



KRASNOYARSK DECLARATION - 2018

**Approved by the Northern Forum Board of Governors
Krasnoyarsk, Krasnoyarsk Krai,
Russian Federation, April 12, 2018**

We, the governors of the Northern regions, gathered in the city of Krasnoyarsk, Krasnoyarsk Krai, Russia on April 12, 2018 at the Northern Forum General Assembly to discuss a development of international and interregional cooperation and improving the quality of life in the North, to set priorities and to find the ways for further development of organization in order to strengthen the role of the Northern Forum in the Arctic cooperation, and also to sum up the results of Krasnoyarsk Krai Chairmanship in the Northern Forum,

1. **Confirming** the mission of the Northern Forum to improve the quality of life in the North by providing northern regional leaders a means to share their knowledge and experience in addressing common challenges of people, living in the North, and to support sustainable development and the implementation of cooperative socio-economic initiatives among northern regions and on international arena;
2. **Noting** the need for consolidation of joint efforts for the development of the international interregional cooperation for the benefit of sustainable development of northern regions;
3. **Recognizing** the need for strengthening the role of the Northern Forum, increasing the voice of the northern regions in the international cooperation in the circumpolar North and improving the mechanisms and instruments for international cooperation in order to fulfil the potential of the Northern Forum in ensuring sustainable development of the northern regions;
4. **Confirming** the need to develop new approaches and to review the format of cooperation among regions and partners in the framework of the Northern Forum in favour of strengthening the role of governors of the northern regions and priority support for projects aimed at tangible results for the population of northern regions;
5. **Recognizing** the significant contribution of Krasnoyarsk Krai to preservation and strengthening of the Northern Forum position in the international arena, including the Arctic Council, as well as **reiterating** the importance of the leading role of the Northern Forum in the development of interregional cooperation between sub-national governments, oriented for concrete outcomes for sustainable development in the North;

Hereby,

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6. **Highlight** that at the start of the Chairmanship of Krasnoyarsk Krai, the Northern Forum overcame the difficult situation thanks to the leadership of Sakha Republic Chairmanship in 2011-2015 and today Krasnoyarsk Krai as a Chair region, organization's activities have been enhanced and expanded, position of the Northern Forum in the international Arctic cooperation have been strengthened, work of the Northern Forum Secretariat in Yakutsk has been enhanced;

7. **Express appreciation** to the former Governor of Krasnoyarsk Krai Viktor Tolokonskiy, Acting Governor of Krasnoyarsk Krai Aleksandr Uss, Acting Vice-Chairman of the Government of Krasnoyarsk Krai Yuriy Zakharinskiy for the leadership in the Northern Forum and contribution to development of interregional cooperation in the Arctic;

8. **Express appreciation** to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Ambassador-at-Large, Senior Arctic Official of the Russian Federation to the Arctic Council Vladimir Barbin, and Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation for all the support of the Northern Forum;

9. **Especially welcome** the expansion of the Northern Forum membership and new members: State of Alaska (USA) and Lapland (Finland);

10. **Welcome** Khabarovsk Krai for joining the Northern Forum;

11. **Welcome** the entry of the following Northern Forum Business Partners: High North Center for Business and Governance of the Business School at Nord University of Norway, the Arctic Portal (Akureyri, Iceland), Energy-Saving Technologies LLC, UIC Arctic Business Relations LLC (Alaska, USA), SMYK-Master.Polygraphy LLC (Sakha Republic (Yakutia), Russia);

12. **Call** the other regions, who are interested in international cooperation in the North and in the Arctic, to join the Northern Forum for uniting efforts to address the current challenges that are now faced by peoples of the North;

13. **Encourage** the Northern Forum member regions to take an active participation in the Northern Forum's Call for Projects;

14. **Welcome** the Northern Forum Working Groups' Chairs, approved by Resolution No.188 in March 2017 at the Regional Coordinators Committee Meeting in Arkhangelsk;

15. **Thank** Krasnoyarsk krai for organizing the Roundtable on International and Interregional Cooperation for Education Development, Preservation of Culture of Indigenous Peoples and Sports held in April 2016 in Krasnoyarsk and meeting of the Northern Forum member regions' representatives on formation and development of new mechanisms of interregional cooperation on the Northern Forum projects. **Especially note**

the participation of representatives from the Northern Forum member regions in the events of the Championship of Russia and Junior Competitions of Russian on Northern Multisport Race;

