

# **The Northern Forum**

## **Number 88, Resolution**

### **Establishment of a Fifth Seat on The Northern Forum Executive Committee**

#### Issue:

In 2001, The Northern Forum's members include twenty-four regions. The membership is divided into four geographic regions for the purpose of selection of representatives on the Executive Committee of the Northern Forum. (North America, East Asia, Russia and Northern Europe) The Executive Committee is presently composed of three vice chairs and a Chairman. The Chairman is selected from the 4 Executive Committee seats.

Thirteen of the regional members of The Northern Forum – nearly half the voting membership – are Russian. They are key to the Forum's existence, and most of the Forum's projects and activities have strong Russian components. Membership in Russia has grown during the past three years, and Russian members now support Associate Secretariat offices in Yakutsk and St. Petersburg.

Presently, The Northern Forum's Russian members are represented by only one seat on the Executive Committee. To advance the Forum's goals of enhancing communication, cooperation and the sharing of ideas and concerns among Northern Regions; to improve decision-making within the Executive Committee by providing a tie-breaking vote; and to make senior leadership within the Forum more equitable, it is fitting that the Russian regional members have more influence on decision-making within the Executive Committee.

#### Recommendation:

The Executive Director, at the request of the Russian members and in recognition of the strength of The Northern Forum among the northern regions of the Russian Federation, recommends the creation of a fifth member of the Executive Committee.

#### **Be It Resolved, by the Board of Governors of the Northern Forum:**

That The Northern Forum hereby establishes a fifth seat on the Executive Committee of The Northern Forum, to be filled by a Russian member of the Board of Governors;

That this fifth seat on The Northern Forum Executive Committee will exercise all privileges in the deliberations of the Committee;

That the Russian regional members of The Northern Forum will nominate their representatives on the Executive Committee, one from eastern Russia and one from western Russia, by methods of their own choosing;

That the new seat on the Executive Committee will become active following the close of this 5<sup>th</sup> biennial General Assembly of The Northern Forum; and

That the Bylaws of the Northern Forum will be changed to reflect this resolution.

**Signed and Approved this 29th day of October 2001, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada**