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**TITLE OF PRESENTATION**

Managing the High North: Norwegian perspectives

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Jonas Gahr Støre is Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway. He has a degree in political science from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, and has held a teaching position at Harvard Law School. His first introduction into public life was as Special Advisor to the Prime Minister, followed by a three year tenure as Director-General of the Prime Minister's International Department. In 1998, Mr. Støre was appointed Ambassador of Norway's Permanent Mission at the United Nations in Geneva, but served only briefly as he was asked by former Prime Minister of Norway and then Secretary-General of the World Health Organization, Gro Harlem Brundtland, to become her Chief of Staff. In 2005, Mr. Støre became Minister of Foreign Affairs in Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg's government, following three years as Secretary-General of the Norwegian Red Cross. Mr. Støre belongs to the Norwegian Labour Party.