



Russian American Pacific Partnership

SUMMARY REPORT

19th Annual Meeting, September 9-10, 2014
San Diego, California, United States of America

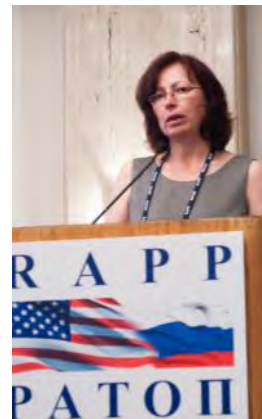
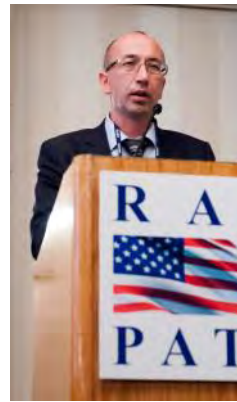


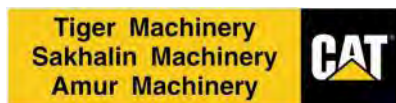
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JOINT LETTER OF THE RAPP SECRETARIATS

Our deep thanks to all the participants of the 19th annual meeting of the Russian American Pacific Partnership in San Diego!

As the longest-running and only interregional forum between the United States and the Russian Federation, RAPP joins the private sector with regional and federal governments to expand commerce and cooperation between Eastern Russia and the Western United States. Current U.S.-Russian relations are at their lowest in the history of the Russian Federation and are possibly worse than during the last several decades of the Cold War. U.S.-Russian commerce and cooperation are facing real challenges. For the first and only time in 19 years, the U.S. government did not participate in a RAPP annual meeting. Nonetheless, Washington D.C. colleagues encouraged our proceeding with this meeting and expressed interest in the results of this meeting. Despite the crisis in our bilateral relations and lower than typical attendance, the RAPP 19th annual meeting proceeded as planned and our collective efforts were important.

The U.S. West Coast and the Russian Far East have a unique history of relations unequalled in other U.S-Russian geographical pairings. Preserving our trans-Pacific relations matters, as they provide added ground on which the eventual renewal in U.S.-Russian relations can be built. It is the subnational regions such as the Russian Far East and the U.S. West Coast, and international geographies such as the Arctic, that hold the best potential for re-engagement on agendas of mutual benefit.

Our annual meeting this year had unprecedented significance. At this critical time in our bilateral relations we greatly appreciate your participation and support of Russian-American partnerships across the Pacific. Thank you for your productive work and look forward to seeing you at the 20th anniversary annual meeting in 2015.

Derek Norberg and Anatoly Buryy
Directors, RAPP U.S. and Russia Secretariats

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September 9, 2014

Russian American Pacific Partnership

Welcome to all who have gathered for the nineteenth annual meeting between the United States and the Russian Federation.

California is honored to host this event, where leaders in government and business discuss international trade and its value to our nations. Not only does trade create jobs, increase revenues and help ensure the prosperity of our citizens, but it also builds friendships and understanding among different cultures. My thanks to the Russian American Pacific Partnership for your efforts to improve trade relations between our countries.

On behalf of the state of California, please accept my best wishes for a memorable stay in San Diego and every future success.

Sincerely,


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Joint Report of the Co-Chairs 19th Annual Meeting Russian American Pacific Partnership (RAPP)

September 9-10, 2014, San Diego, California, United States of America

Executive Summary

The Russian American Pacific Partnership held its 19th annual meeting in San Diego, California on September 9 and 10, 2014. Nearly 70 public and private sector representatives from five Russian Far East regions (Primorskiy and Kamchatskiy Territories, Sakhalin Region and the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), as well as Saint Petersburg and Moscow, and from five U.S. states (Alaska, Washington, Texas, Alabama, and California), and the District of Columbia participated in the meeting.

Derek Norberg, President of the Council for U.S.-Russia Relations and Executive Director of the Russian American Pacific Partnership, with support from **Anatoly Buryy**, Director of the Russian Secretariat of RAPP, was responsible for the preparation and running of the meeting.

