

JOINT STATEMENT

OF THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERPARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF MEMBER NATIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE ARCTIC REGION

The Council of the Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS) and the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region (SC CPAR),

expressing their common desire to promote the parliamentary democracy, rule of law, human rights and development of the inter-parliamentary dialogue,

realizing the responsibility for keeping peace and stability in Northern Europe and in the more extensive Arctic region,

recognizing the necessity to strengthen mutual cooperation in counteracting terrorism and other challenges and threats brought by the XXIst century,

considering the importance of solving the environmental problems and challenge of sustainable development

have stated:

1. The importance to strengthen mutual cooperation in intensification of economic and legal integration between the countries of the Arctic region and the Commonwealth of the Independent States on the basis of universally accepted rules and principles of the international law.

2. The necessity of regular exchange of information on prioritized directions of activities and coordination of efforts for further interaction.

3. The possibility to launch the practice of regular consultations, exchange of opinions, documents, databases and publications as well to hold joint conferences, seminars, symposiums on matters of mutual interest.

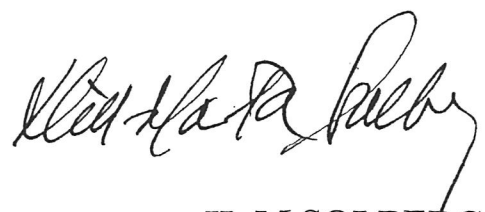
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Interparliamentary Assembly of
Member Nations of the Commonwealth
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