16. **Express particular appreciation** to the Governor of Alaska Bill Walker for successfully hosting the Regional Coordinators Committee meeting in Anchorage in July 2016, which has strengthened the organization and marked the new round of interregional cooperation in the North, also **especially acknowledge** the full support from Nils Andreassen, Executive Director of the Institute of the North (Alaska, USA);

17. **Also express particular appreciation** to the Governor of Lapland, Finland Mika Riipi for the leading role in the development of the road map and the draft strategy of the Northern Forum, which was discussed on the margins of the Arctic Energy Summit in Helsinki, at the Regional Coordinators Committee Meeting in Khanty-Mansiysk, at the meeting during the Arctic Circle Assembly in Reykjavik, together with representatives of the Northern Forum member regions;

18. **Express appreciation** to Krasnoyarsk Krai for organizing the Northern Forum Governors Meeting and the Regional Coordinators Committee meeting on March 29, 2017 in Arkhangelsk and to Arkhangelsk Oblast for assistance;

19. **Express appreciation** to Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Okrug for the successful holding of the Northern Forum Regional Coordinators Committee regular meeting in Khanty-Mansiysk in June 2017;

20. **Thank** Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrug for the successful holding of the Youth Eco-Forum in Salekhard in April 2017 and call on the Northern Forum member regions to continue the successful practice of carrying out Youth Eco-Forums in the northern regions;

21. **Express gratitude** to the leaders of current Northern Forum's projects for their work and development of Northern Forum projects:

- Prevention of addictions;
- Suicide prevention;
- Infectious diseases control;
- Drug-resistant TB infection monitoring in the circumpolar regions of Russia;
- Telemedicine;
- Development of Specially Protected Areas;
- Schools Partnership;
- Festival of Northern Fishing Traditions;
- Red Book Through the Eyes of Children;
- International Arctic Center of Culture and Arts;
- Human in the Arctic;
- Renewable energy sources. Power supply for isolated settlements of northern regions;
- Bear Working Group;
- Working Group on Water and Climate Change;

- Northern Zoos Cooperation;
- International Arctic School;
- International Ecological Action "To Save and Preserve";
- Ecological Action "Nature and We";
- Bears and Natives.

22. **Express appreciation** to Sakha Republic (Yakutia) for developing the Regulations of the Northern Forum's Call for Projects;

23. **Recommend** to strengthen the work on attraction of new members to the Northern Forum, including Arkhangelsk Oblast, Murmansk Oblast, Greenland, Scandinavian regions and territories of Canada;

24. **Instruct** members of the Northern Forum Working Groups to strengthen their work on the implementation of the Northern Forum general policy in relevant areas;

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25. **Express appreciation** to the Northern Forum Secretariat for preparing a report on the Northern Forum activities and its engagement into the work of the Arctic Council in order to maintain the observer status of the Northern Forum to the Arctic Council, submitted at Senior Arctic Officials meeting in Portland, USA, October 2016;

26. **Reaffirm** the importance of participation in the annual international forum Arctic Circle, which is held annually in Reykjavik, Iceland, under the auspices of the former President of Iceland Olafur Ragnar Grimsson and **express gratitude** to Lapland (Finland), Institute of the North (USA), Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Northern Forum Secretariat for successful breakout sessions devoted to the Northern Forum activities and development of interregional cooperation in the North in October 2017;

27. **Reaffirm** the importance of participation in the annual international forum Arctic Frontiers, which is held in Tromso, Norway, and **express gratitude** to Sakha Republic (Yakutia) and Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrug for representation of the Northern Forum activities on development of interregional cooperation in the North, indigenous peoples and preservation of biodiversity in the Arctic and economic development;

28. **Emphasize** the need for a fruitful and constructive representation and strengthening of the role of the Northern Forum in the Arctic Council, which is the main intergovernmental decisions shaping forum for further sustainable development of the Arctic region;

29. **Emphasize** the need to strengthen cooperation with the European Union and its institutions, the University of the Arctic, the International Association of Social Science of the Arctic, the International Arctic Science Committee, the World Wildlife Fund, the Permanent Participants of the Arctic Council - indigenous and other organizations, and **express the**

willingness to implement joint projects and activities for mutual support of initiatives aimed at sustainable development and improving the quality of life in the North;

