

THE NORTHERN FORUM  
RESOLUTION # 007

Resolution #007 Cooperation with the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy

Whereas, The Northern Forum was created in 1991 by governors of states, territories, counties and provinces to foster sustainable development and cooperation in the North; and

Whereas, the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy was signed in 1991 in Rovaniemi, Finland by eight Arctic nations to cooperate on environmental monitoring and assessment, marine environmental protection, flora and fauna protection and emergency response in the Arctic; and

Whereas, The Northern Forum has commissioned projects between governments in the northern regions which are compatible with, and may supplement the work of the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy; and

Whereas, coordinated work between national and regional governments will promote better environmental protection and sustainable development in the North by avoiding duplicative efforts and by involving, firsthand, the citizens and indigenous people of the North who may be most affected by the Strategy and its decisions.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the directors of The Northern Forum, that the eight national governments participating in the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy are:

- 1) Congratulated on their accomplishment in establishing a framework for cooperation in Northern region environmental protection;
- 2) Requested, respectfully, to recognize The Northern Forum as an official observer and advisor to the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy;
- 3) Requested to locate the permanent secretariat for the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program (AMAP) organization and effort in a member region which is represented in The Northern Forum. Further, where useful, the facilities of The Northern Forum Secretariat and the organization's regional members are offered to support other initiatives developed within the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy (AEPS).
- 4) Urged to undertake Arctic sustainable development planning as part of the work of the Strategy so that opportunities for national cooperation such as the Northern Sea Route may be included for discussion within the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy framework; and
- 5) Thanked, by all members of The Northern Forum, for the work undertaken already under A.M.A.P., the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program, to identify threats to the people and environment of the Arctic region; and

Be further resolved that copies of this resolution will be sent to Ministers of the State or Foreign Affairs for Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, the Russian Federation, Sweden and the United States of America.