

- ▶ seeking trade and investment opportunities that benefit Northerners and all Canadians;
- ▶ encouraging a greater understanding of the human dimension of the Arctic;
- ▶ promoting an ecosystem-based management approach with Arctic neighbours and others;
- ▶ contributing to and supporting international efforts to address climate change in the Arctic;
- ▶ enhancing our efforts on other pressing environmental issues;
- ▶ strengthening Arctic science and the legacy of International Polar Year;
- ▶ engaging Northerners on Canada's Arctic foreign policy;
- ▶ supporting Indigenous Permanent Participant organizations; and
- ▶ providing Canadian youth with opportunities to participate in the circumpolar dialogue.

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EXERCISING SOVEREIGNTY

In our Arctic foreign policy, the first and most important pillar towards recognizing the potential of Canada's Arctic is the exercise of our sovereignty over the Far North. Canada has a rich history in the North, and Canada's sovereignty is the foundation for realizing the full potential of Canada's North, including its human dimension. This foundation is solid: Canada's Arctic sovereignty is long-standing, well established and based on historic title, founded in part on the presence of Inuit and other indigenous peoples since time immemorial.

“ In exercising our sovereignty...we are not only fulfilling our duty to the people who called this northern frontier home, and to the generations that will follow; we are also being faithful to all who came before us...”

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, August 28, 2008, Inuvik, Northwest Territories