

**The Northern Forum  
Executive Committee**

***Resolution # 082***

***Concerning Northern Forum Program Areas and Projects***

WHEREAS, as a foundation for cooperation among members, The Northern Forum established and has completed several joint Priority Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director and Regional Coordinators, at their meeting in February 2000, recommended that the Project Structure outlined in Northern Forum Resolution #21 be simplified by the establishment of four Northern Forum project Program Areas; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director and Regional Coordinators, at their meeting in February 2000, also recommended that the project portfolio of the Northern Forum be streamlined to reflect the present status and improve the implementation of projects; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director and Regional Coordinators, at their meetings in February 2000 and March 2001, also recommended that two proposed Priority Projects be established; and

WHEREAS, provisions for the endorsement of Northern Forum projects are outlined in Northern Forum Resolution #33, and provisions for the endorsement of Priority Projects between meetings of the Board of Directors are outlined in Northern Forum Resolution #51; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director and Regional Coordinators, at their meetings in February 2000 and March 2001, also recommended that certain other activities consistent with the purpose, principles and mission of the Northern Forum, should be endorsed by the Northern Forum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Executive Committee of the Northern Forum on behalf of the Board of Directors, that:

1) the Project Structure outlined in Northern Forum Resolution # 21 shall be superceded by the establishment of the following four Northern Forum project Program Areas:

- Environment
- Sustainable Economic Development
- Society and Culture
- Governance and Policy

2) the current project portfolio of the Northern Forum shall include only the following “Priority Projects”:

- Wildlife Management (Brown Bears)
- Reindeer Management
- Environmental Education in Northern Regions (a new Priority Project)
- Sustainable Tourism in the North (a new Priority Project)
- Waterbird Surveys in Arctic Russia (a new Priority Project; in conjunction with the reorganized Northern Forum Academy)

3) the current project portfolio of the Northern Forum shall include only the following “Endorsed Projects”:

- Health Issues Affecting Northern Peoples: “Sobriety in the North”
- Small Aviation in the Russian North
- Boreal Forest Management
- Arctic Development Bank / Inter-Regional Security Fund
- East-West and Circumpolar Air Routes
- Oil Spill Response in the Northern Regions
- The Northern Sea Route
- Circumpolar Infrastructure Task Force (a new endorsed project; in conjunction with the reorganized Northern Forum Academy); and

4) the Northern Forum shall endorse the following “Endorsed Activities”:

- Summer Eco-camp “Vostok” (Sakha)
- Seabird Education Curriculum project (Alaska and Hokkaido)
- “Songs from the Cold Seas”, a film of Northern Regions
- Arctic Television Network (Västerbotten and Norrbotten); and

5) other projects of the Northern Forum be eliminated; and

6) the Executive Committee of the Northern Forum urges Northern Forum members to work towards the successful completion of these projects and activities.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Northern Forum wishes to extend their sincere gratitude and thanks to Hokkaido and Northern Norway for their leadership in the recent completion of the Priority Project “Environmental Research and Monitoring of the Atmosphere and Oceans.”

Approved this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2001 in Moscow, the Russian Federation.