May 11, 2001.

- * A visit to the oil reserves of rdalinsk of the Kompaniya Polyarnoye Siyaniye in May 2001.
- * The Coordinating Council of the Association RAIPON in October 2001.
- * World Bank consultations concerning discussions of changes within the Operating directorate VB, on projects dealing with indigenous peoples, October B November 2001.
- * Round Table meeting on the development of natural resources in the NAO. Indigenous Peoples and oil extracting companies, prospects for mutual cooperation May 17, 2002.
- * Business trip to the settlement of Nelmin-Nos with the participation of partners from Denmark and The Netherlands, work on the establishment of family-tribal communes, August 2002;
- * An enlarged meeting of Yasavey's Council on the question dealing with Conflict between SPK Erv and ZAO Varandeftegaz with the participation of the SPK Erv management, ZAO Varandaeineftegaz, OAO Archangelskgeoldobycha, enthusiasts from Yasavey, September 11 2002
- * Enlarged meeting of Yasavey's Council on the question Conflict between SPK Erv and ZAO Varandeftegaz, October 14, 2002.
- * Seminar with the subject traditional territories for the use of nature in the NAO beginning in December 2002.
- * Seminar dealing with regional legislature and indigenous minority peoples of the North, December 2003.

Projects initiated within the WG framework :

- X A trip by a delegation of students to participate in the international children=s camp in Khanty-Mansy Autonomous Okrug August 2002. The delegation comes from the settlement of Krasnoy.
- X Participation in the celebration of the Festival of the North in the Murmansk oblast. A delegation of residents from the Kolguev island and Yasavey. Development and elaboration of the project Kolguev Island. Participation by the residents for sustainable development of the island's territory February 2002 B 2003.
- * A joint project Kanin Red Chum. April B November 2002.
- * The Ethno-ecological camp project B August 14 B 26, 2003

Main trips within WG framework activities:

- * A business trip to settlements: Indiga and Vyucheisky, November 2001;
- X Business rip to Murmansk, meeting with the leadership of the company Arcticneft and Arcticmorneftegazrazvedka;
- * Voyage along the route Archangelsk Mezen Nes Oma. March 2002.
- X Business trip to Archangelsk to meet with the people from the same area (zemlyachestvo) Tosavey according to a decision of joint questions connected with Kaninsky and Mezensky reindeer herders.
- X Business trip to RAIPON, finding a solution for questions on the activities of the WG, discussion of organizational questions to execute a Round Table meeting in 2002;
- X Trip to Nes to arrange mutual cooperation between the commune Kautokeino (Norway) and the municipal establishment Kanin Council, June 2002;

- * Participation in the meeting of the RAIPON Coordinating Council in Yakutsk, October 2002;
- X Participation in meeting of WG concerning indigenous peoples of the Barents region, Kiruna, Sweden, October 2002.
- * Holding the first meeting of the WG on November 29, 2002;
- X Business trip to Usinsk, meeting with management of the company Lukoil-Komi and Severnaya nef't.
- X Taking part in the Round Table meeting on the future of the Samody peoples Salekhard, Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrug, December 2002.
- X Trip to Moscow to take part in a seminar on monitoring questions related to the preservation of the environment in the power engineering sector, February 25 - March 1, 2003.
- X Trip to Indiga settlement to attend the festivities of the 70th anniversary of SPK Indiga, March 12 B 15, 2003.

The activities of Yasavey in establishing mutual cooperation with the oil extracting companies operating within the NAO, has called forth the interest not only in Russia but also abroad. Thanks to the support on behalf of the Association RAIPON, it was possible to implement projects and programs which are of a significant social and economic aspect in our lives.

The executive directorate of Yasavey considers, in turn, that the work performed during this entire period of training as regards partnership relations, has launched a good start for future works.

Chapter 6: Information from the Department of Justice of Russia for the NAO concerning activities of Yasavey

N.P. Chuprova (Senior Research Officer of the Justice Department NAO)

The Public Movement "Association of Nenets People "Yasavey" was registered in the Minjustice Department of Russia for the Nenets Autonomous Okrug on June 4, 1999. The territorial area where operations are carried out by the Public Movement "Association of Nenets People "Yasavey" is regional. The term - Regional Public Movement – implies a body with goals specified in its Charter to be implemented within the boundaries of one subject of the R.F. (§14 of the Federal Law on "Public Movements").

A registration file of Public Movements is kept at the MinJustice Department - No. 15. This file contains all documents concerning the activities of the movement: copies of financial transactions, reports on their own activities, work plans and other documents.

According to the Federal Law on "Public Movements"; "Yasavey" reports annually to the Department about the continuation of its activities and indicates the physical location of the operating managing body. Names are supplied as well as the date of registration for the managing body of the Public Movement and this volume of information is then enclosed in a single government register for legal entities.

The Public movement "Yasavey", in compliance with the law, invites representatives of the Department of Justice to the events it carries out.

The representative of the Department of the Russian MinJustice, NAO attends as a member of a working group and as an independent expert for the PM "Association of Nenets People "Yasavey".

