



POLICY OPTIONS



Participants at all five meetings agreed that Canada needs a northern foreign policy. The northern foreign policy should be based on improving Canada's circumpolar relations. It should also be proactive, enabling Canada to set a Canadian agenda. It should be developed in consultation with northerners, therefore reflecting the needs and aspirations of northerners; it should build on and support previous and current initiatives in the context of economic benefit versus human cost, and finally, it should take into account domestic realities of all the Arctic countries, including Canada.