Northerners were direct participants in the Yellowknife meeting. They were represented on national delegations and through the presence of observers representing the Inuit Circumpolar Conference. The Canadian delegation included officials from the Northwest Territories and Yukon governments.

"We were pleased to welcome northern peoples from throughout the Arctic to Yellowknife, and to hear from those who directly face the threats posed by Arctic pollution. Canada looks forward to their continued contribution to the tasks of circumpolar environmental cooperation," concluded Mr. Clark.

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