Hearing the Northern Voice in the Formation of Canadian Arctic Policy

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The Arctic Council: A Key Regional Forum

- Worth the human and financial costs?
- Excellent Technical Assessments
- High Profile for Indigenous Peoples
- Model Regional Forum
Improving the Mechanism

- A Regional Treaty?
- Keeping faith in the Council
- A new openness and transparency
- A Permanent Secretariat
The Indigenous Voice

- Maintaining a specialized status and a regional identity
- Observers and Permanent Participants
- The Human Dimension
- Funding
Government – Aboriginal Relations

- A right to be involved in policy process
- Positive Signs
- A Domestic Arctic Council?
- Bilateral Negotiations
- The Problem with Stakeholders
Attainible Policy Options

1. Ambassador for Circumpolar Affairs
2. Permanent Secretariat and Communications Branch

3. Increased Meetings in the North
4. Use meetings to prepare for AC chair
Attainable Policy Options

5. Working Groups
6. Stakeholders and Geographic Distinctions
7. Controlling Expansion of AC
8. The Human Dimension
Conclusion