**ISSUE:**Establishing protocols to prevent future territorial disputes in the Arctic Region

**COMMITTEE:** General Assembly 4

**MAIN SUBMITTER:** Jordan

*Accepting* that nations cannot claim unclaimed land

*Reminding* all nations that the Arctic Region currently has no government

*Having* *considered* making the Arctic Region an individual state in the future

*Expecting* all nations to abide by the UN charter

*Desiring* the UNESCO to take the necessary steps

1. Calls upon the Arctic Region to fall under the protection of the UN and to be declared UNESCO world heritage site as it satisfies their 7th, 8th and 10th Criteria;
2. Accepts that the UN should change chapter 11, article 73 of the UN charter and shift the responsibilities of states to the UN;
3. Requests the creation of the UNAPA (United Nations Arctic Protection Agency), a taskforce which will be dedicated towards:
   1. the protection and conservation of the Arctic Region
   2. the protection of the oil rigs in and along the Arctic Region;
4. Recommends that the oil extraction within the arctic circle be conducted by the UN under the following conditions:
   1. the oil is sold at the average oil rate of that day
   2. the profits are used to:
      1. fund the UNAPA
      2. fund the costs of the oil extraction and transportation
      3. help fund the creation of an infrastructure for an Arctic Region governing body;
5. Urges all nations to sign the Arctic Treaty which would restrict:
   1. military equipment being stored or used in and around the Arctic Region
   2. private companies from extracting natural resources from within the Arctic Circle
   3. countries from claiming land within the Arctic Region;
6. Confirms that coal mining and mining of other ores by private and national companies  be prohibited in the Arctic Region;
7. Further accepts that the UN member states will impose sanctions on nations that break or do not abide by the Arctic Treaty;
8. Urges The UN to recognize the Arctic Region as a separate state governed by the UNAPA until it forms a democratically organized governing body which will gain sovereignty after this request has been confirmed by a public referendum, until which time the UNAPA will function as a temporary government which:
   1. maintains and, if possible, enhances its residents’ quality of life
   2. enhances local economic vitality
   3. promotes social and intergenerational equity
   4. maintains and, if possible, enhances the quality of the environment
   5. incorporates disaster resilience and mitigation into its decisions and actions
   6. uses a consensus-building, participatory process when making decisions;
9. Further requests fracking and other methods of oil extraction apart from conventional drilling to be banned within the arctic;
10. Further urges that only the current population of the Arctic Region be given the right of citizenship until a referendum is conducted to determine its sovereignty;
11. Reminds all member states that any claims of land on the arctic will be seen as an act of war, as the United Nations considers the Arctic State to be a State temporarily governed by UNAPA which will shift the responsibility to the locals.