A letter of welcome to the RAPP meeting from **California Governor Jerry Brown** was presented to the attendees.

David Edick, President of the San Diego World Affairs Council and President of the San Diego International Sister Cities Association, welcomed the RAPP meeting to San Diego. In his remarks, Edick noted the long-standing sister city relationship between San Diego and Vladivostok dating back to 1991. He noted San Diego's being a global leader in innovation, science and technology development, as well as home to the Scripps Institution of Oceanography as a premier research facility in ocean and environmental science. Edick stated that our Russian American bilateral relationships across the Pacific are particularly important at this time of challenging relations between our countries. Edick closed with his observation that the parties who make the effort to cultivate relations now during this chill will emerge prepared to prosper in the more fruitful times that are sure to follow.

Due to the decision by the United States government not to participate in the RAPP meeting, this year's annual meeting, while not an intergovernmental engagement, will forward recommendations by summary report to both the U.S. and Russian governments. The 19th RAPP annual meeting was co-chaired by **Derek Norberg** representing the U.S. RAPP secretariat and **Dmitry Sazhin**, Deputy Director, Department of the countries of Europe and the Americas, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation.

Derek Norberg, President of the Council for U.S.-Russia Relations and Executive Director of the Russian American Pacific Partnership, formally opened the 19th annual meeting citing RAPP as the longest consistently meeting annual engagement and the only interregional forum partnership to expand relations between the two countries. Norberg recounted the historical origins of RAPP in the robust trade between the Pacific Northwest and the Russian Far East in the early 1990s. The role of RAPP has always been to draw practical recommendations from the private sector to advance commerce and common interest for mutual benefit. Norberg noted that RAPP is not an exercise of the governments per-se. RAPP is rather all of us helping our governments through our recommendations to better understand and address the issues businesses face. The Russian American relationship across the Pacific has always been unique. From the Russian-American Company and Fort Ross, to the Lend Lease cooperation during the Great Patriotic War and World War II, to extensive fishing and trade cooperation in the 1990s and the oil and gas projects of the Sakhalin Shelf, the Pacific regions have contributed greatly to U.S.-Russian bilateral relations. Norberg specifically acknowledged the contributions of the government of the Sakhalin Region, Exxon Neftegas Limited, Rosneft and all the Sakhalin-1 partners and contractors in advancing bilateral and international cooperation generally, and specifically in the Russian Far East. Many companies are doing excellent work in the Russian East. Norberg cited the examples as GE, Cisco Systems, Tiger Machinery CAT in constructive work in the Russian Far East as well as the commitment of the Boeing Company to its supply and engineering partnerships and cooperation with a wide range of clients in Russia. Air-Russia.us and their Yakutia Airlines partners have re-established direct air passenger service be-

tween the Far East and Alaska running their Petropavlosk-Kamchatskiy – Anchorage route for now a third consecutive year. Norberg noted that we need more examples of business success – large and small – to keep the U.S.-Russian Pacific relations strong and of relevance to our broader bilateral relations.

Norberg expressed regret that the U.S. Department of Commerce did not participate in this meeting to support the interests of U.S. business commerce in and with Russia, but the Department of Commerce expressed their interest to review the RAPP recommendations and sent wishes for a successful meeting. Norberg expressed his deep gratitude to the government of the Russian Federation over the many months leading up to the meeting for their commitment and unwavering support of RAPP. In concluding, Norberg expressed his hope that the RAPP meeting in a small way can demonstrate that constructive dialogue involving the private sector and regional partners with our governments remains among the best models for advancing U.S.-Russian bilateral interests.

Vladimir Vinokurov, Ambassador At-Large and Secretary of the U.S.-Russia Bilateral Presidential Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, thanked the organizers and specifically Derek Norberg for their hard work in preparation of this meeting. In the current state of U.S.-Russian relations, the mere fact the meeting is taking place is an accomplishment and he thanked all the attendees for helping to preserve this valuable mechanism for dialogue to both our countries. He expressed regret that current difficulties in bilateral relations negatively affected the attendance of states and regions in the RAPP meeting this year.

