

■ In order for Canada to become a vehicle, driving the development of a fairer domestic world, it is recommended that Canadian foreign policy should reflect the current situation in Canada, and consistency with domestic values in its policy initiatives.

■ Canada should market its successes, not only in technology or product development, but also in its approaches to developing a fairer and more open society. For example, the Land Claims process in the Yukon has been inclusive, open and responsive to local contexts while at the same time being innovative in its approach to the reallocation of resources and opportunities. This process can be a model marketed throughout the world.

■ The participants were enthusiastic about the existence of the Arctic Council and recommended that its operations within Canada should be located in the north, and emphasis should be put on northern participation to the greatest extent possible.

■ First Nations should be welcomed as voting members of the Arctic Council. It is anticipated that positive experiences among aboriginal groups such as the development of cooperation agreements, resource sharing accords and other consensus building mechanisms will strengthen the emerging good will among the members of the Arctic Council

■ Canada's role in the Arctic Council should be supported at home by mechanisms that ensure that northerners are involved in defining issues to be brought to the Council, as well as in the development of positions taken by Canada. In addition, it is recommended that Canada's representatives on the Arctic Council should hold regular open meetings in the north to ensure that northern residents are kept aware of its deliberations, and that there be provisions of accountability set up for Canada's presentations to the Council.

■ Although circumpolar peoples share common concerns and face similar challenges, many issues are extremely complex and defy easy resolution. Often the mere fact of national boundaries makes solutions difficult to resolve. It is recommended that Canada bring to the Arctic Council a resolution proposing the establishment of a conflict and dispute resolution committee (modeled on a similar mechanism found in the Yukon Umbrella Final Agreement) made up of the members and aimed at providing support for the orderly treatment of issues defying easy resolution.

■ It is recommended that Canada should promote the positive aspects of the Canadian North to other Canadians and peoples of the world. This will be a contrast to what appears to be reliance on issue dominated publicity that focuses attention on crises situations, such as contaminant migration, or on resource use conflicts, such as the debate around the 10-02 lands.