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With this letter we invite you and your organization to attend the Arctic Circle Forum in Greenland, which will be held on May 17-19 at Katuaq cultural centre in Nuuk, and to participate in dialogue and discussions on the numerous Arctic issues on the agenda of the Forum.

The annual Arctic Circle Assembly in Iceland each October is the largest and most comprehensive annual global gathering on Arctic affairs. The Arctic Circle also convenes forums on more specific topics in various locations around the world. The forum in Greenland, organized in cooperation with the Government of Greenland, will focus on economic development for the Indigenous Peoples of the Arctic. The main objective of the forum will be to strengthen the increasing international awareness and understanding of indigenous peoples' rights, particularly the right to development. The forum will provide a platform to openly explore the common interests and challenges of the Arctic region. The discussions will include investment, trade and indigenous peoples' interests, with special sessions on tourism, infrastructure, shipping, air-traffic, fishing and industries. The aim will be to further develop increased cooperation on the development of the Arctic, with an acknowledgement and understanding of Indigenous Peoples and traditional livelihood of indigenous peoples' nations and communities.

The forum in Nuuk will be opened by President of Iceland Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson and Premier of Greenland Kim Kielsen. Among the speakers and participants will be political leaders, officials, representatives from Arctic businesses and organizations, investment funds, and scientific institutes from the Arctic States as well as Europe and Asia along with indigenous community leaders.

The Greenland Forum is open for all to participate. Please register on our website, www.arcticcircle.org, where you will also find a draft agenda of the Greenland Forum, as well as photographs and videos from past Assemblies and Forums. Furthermore, the website describes the organization and nature of the Arctic Circle and its mission. The core principle of the Arctic Circle is to provide an open, democratic forum for discussion and cooperation on Arctic affairs.

If you have any questions or feedback, your office can contact the Arctic Circle Secretariat for further information at GreenlandForum@ArcticCircle.org.

Sincerely,

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