**FORUM:** Environment Commission

**QUESTION OF: QUESTION OF**: Implementing measures to manage the rapid deterioration of the Arctic

**SUBMITTED BY:** Russian Federation

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION,

*Recalling* the debacle in 2009 at the Copenhagen climate conference, where an attempt to solve this issue did not succeed,

*Acknowledging* the agreement of the Montreal Protocol in 1987, and the positive results of the reduction in ozone depletion,

*Recognizing* the international treaty of the Kyoto Protocol, adopted in 1997 to reduce global carbon emissions,

1. Encourages all member states to reduce their emissions by a minimum of 30% by 2030 by implementing measures such as, but not limited to:
   1. Increasing the use of public transport where means of infrastructure allows it by:
2. Determining the use of land, such as pedestrian oriented centers, to allocate public transport routes so they can be easily accessible
3. Increasing car maintenance prices to decrease the amount of users
4. Having nations subsidize local transport and make it more available for public use
5. Implementing large taxes on oil sales to discourage the use of private vehicles instead of public transport
   1. Managing highly polluting models of vehicles through the installation of catalytic converters on all motor vehicles in order to trap carbon particles before it is released into the atmosphere
   2. Promoting the use of low-carbon vehicles and fuels such as electric cars and biofuels by:
      1. Providing more plug in cars worldwide to increase the use of hybrid and electric cars
      2. Using the media to raise awareness of the benefits brought to the global community by switching to electric engines
   3. Making all member states implement carbon taxing, which asks polluters to pay taxes on each ton of carbon emitted that they are responsible for;
6. Further invites the Arctic Circle to work collaboratively with the World Wide Life (WWF) to improve the living conditions of the animals through methods such as, but not limited to:
   1. Monitoring the habitats of the animals to ensure they still have access to shelter and a source of food
   2. Maintaining the habitats of the animals by:
      1. Sending volunteers to the area with measures and equipment to improve the habitats and make them more habitable
      2. Setting ‘no-go’ zones to protect endangered wildlife from oil spills and shipwrecks;
7. Supports the fact that the well-being of the Arctic population needs to be addressed by:
   1. Relocating coastal communities to areas that are not exposed to the Arctic coastline
   2. Reinforcing current protective break walls on the Arctic coastline and implementing them in areas experiencing the most erosion
   3. Improving the Arctic Council’s Search and Rescue team in order to be prepared for future need of evacuation of the Arctic communities
   4. Having the Arctic Council send workers to assess the water pipelines in all major communities in the Arctic Circle to ensure that the population is provided with a water supply;
8. Encourages airlines to cooperate when rerouting airplane flights that pass over the Arctic in order to:
   1. Reduce the average rate of climate change by 2%
   2. Decrease black carbon emissions in the Arctic regions, consequently managing the deterioration of the Arctic;
9. Endorses the decision made by companies to go to sites where ice has melted and allow oil and gas exploration, provided:
   1. The well being of the fauna and flora that make up the Arctic’s ecosystem is not endangered
   2. The oil drilling does not harm communities
   3. ‘No-go’ zones set by the World Wild Life (WWF) are respected;
10. Urges all member states to respect the previous agreements made concerning the management of the deterioration of the Arctic, such as but not limited to:
    1. The AEPS (Arctic Environment Protection Strategy)
    2. The Kyoto protocol adopted in 1997
    3. The ‘Climate change and its possible security implications’, General Assembly Resolution 63/281;
11. Further requests all member states to remain actively seized on this matter.