U.S.-Russian relations have always been subject to political factors, in part due to insufficiently strong economic foundation and regional ties. But the current situation in Russian-American relations raises serious concerns. The U.S. imposed sanctions have progressed so far it is hard to imagine how relations between our countries can once again be “re-set”. The only solution is dialogue. Rebuilding trust will be difficult, but U.S.-Russian cooperation is very important, for both our countries and for the world community. Relations between Russia and the United States must return to pragmatic cooperation in areas of common interest based on mutual respect with a cessation of unproductive policies of threats, ultimatums and sanctions.

Ambassador Vinokurov stated that despite its activities having been suspended by the U.S.-side since March, the Presidential Bilateral Commission (BPC) may still play a role as a key mechanism of cooperation and engagement when the bilateral agendas call for re-establishing mutual trust.

The trans-Pacific theater holds great potential for Russian-American cooperation. Vinokurov noted that the grand objectives of Russia’s integration to the Asia-Pacific and social and economic development of the Far East and Eastern Siberia are complimentary with, and not at the expense of, cooperation with the EU and the United States. Russia and the United States need to formulate a common agenda in the Asia Pacific of priority interests for both countries. In this context it is imperative that RAPP as the primary mechanism for economic collaboration on a regional level, be preserved to facilitate a dialogue on the level of regional governments and business.

Vinokurov applauded RAPP’s decision to include Arctic issues in the meeting agenda as an area where Russia and the U.S. share many interests. He further expressed his support for expanding cultural and historical cooperation between our countries. In closing, Ambassador Vinokurov stated the importance of this year’s RAPP meeting for preserving the Russian-American transpacific cooperation established over these 19 years with the significant help of the RAPP forum.

Dmitry Sazhin welcomed the participants and noted the RAPP forum as a unique platform for identifying new opportunities for Russian-American cooperation at the regional level. He noted that in the current year, the meeting bringing together the private sector and the regional component is even more important.

Sazhin noted the continuing growth of the Russian Federation’s economy and its progress in improving its business climate. Sazhin cited Russia’s improving its position in the World Bank “Doing Business 2013” rating by 20 places (moving from 112 to 92), and President Putin’s goal for Russia to achieve a top-20 rating by 2018. Russia improved its position according to global competitiveness from 64th to 53rd among 144 countries as rated by the World Economic Forum.

Russia's economy is steadily developing, maintaining the trend of diversification of industry in which the deeper domestic utilization of resources as a market segment will expand while raw resource commodities will decrease. According to the projections of the Ministry of Economic Development, 2014 growth in GDP is expected at 0.5% and in 2015 at 1.0%.

Russia's foreign trade volumes January to July were 396.3 billion U.S., or nearly on par with prior year volume (2% down from the same period 2013). The U.S. ranked 9th among Russia's foreign trade partners year-to-date through June 2014. Sazhin noted a significant increase in recent Russian trade with the United States. January to June 2014 saw a 20.3% increase in bilateral trade compared with the same period one year earlier. Russian export increased 6% to \$5 billion, while Russian imports grew by 29.3% to \$9.9 billion. Russia maintains as strategic objectives to Russian-American economic cooperation its interest to further diversify its economy. Despite the current political difficulties Russia remains interested in attracting foreign investors to a wide range of sectors. Sazhin pointed to U.S. investment in Russia as having increased to 8.6 billion in 2013. A total volume of US accumulated investment in Russia is \$10,3 billion in comparison with \$6,7 billion in 2012.

Sazhin noted Russia's progress in improving its investment climate and specifically mentioned the National Entrepreneurial Initiative, the office of the Ombudsman on the defense of the rights of Entrepreneurs, the SEZs.

Sazhin mentioned several programs for the development of the Russian Far East, such as "Social and Economic development for the Far East and Baikal Regions" and "Economic and Social development strategy for the Far East through 2018", he also added that "The Far East and Baikal Regions Development Fund" was established. The main objective is to realize complex investment projects, which can include US firm participation.

