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Arctic Governance and the Arctic Council

• Initiate discussions toward developing the Arctic Council into a formal international organization by adopting an exclusive treaty among the eight Arctic states to give themselves more binding powers.
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- Annual Arctic Council ministerial meetings
- Adequate and stable budget
- Secure the role and participation of the Permanent Participants
- Explore new areas for legally binding agreements
Economic Opportunities in the Arctic

• Establish an Arctic Chamber of Commerce or Economic Forum
• Joint research on challenges related to oil drilling and transportation of oil and other hazardous goods
Economic Opportunities in the Arctic

- Develop overall strategies for assessing environmental, social and cultural consequences when exploiting natural resources in the Arctic
Enhancing Human Development in the Arctic

- Develop the Arctic region with the human dimension in focus and with a human rights approach
- Establish an Arctic Council framework mentorship and mobility program, in cooperation with universities and scientific and business communities.

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• Develop a more structured partnership with the University of the Arctic, the International Arctic Science Committee and International Arctic Social Sciences Association

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