30. **Acknowledge** the need to establish close cooperation with the Barents Euro-Arctic Council and the Barents Regional Council. Due to the fact that the Barents cooperation covers the regions of North-West Russia and Nordic countries, and Northern Forum unites the regional governments of the circumpolar North, **it is advisable** to establish a strategic partnership with the Barents Euro-Arctic Council and Barents Regional Council and propose to sign an agreement of cooperation;

31. **Underline** the need for further fruitful development of cooperation with the agencies and bodies of the United Nations such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organization (UNESCO), Global Environment Facility (GEF), World Health Organization (WHO) and others;

32. **Note** the need to strengthen efforts on the participation of the Northern Forum member regions in the existing projects of the Arctic Council, especially emphasizing the project "Children of the Arctic: Preschool Education";

33. **Recommend** that the Regional Coordinators Committee should develop a participation policy of the Northern Forum in the Arctic Council;

34. **Propose** to form an effective mechanism for the participation of regional governments in international Arctic cooperation and strengthening the role of regions in the Arctic Council;

35. **Propose** to create a permanent data collection mechanism for proposals and information from the Northern Forum member regions on issues that are discussed in the Arctic Council to form a communication channel and strengthen the contribution of the regions to the sustainable development of the North and the Arctic;

36. **Recommend** to continue joint efforts to promote the Human in the Arctic project proposal and attraction of partners from other Arctic states for submission at the Arctic Council Sustainable Development Working Group meeting;

37. **Recommend** the Northern Forum member regions to participate in the following Arctic Council projects:

- SDWG EALLU Project (EALLU: Arctic Indigenous Youth, Climate Change and Food Culture);
- Arctic Adaptation Exchange Portal;
- Arctic Energy Summit;
- Arctic Remote Energy Networks Academy (ARENA);
- Assessing, Monitoring and Promoting Arctic Indigenous Languages;
- The Arctic as a Food Producing Region;
- Arctic Renewable Energy Atlas (AREA);
- Children of the Arctic- Preschool Education;

- Improving Health in Arctic Communities through Safe and Affordable Access to Household Running Water and Sewer: Water, Sanitation and Health (WASH);
- Circumpolar Local Environmental Observer Network (CLEO);
- A new report on the Arctic Freshwater System in a Changing Climate;
- The Arctic Invasive Alien Species (ARIAS) Strategy and Action Plan;
- Enhanced interaction on Search and Rescue (SAR) in the Arctic;
- Efforts to support a pan-Arctic network of marine protected areas (MPAs);
- Capacity-building and facilitating Arctic regional leaders and communities to develop renewable power micro-grids.

38. **Recommend** to the Northern Forum Working Group on Environment and Conservation of Biodiversity to present the Northern Forum at the Arctic Biodiversity Congress in Rovaniemi, Finland, on 9-11 October 2018;

39. **Recommend** to explore the possibilities for the Northern Forum member regions' municipalities to participate in the Arctic Mayors Forum;

40. **Recommend** to support the creation of University of the Arctic Thematic Network on vocational training for northern regions within the Arctic Skills initiative and to encourage the youth engagement into the Northern Forum activities including the Model Northern Forum business game;

41. **Assign** the Northern Forum Secretariat to strengthen the work on maintenance of the Northern Forum website and to take actions on improving the communications strategy of the Northern Forum;

42. **Assign** the Regional Coordinators Committee and the Northern Forum Secretariat to prepare proposals for strengthening the role of the Northern Forum in the Arctic Council to enhance its status and work more closely with the Arctic Council working groups and structures in addressing the important challenges of sustainable development of the North;

43. **Express appreciation** to the Northern Forum Secretariat in the person of Mikhail Pogodaev and Olga Timofeeva-Tereshkina for fruitful work, as well as successful General Assembly of the Northern Forum in Krasnoyarsk;

44. **Express appreciation** to Krasnoyarsk Krai for preparing and successfully holding the XIII General Assembly of the Northern Forum in Krasnoyarsk;

45. **Express appreciation** to Krasnoyarsk Krai for fruitful work as the Chair of the Northern Forum, as well as the Vice-Chairs of the Northern Forum and wish successful Northern Forum Chairmanship to newly elected region during 2018- 2020.

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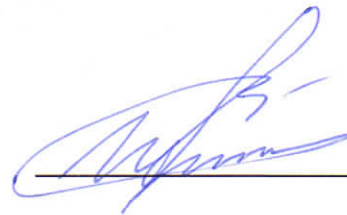
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