The Far East Federal District benefits as a Targeted Development Zone affording projects special tax and investment conditions – even exceeding those of the SEZs.

Sazhin offered American companies to take an active part in developing bilateral cooperation, implementation of investment projects (realizable and upcoming) in connection with stressing the importance of infrastructure and high-tech industry of the Far East Region complex development.

Oleg Burmistrov, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the Russian Federation in the United States, welcomed the RAPP meeting participants and noted the uniqueness of the RAPP forum that has no analog in the Russian Federation's relations not only with the United States, but across its relations with all other nations. He noted RAPP's bringing together representatives of the federal and regional governments with the private sector and non-governmental organizations in direct dialogue addressing questions of development and a wide range of interregional issues. He stated that against the current difficulties in relations the role of RAPP is now more important than ever. He stated the personal and business contacts established over years and even decades and the interests of the business communities and the Russian Far East and West Coast U.S. governments in constructive cooperation, free from the fluctuations of political events, as our collective legacy to be protected in the current difficult times.

Oleg Burmistrov advised that the Russian government is aware of the concerns of businesses. Business is suffering from the uncertainties resulting from the pause in political dialogue. He assured that the position of the Russian government, as has been stated numerous times by the Russian leadership, remains unchanged. Regardless of the current political situation in international affairs, Russia remains interested in attracting foreign investors broadly and particularly in Russia's sectors of strategic priority. This includes the American investors who have been active for years in the Russia's Eastern regions and who support the work of the RAPP forum. He noted that the development of relations between the West Coast of the United States and the Russian Far East is an area of priority at the Russian Embassy in Washington D.C. In 2013 the Embassy held a seminar on issues of developing aviation flight routes between the Russian Far East and the northwest U.S. He cited the absence of regular flight service between the regions as a limiting factor in relations. He praised the contributions of Yakutia Airlines in running a seasonal charter flight service over the past several years between Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy and Anchorage, Alaska connecting these neighboring regions of our two countries.

Oleg Burmistrov also cited the importance of developing educational relationships with the Far Eastern Federal University in Vladivostok, the site of the 2012 APEC Summit. He invited the many universities of the West Coast of the United States to cooperate with the Far Eastern Federal University on student and faculty exchanges and in the research and training of technical and scientific specialists. He reminded the participants of the growing significance of the Arctic region. Russia has made great strides in accessing Arctic resources and in establishing Arctic infrastructure. He noted that the U.S. is also paying greater attention to the North as well. Our two countries are partners in the Arctic Council, where the U.S. will assume chairmanship in 2015. He cited the Northern Sea Route as gaining utility as an international shipping corridor and mentioned that Russia is studying the practicality of supply of remote communities in Northern Alaska via our polar sea route.

In conclusion, Oleg Burmistrov stressed the importance of preserving the positive elements in our bilateral relations. He further noted that the development of relations between the U.S. West Coast and the Russian Far East are complimentary to Russia's Asia Pacific relations with traditional partners such as China, Japan and Korea. He wished the participants success in their work and in establishing new contacts.

Andrey Vasiliev, Deputy Head of the Department of Strategic Development and Government Policy, Ministry of Regional Development of the Russian Federation, informed the RAPP participants that the development of the Russian Far East regions is receiving particular attention. The Russian government decree No.2094 approved the Strategy for the Social Economic Development of the Far East and Zabaikalye Region through 2025. The Russian Far East and Zabaikalye regions comprise 12 Russian regions and makes up 45 percent of the territory of the Russian Federation. The population is over 10 million. The aim of the strategy for the development of these regions is to create the proper conditions for development of the most promising economic sectors for each of the regions, on the basis of their natural resource wealth, industrial and human capital assets, scientific potential, and all in line with the federal strategic sector priorities for development, as well as the regional and local government priorities and the strategic priorities of major companies working in these regions. Vasiliev spoke to the importance to create hospitable living conditions for communities in the Targeted Development Zones, as well as to provide human capital and populate places in the numbers and with the necessary skill-sets required by the projects. In addition, Vasiliev mentioned the objective to preserve and protect the traditional lifestyles of the native populations of the Russian Federation. The advantage of the Russian Far East and Zabaikalye regions is foremost their geographical location in the Asia Pacific region, their vast natural resource wealth, their expansive coastlines with short transportation distances to Asia. But Vasiliev also noted that the climatic conditions of much of the Far East and Zabaikalye regions are severe and even extreme. Only the southern part of the Primorskiy Territory has an average annual temperature above freezing.

