



## Towards Arctic Resolution:

### Issues of Sovereignty and Governance in the Circumpolar North

#### The Issue:

As the Arctic Ice Cap melts at an increasing rate, many predict the Arctic will experience an ice-free summer in the proximate future. This opens up new opportunities for shipping and resource extraction, but also poses new challenges for environmental protection, territorial boundaries, and indigenous interests. This task force addresses how these new opportunities and challenges should be managed or developed.



#### Our Recommendations:

##### *Increase Multilateral Cooperation:*

- Russia should increase its multilateral relations with other Arctic countries by “exchanging best practices” for ecotourism and in the University of the Arctic
- Jointly manage the Northwest Passage via a treaty between the United States and Canada
- Increase solidarity between indigenous peoples of different circumpolar nations via a supranational organization
- Northern Europe (Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, and Denmark/Greenland) should continue their work through transnational organizations

##### *Increase Standardization of Enforcement and Regulation:*

- Arctic countries should increase their commitment to international regulatory bodies regarding maritime jurisdiction
- Stronger environmental regulation and enforcement through investments in green technology and national standardizations of the Environmental Impact Assessments and Strategic Environmental Assessment

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