

Resolution #67
Visa Invitation Policy

WHEREAS, the Secretariat of The Northern Forum receives numerous requests annually to issue letters of invitation for individuals from member regions to visit the United States; and

WHEREAS, these invitation requests have included requests for multiple entry visas for periods varying from 1 year to 3 years; and

WHEREAS, when The Northern Forum sponsors an individual, through the issuance of a letter of invitation, the Northern Forum is responsible for that person's activities when he is in the United States, whether or not he is on Northern Forum business; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of The Northern Forum reviewed this issue and determined that it was in the Northern Forum's best interests to establish guidelines for the Secretariat in issuing letters of invitation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by The Northern Forum Board of Directors that the Secretariat is provided the following instructions regarding issuance of letters of invitation:

- 1) Letters of invitation for multiple entry visas for a period not to exceed one year may be provided to government officials, or other individuals specifically sponsored by member regions who need to travel to the United States on business directly related to Northern Forum activities, including the activities of Northern Forum projects; and
- 2) Letters of invitation for individuals from non-member regions, or individuals not specifically sponsored by a member region, will be issued for single events only.

The agreements above are hereby set forth as a consensus of the group gathered today. The following persons hereby set their hand to these **Northern Forum Resolutions 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79 and 80**, and **the Lapland Declaration** on this first day of June 1999, in Rovaniemi, Lapland, Finland.

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