



## ARCTIC PARLIAMENTARIANS (SCPAR)

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### CONFERENCE STATEMENT

As the Arctic undergoes rapid environmental, technological, and geopolitical change, the Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region convene in Alaska to strengthen cooperation and address emerging challenges and opportunities across the region.

We reaffirm our shared commitment to peaceful cooperation, sustainable development, and the well-being of all those who call the Arctic home. Indigenous peoples voices must be included and duly considered in decision-making processes. We underline the importance of maintaining the Arctic as a region characterized by dialogue, stability, and cooperation.

Ongoing climate change and its severe impact in the Arctic region must be taken into account in political decision-making.

The Arctic Parliamentarians strongly support the work of the Danish/Greenlandic/ Faroe Islands chairship of the Arctic Council to secure the Arctic Council as the main arena for Arctic cooperation.

As elected representatives from Canada, Denmark/Greenland/Faroe Islands, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, the United States and Members of the European Parliament and in collaboration with the Indigenous Peoples of the Arctic, we highlight the following:

#### **Arctic Infrastructure and Energy Security**

Recognizing the growing importance of resilient infrastructure across the Arctic

We call on Arctic governments to strengthen cooperation on transportation, communications, housing, and energy systems that support safe, sustainable and thriving Arctic communities.

Emphasizing the need to advance reliable, affordable and reduced emissions energy solutions suited to Arctic conditions, including renewable and hybrid systems, to enhance resilience, reduce costs, and support economic opportunity.



We encourage increased collaboration on infrastructure planning, investment, and knowledge sharing, including the development of critical supply chains and infrastructure that serve both civilian and emergency response needs.

### **Space, Security, and Arctic Domain Awareness**

Acknowledging increased activity and interest in the Arctic, we underscore the importance of cooperation to enhance maritime and aviation safety, satellite communications, environmental monitoring, and emergency preparedness.

We encourage strengthened information-sharing and collaboration to support search and rescue, disaster response, and situational awareness across the Arctic region.

We reaffirm the importance of responsible activity, transparency, and cooperation to maintain stability and safety in the Arctic.

### **Cooperation in a Changing Arctic**

We reaffirm the importance of strong cooperation among Arctic states, Indigenous Peoples, research institutions, and international partners.

We highlight the role of scientific cooperation, knowledge exchange, and education in supporting resilient Arctic communities and informed decision-making. We emphasize the importance of Indigenous knowledge and leadership in shaping Arctic policy and governance.

We strongly support the upcoming fifth International Polar Year in 2032/2033 to bolster cooperation in international polar science and for the recruitment of a new generation of polar scientists.

We encourage continued collaboration in all areas to ensure a stable, prosperous, and sustainable Arctic for future generations.

### **Conclusion**

We, the Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region, urge Arctic governments to take these recommendations into account and continue strengthening cooperation to support the people, communities, and environment of the Arctic.

Arctic Parliamentarians welcomes the friendly offer of the European Parliament to host the Arctic Parliamentary Conference in 2028.