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Attached is a letter of the WSF, jointly agreed at the WSF 2017-2 plenary meeting on 1-2 November in Wilhelmshaven

**Proposal:** The meeting is invited to discuss the document and to decide accordingly



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**First draft Ministerial Declaration of TGC-13**

Dear colleagues of the TWSC,

the representatives of the Wadden Sea Forum in the Wadden Sea Board have recently received the first draft of the Ministerial Declaration for the Trilateral Governmental Conference 2018 in Leeuwarden.

Unfortunately, the draft does not consider some important parts of the proposal made by the WSF. Section one about the appreciation of the WSF activities was not considered but should in any case be part of the MD as well.

This section describes the portfolio of the WSF and highlights the cooperation with the TWSC in those fields, which are important for the Trilateral Cooperation but belong to other responsibilities.

The WSF was established on decision of TGC-9 in 2001 to work on sustainable development in the Wadden Sea Region. A sustainable society plays an important role to safeguard the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site also by receiving a broad commitment. The cooperation with the WSF aims at covering work fields, which are not investigated by the TWSC.

In order to understand the cooperation between TWSC, the proposed section about the actions and achievements of the Forum have to be part of the MD. This sections also builds the basis for the following paragraphs.

Secondly, the proposed paragraph 5 (WSF proposal) regarding the acknowledgement of the contribution and cooperation of the WSF to realise the World Heritage Partnership Centre has to be mentioned in the MD somewhere. The WSF contributes to the preparation of the partner hub and could play an important role in the partnership network and as facilitator of the partner hub. For the future collaboration it is important to mention this in the MD of Leeuwarden but not necessarily as a separate paragraph.

We trust that you acknowledge and add these points in the Declaration

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Loggen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cees Loggen  
Chairman Wadden Sea Forum