

**The Northern Forum
Resolution #38**

Concerning the Arctic Council

Whereas The Arctic Council is being created by the governments of Canada, Denmark/Greenland, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden and the United States of America; and

Whereas the Arctic Council recognizes the importance of the north to the global environments and the health and well being of its peoples; and

Whereas the Arctic Council recognizes, in its declaration, the special relationship and unique contribution to the north by its inhabitants; and

Whereas the Arctic Council especially notes the important contribution of traditional knowledge.

Therefore be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Northern Forum that the Northern Forum shall seek permanent participant status in the Arctic Council. This status will promote close cooperation between national and regional governments; ensure that issues of concern and knowledge available from indigenous peoples and residents of the north are effectively communicated to the Arctic Council; and promote the effective implementation of the Arctic Council goals and objectives at the regional level.