Among the Far East and Zabaikalye mineral resource wealth, Vasiliev cited large deposits of coal, gold, copper, diamonds, base and ferrous metals, rare earth metals, phosphate rich ores, uranium, tin and many other mineral resources. But in these regions Vasiliev underscored the necessity to also establish alternatives to resource extraction alone. The objective is to establish high technology export oriented industries on a global market standard and to establish large research centers. Special attention is directed to develop secondary and deep processing of resources in Russia, and to investments in education and science. Vasiliev noted the critical importance of developing the transportation and infrastructure necessary to access the markets of Northeast Asia.

Vasiliev noted the strong orientation of the Far East and Zabaikalye regions to international cooperation, in part due to their geographical location to the Asia Pacific. The current regional development initiatives of an international scope are oriented towards establishing new transportation corridors, international energy project infrastructure, export of natural resources (oil, gas, timber, fish, etc.) and are seeking both domestic and international investment for their realization. Federal government agencies are affecting 22 federal government development programs in the Far East and Zabaikalye, the main one being the federal government program on the Social and Economic Development of the Far East and Zabaikalye of 15 April 2014 (No.308). In Addition, Vasiliev mentioned the list of priority investment projects in the Far East Federal District that was approved on 30 May, 2013 (No. 3006h-P16). There are 38 priority investment projects are being effected for the Far East federal district, 11 of them

are in an advanced stage of preparation in the variety of sectorial areas Vasiliev mentioned earlier.

Addresses were delivered by the regional delegations as follows:

Vera Tikhonkikh, Head of Agency for Gasification and Infrastructure Development of the Government of the Sakhalin Region.

Marina Anischenko, Deputy Head of the Department of Tourism Development and External Affairs, Travel and External Affairs Agency of the Kamchatskiykr.

Vera Egorova, Representative, Planet Yakutia LLC of Yakutsk, Republic of Sakha (Yakutia).

Mark Dudley, Regional Director North America, InterPacific Aviation & Marketing / AirRussia.us.

Thematic Presentations Delivered at the 19th Annual RAPP Meeting:

Bryan Wesley, Vice President of Exxon Neftegas Limited, presented on the Sakhalin-1 project.

Sergey Lazarev, Managing Partner. Russin & Vecchi PLLC moderated a panel on **Far East Development: Strategy, Financing and Opportunity**, with **Yury Borovskiy**, Deputy General Director, GPB-EnergoEffect LLC, **Igor Butovskiy**, General Director, JSC "Sakhalinenergo", and **Vladimir Zhadan**, Chairman of the Board with ICM Engineering Company

Andrey Bondarev, Deputy Head of Economic Section, Embassy of the Russian Federation in the United States of America moderated the **Arctic Opportunity and Challenges** panel discussion with **Commander David Slayton**, Research Fellow and Co-Chair, Arctic Security Initiative, Hoover Institution, **Andrey Vasiliev**, Deputy Director of Department of Strategic Development and Gov't Policy, Ministry of Regional Development of Russian Federation, and **David Victor**, Professor with the University of California San Diego

Tatyana Konko, General Director, Vladivostokvneshttrans Forwarding Company Ltd. moderated the session on **Developments in Transportation and Customs** with panelists **Adam Brunets**, Lead for Russia and CIS, Global Trade Control, Office of Internal Governance, The Boeing Company, **Michael Adelson**, Project Manager, Tiger Machinery CAT. **Bill Robinson**, Lawyer with William T. Robinson PLLC, provided an informational overview of the sanctions measures affecting the commercial environment.

