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Roundtable on Northern Foreign Policy: Feedback and Look Ahead

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- The need for advancing cooperation in meeting new challenges, such as resource exploitation in the National Wildlife Range (ANWR).
- The growing confidence and outward-looking perspective of First Nations which are actively looking for social, political and economic ties across borders in Yukon, Northwest Territories, British Columbia, Alaska, and Nunavut, among others.
- The need to include meaningfully civil society and indigenous peoples in the discussions and decisions about the construction of pipelines.
- The Canadian government desire to expand the mandate of the Arctic Council to look at social issues through the lens of sustainable development, rather than just environmental protection (see Appendix A).

Background

Sally Webber, President of Yukon College and Julie Rochet, Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development, co-chaired the meeting of 33 people, including representatives from the northern Yukon community of Old Crow. Also attending were representatives from Northern Affairs Canada, Environment Canada, Yukon Territory, and International Trade.

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