

prepared for the 1986 Kotzebue Assembly were similarly broad in their scope.⁹² However, the “Draft Principles on Arctic and Global Security and Disarmament” prepared for discussion at the same Assembly were not nearly so all-encompassing, and are in fact much closer to the existing NWFZ agreements. In regard to the scope of prohibitions, they merely noted that “development, acquisition or possession of nuclear explosive devices in such zone, for any purpose, would be inconsistent with the concept of a NWFZ.”⁹³

Both sets of draft principles endorse the continued maintenance of “passive detection systems” in the zone. However, the second set suggests that “co-operative agreements among Nation-States to establish these and other defence arrangements should expressly specify that participation in these activities does not involve any commitment to take part in an active ballistic missile defence arrangement.”⁹⁴

Finally, Oran Young’s proposal for a NWFZ restricted to the “lesser” Arctic states would prohibit the deployment of both nuclear weapons per se and the delivery vehicles “capable of carrying” them⁹⁵, thus going beyond the existing NWFZ agreements, but not so far as to prohibit other elements of the nuclear weapons infrastructure. Young also calls for a separate agreement prohibiting the disposal of radioactive wastes in the Arctic.

A particular aspect of the zone’s functional scope, to which several of the authors considered here have devoted some attention, is the question of transit rights — perhaps not surprisingly, given the predominantly maritime nature of the Arctic environment. In the first version of Hanna Newcombe’s proposal, while acknowledging that a ban on the transit of submarines “in the open ocean space and underneath the ice” would likely be resisted by the Superpowers (especially the Soviet Union), as well as raising difficult verification problems, she nevertheless states that such transit “should be”

92. UICC, *op. cit.* note 80, p. 10.

93. *Ibid.*, p. 15.

94. *Ibid.*, p. 17.

95. Young, *op. cit.* note 73, p. 34.