The events carried out by a public movement distinguish themselves by their organizational

manner, and the information is absorbed by the participants. Everybody was interested in the Round Table topic: ‘Development of natural resources in the NAO. Indigenous people and oil extracting enterprises. Outlook for mutual cooperation’ and the seminar ‘Territories of traditional nature use in the NAO’.

The Public Movement ‘Yasavey’ assists the representatives of the Department in becoming acquainted with their activities since the goals set down in the Charter have been attained in compliance with the laws of the Russian Federation.

The specialist from the Department compiles a control schedule of public and religious movements. The reason behind monitoring public movements is to ensure that the goals in the charter were carried out in correspondence with the activities of a PM and the federal laws.

Thus from 1998 to 2003 the ‘Association ‘Yasavey’ was checked 3 times:

- * September 11, 2000
- * January 25, 2002
- * April 14, 2003

The items for investigation and analysis during such a control are mainly decisions and proceedings of meetings of the Movement’s Council meetings, administrative documentation of responsibility-bearing legal entities, specific tendencies of the activities to fulfill charter goals, its compliance with the statutes of the charter and valid laws, organizational structure of the public movement, and their control system. In the course of this examination, the events carried out by the Movement are analyzed to ensure compliance with the federal law and charter goals.

In the course of an investigation, events carried out by a PM during its entire existence complies with the charter goals of their activities:

- * safeguarding the Nenets people as one of the minority groups of Russia and the world community;
- * defending its legal rights and interests in the field of jurisprudence, within the bodies of the authorities and local self-administration;
- * providing equal opportunities for the Nenets people in the political, economic and social situation in life;
- * promoting the carrying out of measures for comprehensive preservation and usage of nature’s environmental habitat and historical and cultural surroundings of the Nenets people;
- * revitalizing, preserving and developing traditional handicrafts, spiritual traditions, national culture, health, medicine with both centuries-old application and customs as well as contemporary science;
- * continuous drawing of the government’s attention to the problems of the Nenets people, defending its legal rights, liberties and other interests;
 - promoting the rights of the Nenets people in accordance with legal decrees of the Russian Federation including the right to own, make decisions concerning land and other natural resources in places of traditional nature use and which are an inherent possession and a historical home.

Appendix 1: Presentation by the Executive Directorate on Financial Activities of the Movement from March 1998 to March 2001

Alexander E. Belugin

Distinguished delegates and guests to the VI Session of the Public Movement “Association of Nenets People “Yasavey”!

Before my presentation, I want to express my gratitude to the organizations and districts with whom such warm and professional relations have been established, the sponsors who have generously offered social and material support to the Movement during the preparatory period, the directors of the enterprises and organizations with whom we solved our joint problems and questions. Among our most loyal sponsors I would like to mention such companies as ‘Polyarnoye Siyaniye’, ‘Komi TEK’ and ‘Severnaya neft’.

It is no secret that the activities of the Movement are mainly supported through funds donated by sponsors.

The work with potential, sponsors and organizations has been started. Because of a series of existing agreements, the process of decision-making has been launched without which the Movement could not have come to terms with on its own

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The Movement is continuing its cooperation with RAIPON, established partnership relations with international organizations and implementation of works with funds is in process. Project-related work has aroused particular interest. Several draft proposals have been compiled and translated into English. A search to finance these 3 projects - ‘Training Young Reindeer Herders’, ‘Youth InfoCenter’ and ‘Student Workshop for Producing Reindeer Sledges’ - is in progress.

The first project in this series received both support and financing in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region. This project goes under the title of ‘Allowances for Herders’ and the financing stage is in progress. It is not a large project but according to the Executive Directorate it is of enormous significance.

The main activities of the Executive Directorate are geared towards working with the Nenets population, especially from NAO settlements. Most often it is with residents who have come to town to solve their problems. They usually do not have sufficient means to buy food and to reside in the town. They had frequently appealed to the Directorate for assistance since they did not have the possibility to fly to the settlements in the district. A large amount of letters arrive. More than 200 letters with requests were addressed to the Association and most of the letters concern the need of material support. Indeed, we are not able and could not have helped everybody, yet as things stand decisions were taken and problems solved.

Many letters also arrived requesting assistance in finding or buying a home in Naryan-Mar, to pay for air plane tickets to this or that settlement. But we do not have the capacity to occupy ourselves with such matters. The only thing we can do is to talk to this or that enterprise, organization to look for possibilities for solving these questions.

Nevertheless, it is my opinion that these questions must be handled by State authority organs located here as well as at the sites but not a public organization.

One of the major problems at work is the lack of a separate meeting room. Today’s situation makes it impossible to come together, to invite guests, to organize an operational meeting and sort out documents. Being neighbors in one room with the Committee on Affairs of Indigenous Peoples of the North confuses people and officials since many of them are starting to misunderstand the situation and they consider the Movement and the Committee as one and the same instance.

