

**RECOGNIZING** the significant scientific expertise and invaluable contributions to scientific activities being made by non-Parties and specifically by the Arctic Council Permanent Participants and Arctic Council Observers;

**RECOGNIZING** the substantial benefit gained from the financial and other investments by the Arctic States and other nations in the International Polar Year and its outcomes, including in particular new scientific knowledge, infrastructure and technologies for observation and analysis;

**RECOGNIZING** the excellent existing scientific cooperation already under way in many organizations and initiatives, such as the Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks, the International Arctic Science Committee, the University of the Arctic, the Forum of Arctic Research Operators, the International Network for Terrestrial Research and Monitoring in the Arctic, the World Meteorological Organization, the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, the Pacific Arctic Group, the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists, indigenous knowledge institutions, the International Arctic Social Sciences Association, and many others; and

**DESIRING** to contribute to and build upon existing cooperation and make efforts to develop and expand international Arctic scientific cooperation.

**HAVE AGREED** as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

### TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Agreement:

*“Facilitate”* means pursuing all necessary procedures, including giving timely consideration and making decisions as expeditiously as possible;

*“Participant”* means the Parties’ scientific and technological departments and agencies, research centers, universities and colleges, and contractors, grantees and other partners acting with or on behalf of any Party or Parties, involved in Scientific Activities under this Agreement;