



Inuit Circumpolar Council Position Paper ***Safeguarding and Strengthening the Arctic Council***

ANNEX I

Specific action items and activities recommended for the current and upcoming Arctic Council Chairships

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a. Norway

- Continue productive and meaningful SAO Chair and Permanent Participants Meetings to enhance communication, coordination and collaboration.
- Develop modalities that fully accommodate the engagement of Permanent Participants in the work of the Arctic Council during the current situation and;
- Ensure a strong and deliberate effort to include Arctic Indigenous youth in the Norwegian Chairship's youth initiatives, including the youth summit.

b. Kingdom of Denmark

- Continue productive and meaningful SAO Chair and Permanent Participants Meetings to enhance communication, coordination and collaboration.
- Develop modalities that fully accommodate the engagement of Permanent Participants in the work of the Arctic Council during the current situation and;
- Continue strong and effective engagement of Arctic Indigenous youth throughout the work of the Arctic Council;
- Support an Inuit Youth Summit;
- Implement Permanent Participant Co-chairs on SAO level and co-leads in working groups, project and initiatives, including a future assessment of the possibility of Permanent Participants gaining voting rights at the Arctic Council;
- Take steps to change the funding mechanisms and processes in initiating Arctic Council Working Group projects and initiatives;
- Host the UNFCCC Facilitative Working Group Arctic Regional Gathering in Kalaallit Nunaat in early 2026 and engaging the Arctic Council in this gathering in line with the 2023 Arctic Regional Gathering;
- Support an Inuit Women's Summit;
- Collectively convening an Arctic Council-wide knowledge sharing workshop based on the approach to knowledge mobilization ICC is developing for the EPPR;
- Support the High-Level Dialogue Forum on Arctic Indigenous Peoples' Health, which is being led by Saami Council, with other project partners including ICC; and
- Address truth and reconciliation as themes throughout the Arctic and Inuit Nunaat and ensure concerted efforts to focus on related decolonization processes.