A small newsletter has been programmed and set up as a web site on Internet due to the cooperation with RAIPON. Thus, information and a presentation about the Movement is available to other regions and countries.

The electronic mail system is now in operation. Now, receiving information from RAIPON, other regions and countries is possible on a routine basis.

On the whole, the work of the Executive Directorate has become more effective and up-to-date.

March 17, 2001

Appendix 3: Management Structure - past and present - Public Movement "Association of Nenets People "Yasavey"

Presidents

- * Angelina S. Ardeyeva, 1989 - 1991
- * Lyudmila V. Laptander, 1991 - 1992
- * Yevdokia E. Telekova, 1992 - 1995 (as Vice-President)
- * Aleksandr I. Vyucheisky, 1995 - 2001 (title "Honorary" conferred in 2001)
- * Vladislav V. Peskov, 2001 - 2004

Council Structure (1998 - 2001)

- * Aleksandr I. Vyucheisky, President
- * Anna I. Kanyukova, Vice-President
- * Aleksandr E. Belugin, Executive Director
- * Matrena I. Taleva
- Aleksandra A. Lageiskaya
- Irina L. Khanzerova
- Andrei A. Apitsyn
- Olga V. Latysheva
- Aleksei L. Ledkov
- Nina P. Nazarenko
- Elena G. Khatanzeiskaya

Council Structure (2001 - 2004)

- * Vladislav V. Peskov, President
- * Aleksandr I. Vyucheisky, Vice-President
- * Prokopy A. Yavtysy, Vice-President
- * Aleksandr E. Vyucheisky, Vice-President
- * Svetlana V. Taibarei, Vice-President
- * Aleksandr E. Belugin, Executive Director
- * Matrena I. Taleva
- * Aleksandra A. Lageiskaya
- Galina A. Arteyeva
- * Aleksandr L. Ledkov
- * Lyudmila E. Kanyukova

Heads of Administrative Departments (as of 2004)

*	Amderma	-	Nadezhda E. Voevodina
*	Andeg	-	Nadezhda N. Kotkina
*	Bugrino	-	Mariya S. Semenova
*	Volokovaya	-	Elizaveta I. Khatanzeiskaya
*	Iskateli	-	Aleksandra A. Lageiskaya
*	Indiga	-	Nina P. Nazarenko
*	Karataika	-	Dmitry V. Vylko
*	Krasnoye	-	Igor N. Ledkov
*	Kotkino	-	Svetlana N. Kotkina
*	Nes	-	Anna E. Sulentyeva
*	Nelmin-Nos	-	Mariya M. Vyucheiskaya
*	Oma	-	Nadezhda A. Bobrikova
*	Oksino	-	Ivan V. Vyucheisky
*	Pesha	-	Natalya V. Tuligenova
*	Telviska	-	Galina N. Chuprova
*	Ust-Kara	-	Mariya Lazarevna Vylko
*	Kharuta	-	Lyudmila A. Kokina
*	Khorei-Ver	-	Anastasiya A. Rokina
*	Khongurei	-	Nadezhda A. Kaneva
*	Shoina	-	Tatyana A. Nazarova

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Appendix 8: Program of Events during VII Session:

PROGRAM OF ACTIONS TAKEN DURING VII SESSION

March 17

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	Act. Hall NSCHI
14:00 - 15:30	Meeting of delegates with President and Council of Association	Act. Hall NSCHI
15:40 - 17:40	Presentation of film about NAO	Act. Hall NSCHI
18:00 – 19:00	Cultural program by the team “Nyanei Syo”	Act. Hall NSCHI
19:00 – 20:00	Dinner	Restaurant “Sever”

March 18

09:30 – 11:20	Meeting of delegates with Management of NAO Administration	Act. Hall NSCHI
11:30 – 12:30	Meeting with deputies from Assembly of NAO deputies	Act. Hall NSCHI
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	Restaurant “Sever”
14:00 – 15:50	Meeting with representatives of oil extracting companies	Act. Hall NSCHI
16:00 – 17:50	Meeting of delegates with RAIPON President, Yamala and Taimyr delegations	Act. Hall NSCHI
18:00 – 18:50	Theatre presentation by “Ilebts”	Act. Hall NSCHI
19:00 – 20:00	Dinner	Restaurant “Sever”

March 19

09:00	Official Opening of the Session	House of Culture
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09:15	Words of Welcome from: NAO Administration, SD NAO, Deputy GD FS RF, RAIPON representatives, Association "Yamal to our Descendants" and other guests.
10:00 – 11:00	Report by president on work achieved. Report by executive director. Auditor's Report
11:00 – 13:00	Discussion on reports presented and evaluation of "Yasavey's" activities, presentation by delegates (5 -10 min.).
13:00 – 14:20	Lunch
14:30	Election of president, Association Council "Yasavey", etc.
17:00	Official Closing of the Meeting
17:30	Press Conference
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18:00	Cultural Program of the ensemble "Maimbava"
19:30	Official Closing Dinner (take invitation with you). Café "Metelitsa"
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