

THE NORTHERN FORUM
Resolution #13

The Members of The Northern Forum.

Concerned about reports of nuclear waste dumping in the Arctic, Atlantic and Pacific Oceans,

Grateful that the Russian Federation has made public details in the Yablokov report published earlier this year,

Further grateful that Chukotka Governor Alexander Nazarov, his staff, and Chukotka residents hosted a visit of experts in emergency response to the Bilibino Nuclear Power Plant, as part of a Northern Forum priority project,

Appreciative of the statement by Arctic environmental ministers that they will work together to stop ocean dumping and help member nations comply with existing provisions of the London Dumping Convention,

Further appreciative of efforts by member regions and their national governments to study known dumping sites and their effects on the northern environment,

Anxious to have additional information on the health and environmental risks of material already dumped, especially for residents who depend on living resources of our regions for food,

HEREBY RESOLVE TO

Work with our national delegations to the upcoming London Dumping Convention to try to eliminate hazardous dumping in the world's oceans as soon as possible,

Petition the Convention for Observer status to better make our concerns known,

Coordinate and contribute any available regional resources to bring about further knowledge of the risks and health effects of these dumping practices, through The existing Northern Forum Environmental, Health and Emergency Response projects, and through coordination with other efforts by national and international organizations, including the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy,

Encourage industry, national, and international organizations to make available the technology and resources necessary to safely dispose of nuclear waste,

Further encourage the development of better emergency response capability and monitoring for potential onshore sources of harmful radiation to the north, including fulfillment of the needs of existing nuclear power plants in our regions.

Signed this day of October 3, 1993