

**Preambles:**

Recognizing the Arctic’s great resource wealth, the increasing global demand for the Arctic’s resources, and the potential for adverse impacts of climate change and other environmental pressures, including challenges facing the Arctic.

Mindful of the core rights of Inuit as recognized in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as provided for in a variety of other legal and political instruments and mechanisms, including local rights instruments, settlement legislation, land claims agreements (treaties), and self-government, intergovernmental and international cooperation, and respect for baseline environmental and social well-being of Inuit.

Mindful of the need for inclusive and participatory decision-making processes, in particular that decision-making processes should include the voices of those affected by decisions the outcome of which has an impact on the communities, region, and beyond.

Mindful that Inuit have made many contributions to the global solution of climate change.

Mindful that indigenous peoples are leading their own adaptation and mitigation efforts in the context of climate change.

Mindful of the need for a new paradigm of economic and environmental development and management that respects the social and cultural identity and way of life of Inuit and other Arctic peoples.

Mindful that decades of development and management have been flawed by a lack of respect for and understanding of the Arctic's social and cultural needs, the environment, and indigenous peoples’ knowledge and wisdom.

Mindful that the need for environmental and resource management plans for Arctic development projects is recognized.

Mindful that meaningful economic cooperation, sustainable development, and social and cultural development are integral to a secure and healthy future for Inuit to the benefit of all.

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