

REYKJAVÍK DECLARATION

On the occasion of the Fourth Ministerial Meeting of the Arctic Council

Draft outline

1. Circumpolar cooperation on sustainable development

2. Human Development in the Arctic

Welcome the AHDR as a knowledge base on human development in the Arctic

AHDR basic findings

Encourage specific activities

SLICA

SDAP

Activities related to human health

3. Climate Change in the Arctic

Welcome the Scientific Assessment and Overview document

Take note of main ACIA findings

Provide guidance on the next steps

4. Actions against pollutants

Strengthen efforts in monitoring and assessing pollution in the Arctic

Reinforce activities against pollutants and encourage implementation of projects

Welcome the AMSP

5. Biodiversity conservation

Encourage further activities on biodiversity conservation

6. Information and Communication Technology

Commit to continuing efforts in the area of ICT in the Arctic

Endorse the establishment of a ICT task force

Define main role of ICT task force

7. Research cooperation in the Arctic

Take note of ASSW

Take note of meeting of Ministers of Education and Science of the Arctic Council Member States

Commit to assisting in cooperation between governments and the science community

Confirm active participation in the IPY

8. Financing Arctic Council projects

9. Financing Permanent Participants' participation in Arctic Council activities

10. International cooperation

Take note of importance of outreach and increased visibility

Need for intensified global action on identified pollution issues

The Northern Dimension Action Plan and cooperation with the European Union

Raising the Arctic profile within the United Nations system

Arctic Council as a regional contributor to the implementation of Johannesburg commitments

11. Other

Call for continuous dialogue with other regional bodies and processes

The role of the observers, adoption of observers for the next two year period

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

Welcome and accept with appreciation the offer of the Russian Federation to chair the Arctic Council