

**AGREEMENT**  
**ON ENHANCING INTERNATIONAL**  
**ARCTIC SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND, THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”),

**RECOGNIZING** the importance of maintaining peace, stability, and constructive cooperation in the Arctic;

**RECOGNIZING** the importance of the sustainable use of resources, economic development, human health, and environmental protection;

**REITERATING** the urgent need for increased actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change;

**EMPHASIZING** the importance of using the best available knowledge for decision-making;

**NOTING** the importance of international scientific cooperation in that regard;

**FULLY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** the relevant provisions of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, in particular the provisions in Part XIII on marine scientific research as they relate to promoting and facilitating the development and conduct of marine scientific research for peaceful purposes;

**RECALLING** the Kiruna Declaration on the occasion of the Eighth Ministerial meeting of the Arctic Council held in May 2013 and the Iqaluit Declaration on the occasion of the Ninth Ministerial meeting of the Arctic Council held in April 2015;

**RECOGNIZING** the ongoing development of the International Polar Partnership Initiative as determined by the Executive Council of the World Meteorological Organization;

**RECOGNIZING** the significance of the research priorities as determined by the International Conference on Arctic Research Planning;

**RECOGNIZING** the efforts of the Arctic Council and its subsidiary bodies;