NEWPORT ARCTIC SCHOLARS INITIATIVE

The Story in Numbers:

• 17 International Scholars
• 7 Arctic Nations
• 4 Meetings
• 39 Principles
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Awareness

Arctic security is multi-faceted; its different components are interconnected.

No single state has all the capabilities, competencies, or capacities to fully anticipate and adapt to wide range of future security issues

Inevitable need for strong partnerships

Importance of indigenous people.
Confidence Building Measures

How to avoid accidental conflict and unintended escalation in era of receding ice?

- **Communication**: Suspicion is often built or worsened by lack of dialogue
- **Transparency**: Openness can result in less tension and less speculation
- **Constraints**: Persistent behavior can build trust
- **Verification**: We must have both the will and ability to confirm compliance
Capabilities

As state and non-state actors increase their presence in the Arctic, communication and transparency will be vital to preventing unintended escalation;

Advanced information-sharing tools may be helpful to support transparency and maintain stability during a period of rapidly increasing maritime capabilities;

States should consider every step of the capability chain, including key enablers like communications and logistics, as well as education and training for personnel; careful advance planning based on ecosystems and subsistence concerns, scientific support; and icebreaking.
Next Steps for 2020 and Beyond?

• Include Russian Scholars
• Continue with a participant and consensus-driven research agenda
• Consider more non-U.S. venues for meetings
• Sustain efforts to publish findings
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