

Intervention by Aleut International Association

We would like to thank Finland for an excellent work. Please accept our congratulations on the successful chairmanship. I also would like to thank the new Chairman for taking note of my yesterday's speech. We hope to see Alaska, Aleutians and Commanders on the maps of the Arctic Council projects in the future.

There have been numerous remarks about importance of PPs participation. I would encourage all states and organizations to provide adequate funding to ensure that Permanent Participants have an opportunity to participate. Our special thanks to the U.S. Government for funding our travel to the AC meetings and to the Government of Norway for their financial support of PPs from the Russian Federation.