Alina Kratova, President, A+ Business Worldwide presented on behalf of CONNECT San Diego, and moderated a panel on **Technologies for Economic Growth and Prosperity** with presentations by **Oleg Shestakov**, Commercial Development Director, GE Global Growth and Operations, and **Michael Kremlevskiy**, Chief Architect Information Structures, Medical Device.

David Edick, President of the San Diego World Affairs Council and of the San Diego-Vladivostok Sister City Society, moderated a panel on **Pacific Partnerships** with presentations by **Robert Lawson**, Director International Tsunami Buoy Program, Scientific Applications International Corp. (SAIC), **Gennady Kantakov**, General Director of the Far East Ecological Center (FEEC), and **Craig Lang**, Co-founder and Chairman, Bravo 369 Flight Foundation.

RAPP Break-Out Session

Through the morning of September 10th, RAPP attendees worked in a break-out session to define issues and compose recommendations to improve economic and non-commercial cooperation between the Russian East and the Western U.S. The two co-moderators, **Mark Dudley** and **Tatyana Konko**, led discussions and, together with the participants, formulated recommendations covering topics including Energy, Energy Efficiency, the Environment, Arctic issues, visa and border zone passes, scientific cooperation, exchanges, transportation, sanctions, bilateral engagement, tourism, and cooperation in education and historically significant event observation.

At the closing plenary, a summary of the break-out session was delivered by both Moderators to the meeting's Co-Chairs. The break-out session report developed at the 19th annual meeting is included in this Summary Report forwarded to the U.S. and Russian governments for distribution to the ministries, departments and agencies of relevance. The report recommendations will also serve the RAPP Secretariats in formulating current year priorities.

At the close of the meeting no announcement of dates was made regarding dates for the 2015 twentieth anniversary annual meeting of the Russian American Pacific Partnership but a decision is expected by the end of 2014.



Co-Chair for the U.S. RAPP Secretariat

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Breakout Session Report

U.S. Moderator:

Mark Dudley

Russian Moderator:

Tatyana Konko

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

Over the course of the breakout session, RAPP delegates discussed the following issues:

-Scientific cooperation in the following areas: the Arctic, tsunami advance warning systems, shipment of geologic sample.

-Arctic issues.

-Cooperation between educational institutions in the RFE and UW West Coast, science-research exchanges. Scripps, University of California San Diego, Far Eastern Federal University and the Pacific research Institute of fisheries and Oceanography of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Vladivostok), University of Alaska, Alaska Pacific University, Sakhalin State University (including its Oil and Gas Institute), and others.

-Oceanographic and climate data available to research institutions is limited.

-Visa issues: improving application processes for residents of remote areas. U.S. visa application processes requiring personal interview and bio-metric data collection at the U.S. Consulate is expensive for Russian applicants from regions of great distance from Vladivostok.

-The need to encourage RAPP participation by energy companies.

- Alternative Energy potential: The Russian Far East is rich in alternative energy resources and potential.

-The need to move ahead on the Beringia Shared Heritage program was discussed.

-Tourism: Promotion of Kamchatka as a travel destination.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. VISAS AND BORDER ZONE PASSES:

1.1 Recommend to the Russian government to include Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky in list of Russian cities with international airports being considered for 72-hour visa free transit for tourism purposes.

1.2 Recommend to the government of the RF to assess feasibility of permitting 72-hour visa-free transit between different modes of transportation (such as from cruise ships to aircraft) at Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky.

1.3 Recommend the U.S. government consider establishing visits on a periodic and scheduled basis to several Northern remote Russian Far East regional capitals by Consular staff to perform facets of the visa application process including but not limited to initial interview and biometric data collection for U.S. visa applicants thereby alleviating the significant cost in travel and time associated with their visit to the U.S. Consulate in Vladivostok.

