

July 2023

Memorandum of understanding
between
Inuit Circumpolar Council
and
The Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region
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Affirming our commitment to the wellbeing of Inuit and their inclusion in decision-making on all matters relating to the Arctic.

Recognizing the Inuit Circumpolar Council's and the Arctic Parliamentarians' active involvement in policy making in the Arctic,

Affirming the Inuit Circumpolar Council's unique role as a co-founder and Permanent Participant to the Arctic Council, and the Arctic Parliamentarians' participation in the establishment of the Arctic Council.

Desiring to actively engage and promote the rights of Inuit and recommendations of the Inuit Circumpolar Council in the work of the Arctic Parliamentarians.

This Memorandum of Understanding calls for a closer cooperation between the Inuit Circumpolar Council and Arctic Parliamentarians.

Inuit Circumpolar Council

Founded in 1977, the Inuit Circumpolar Council is a major international Indigenous Peoples' Organization (IPO) representing approximately 180,000 Inuit of Alaska, Canada, Greenland, and Chukotka (Russia) and holds Consultative Status II at the United Nations. The principal goals of Inuit Circumpolar Council are, therefore, to strengthen unity among Inuit of the circumpolar region; promote Inuit rights and interests on an international level; develop and encourage long-term policies that safeguard the Arctic environment; and seek full and active partnership in the political, economic, and social development of circumpolar regions.

Arctic Parliamentarians

Arctic Parliamentarians is an Observer to the Arctic Council and has had Observer status since 1998 and consists of appointed parliamentarians from the national parliaments of the Arctic states. The committee aims to promote sustainable economic development, prevent climate change and promote the rights of the Indigenous Peoples in the Arctic. Furthermore, Arctic Parliamentarians aims to strengthen cooperation across Arctic states based on these principles because the issues, opportunities and solutions require collective action.

With this memorandum, the parties aim to promote and ensure the rights of Inuit and Inuit representation in international negotiations.

1. The purpose of this MoU is to provide a framework for cooperation and to facilitate collaboration between the Inuit Circumpolar Council and Arctic Parliamentarians.
2. In particular, the Inuit Circumpolar Council and Arctic Parliamentarians intend to collaborate on:
 - a. Promoting the recognition of the rights of Inuit.
 - b. Ensuring the endurance and the growth of Inuit culture and societies for both present and future generations.
 - c. Ensuring that climate adaptation and mitigation of climate change in the Arctic is conducted with the full and effective involvement of Inuit.
 - d. Urging governments to establish a fund that Inuit may equitably access similar to climate vulnerable communities in non-G20 countries and urge the establishment of an Indigenous focal point within the Global Environment Facility for financial assistance.
3. Arctic Parliamentarians and the Inuit Circumpolar Council will to the extent possible
 - a. Regularly exchange information on initiatives and expertise relating to their mandates.
 - b. Actively promote the financial support of the Inuit Circumpolar Council.
 - c. Where relevant, seek to participate in appropriate ways in each other's programs and events.
 - d. Consider organizing joint activities.
 - e. Highlight the parties' roles as key actors within the topics of promoting and ensuring the rights of Inuit and Inuit representation in international negotiations.

- f. Promote the advancement rights of Inuit and inclusion of Inuit in decision-making processes in their concluding conference and policy documents.
4. The Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council and Chair of Arctic Parliamentarians will serve as focal points to coordinate cooperation under this MoU.
5. The parties will hold meetings and consultations as necessary to strengthen the collaboration.
6. This MoU does not impose financial or legal obligation upon the Inuit Circumpolar Council and Arctic Parliamentarians.
7. This MoU may be modified by the mutual consent of the Inuit Circumpolar Council and Arctic Parliamentarians.
8. The Inuit Circumpolar Council or Arctic Parliamentarians may revoke this MoU by written notice.
9. This MoU will remain in effect until revoked by the Inuit Circumpolar Council or Arctic Parliamentarians.

Date: Friday, July 21, 2023

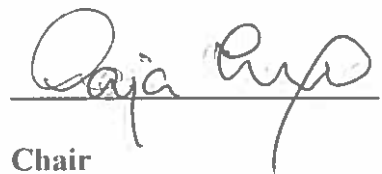
Signed by:



Chair

Inuit Circumpolar Council

Sara Olsvig



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Arctic Parliamentarians

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