

**Forum: Disarmament Committee**

**Question Of: The Arctic Shipping Routes**

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**Cosubmitters: The People's Republic of China, Russian Federation, The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United States of America**

**Cosigners: Syrian Arab Republic, The Republic of India, Islamic Republic of Iran, The Republic of Singapore, Thailand, The Republic of Austria, The State of Kuwait, Japan**

*Aware of*, Arctic Circle has no specific significant geographical boundaries, there is a mathematical line that is drawn at latitude 66°30' N, marking the southern limit of the zone in which there is at least one annual period of 24 hours during which the sun does not set and one during which it does not arise.

*Reminding* all nations of UNCLOS article 81, allowing full control of any and all drilling within the continental shelf,

*Noting that* there is no one nation that legally owns the minerals and land in the arctic

*Clarifying that* the United States, Norway, Denmark, Canada, and Russia have all made claims to the arctic.

*Affirming that* Canada was the first nation to extend its borders northward to include the arctic circle, however, this was not recognized by the United States.

*Making aware that*, Countries surrounding the Arctic: Canada, Norway, Russia, Denmark, Greenland, Iceland, Sweden, Finland, and America

*Taking into account* that the UNCLOS does not permit nations to integrate Arctic territory into their EEZ

*Reaffirming* section III of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) of 10 December 1982, which allows for passage through straits where there is no equally convenient route through international waters,

*Reaffirming* the authority of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) in declaring the legal limitations of the continental shelf,

*Alarmed that*, Canada has the most potential control of shipping routes, as their border extends to the Arctic and would be the most convenient route.

*Taking note*, that the melting ice caps have opened the arctic more openly during summers

*Keeping in mind*, that only Norway and Iceland have arctic claims approved by the United Nations, other nations that claim territory have overlapping claims.

*Having studied that*, China plans to use shipping routes in the Arctic despite having no territory near it.

*Acknowledges that*, the European Union requests for low tension in the Arctic area.

1. **Encourages**, Nations to verify and legalize sovereign borders within the Arctic; allowing other countries to move through waters only with permission.
2. **Requests** that the nations of the Disarmament Committee sign a treaty in support of the demilitarization of the Arctic;
  - a. Countries that the waters belong to are not allowed to have further reign of militarisation, only existing militarization,
  - b. But only in the idea of self-defense from threats that could possibly encroach from the openings of these new routes,
3. **Allows** regulation and control of goods entering trade such as the Northwest Passage, and by all agreed-upon environmental cleanup zones for each country in the Arctic Council,
  - a. Allows seizing off illegal goods or weapons and substances in each country's trade routes,
  - b. Countries have the ability to ban and/or arrest repeat offenders from arctic waters
4. **Recommends** cooperation with OPEC countries in order to regulate the price of arctic oil in the world oil trade, in order to control the use of these resources and the impact on the environment;
5. **Entrusts** a committee to oversee the actions of countries in the Arctic region
  - a. Through the Arctic Regulatory Trade and Refinement Directory (ARTARD),
  - b. Establishes certain boundaries when it comes to Drilling, Trade, such as drilling in other country's waters, passage without permission from the host country, or unreasonable searches or seizures of trade ships,
  - c. Insurers that that countries in the region maintain infrastructure and stability in the region,
    - i. Collection of taxes based on the money saved using the new route
    - ii. Military enforcement
    - iii. Trade route availability

6. **Authorizes** icebreaking operations in the Arctic, in order to create routes through and into the arctic for more efficient transportation, however, this will be decided by the nations have Arctic land claims,
7. **Realizes** that the promotion of arms for the in the arctic region is the only way to create stability.