

INARI DECLARATION

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1. EVALUATION OF THE STATE OF ART IN CIRCUMPOLAR COOPERATION

2. THE INTERNATIONAL MOUTHPIECE

- take note of increased visibility
- the need for intensified global action and continued coordination among Arctic states
- Northern Dimension and cooperation with the European Union
- The ECE Ministerial Conference on Environment in Kiev, May 2003, other international events?

3. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE WAKE OF JOHANNESBURG

- Arctic Council as a partnership and regional contributor to the implementation of Johannesburg commitments; reflections on the Sustainable Development Program

4. NEW FOCUS ON HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

- approve the AHDR and develop it to a comprehensive knowledge base for AC Sustainable Development Program
- mainstreaming of gender and youth aspects in Arctic cooperation
- encourage further health activities
- transport and telecommunication

5. FURTHER ACTIONS AGAINST POLLUTANTS

- welcome the 2nd status report and draw conclusions to reinforce activities against pollutants and encourage implementation of projects as a conclusion of the report
- encourage further implementation and up-date of the RPA and support Russia and other Member States in their efforts to implement their NPAs;
- the significance of the Stockholm Convention on POPs , the need to develop a heavy metal instrument

6. BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- endorse recommendations on biodiversity

- encourage further activities on sustainable livelihoods, such as sustainable management and use of forests, sustainable reindeer herding and sustainable tourism
- oil, gas, metals and minerals in sustainable development, the precautionary principle.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE

- take note of successful up-start of ACIA and international recognition
- recognise the increasing importance of emergency prevention and response

8. CAPACITY BUILDING

- mainstreaming of capacity building
- welcome good progress of UArctic, use of ICT in capacity building
- continuous support for capacity building in indigenous and other local communities

9. CALL FOR EFFICIENCY, PRIORISATION AND INTERACTION

- endorse the recommendations in the review report by the SAOs
- interactions with the regions, with help from Northern Forum, parliamentary support
- call for continuous coordination and dialogue with other regional bodies and processes
- the role of the observers, adoption of observers for the next two year period

10. Welcome the SAO report and adopt recommendations, including the mandates for subsidiary bodies

11. Welcome and accept with appreciation the offer of Iceland to chair the Arctic Council.