1.4 Recommend the government of the Russian Federation, and Rostourism in particular, simplify and expedite the process of securing passes to restricted border zone areas, and in particular reduce the current 60-day application processing time to 30 days.

2. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EXCHANGES:

2.1 Recommend to both U.S. and Russian governments to expand, fund and promote a range of people-to-people exchange programs.

3. TRANSPORTATION:

3.1 To the Russian Government – Recommend providing greater informational resources on transportation infrastructure development projects and the processes for their tendering. In establishing tendering processes, consider to set time lines in a manner that will allow for maximum competition including the application by international firms.

3.2 Expedite finalizing the Law on priority development areas in the Russian Far East Pacific regions.

4. ARCTIC:

4.1. Recommend the governments of the Russian Federation and the United States expand cooperation in the Arctic on the basis of international agreements and a joint plan of events.

4.2. Specific recommendations to the U.S. and Russian governments:

4.2.1 working with all interested Arctic nations, strengthen the legal frameworks governing activities in the Arctic;

4.2.2 expand cooperation on timely response to emergency situations in the Arctic and safety at sea preparedness, and share experience and information on threat assessments and response capacities to address natural or man-made disasters in the Arctic, and most particularly in the waters or coastlines East and West of the Bering Strait in Northeastern Russia and Alaska. The vast coastlines and limited infrastructure resources of either side demands the utmost U.S. and Russian sharing of assets and planning to ensure the best possible disaster at sea emergency response;

4.2.3 consider the regulatory issues of ship and facilities specifications and operation standards governing transarctic activities, including arctic shipping, fishing and on and offshore resource extraction, and maritime environmental protection. Early bilateral and international agreement between the Arctic nations, with U.S. and Russian leadership, is the best hope for mankind's accessing the Arctic in a responsible and sustainable manner;

4.2.4 for the U.S. and Russia to increase coordination in economic and scientific technological fields, including in responsible natural resource extraction and environmental protection in the Arctic;

4.2.5 prepare a joint plan of activities, including directions of priority for development in the Arctic, as a basis for coordination of subnational entities of the Russian Far East regions, the West Coast Pacific U.S. states, and also private sector and academia on the issues of Arctic development.

5. SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION:

Recommend:

5.1. That the Russian Government consider a long-term commitment to provide for regular maintenance, every two years, of two current Russian tsunami buoy stations.

5.2. That the Russian Government considers adding 2 additional tsunami buoy system to their current network. This will greatly strengthen the essential data needed to support development of warnings for Far Eastern Russia and in particular Kamchatka.

5.3. Once near-field tsunami buoy technology is available, consider adding it to the Russian tsunami buoy systems and moving buoys close to the Kuril Island subduction zone.

5.4. That the Russian Government, through the Russian Far Eastern Regional Hydrometeorology Research Institute in Vladivostok , work with the U.S. Government through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to develop a mutually beneficial plan for FERHRI to manage regular maintenance of 5-7 U.S. and Russian tsunami buoy systems in the Northwest Pacific Ocean.

5.5. Facilitate the movement of geologic samples import and export between Russia and the U.S.

5.6. That the Russian government approves HF-radars for use in navigation in the area of La Perouse Strait, the Bering Strait, and offshore Sakhalin projects.

5.7. Broaden exchanges of scientific data (climate, oceanography soil, etc.) between U.S. and Russian research institutions.

6. EDUCATION

6.1. Recommend both governments jointly or independently encourage and support broader cooperation between educational institutions of the U.S. West Coast and the Russian Far East across the broad range of disciplines. Consider to establish a competitive grant funding mechanism to award university-to-university cooperation pairings between the two regions.

7. ENERGY:

7.1. Recommend to the Russian government and appropriate ministries, to promote greater energy efficiency and renewable energy development in Russia involving, to the degree possible, cooperation with the leading international and U.S. companies in the field and application of their expertise.

7.2. In continuing to develop energy cooperation and experience sharing, recommend the governments recognize the need of adapting and perfecting technologies and equipment for application in harsh climates such as the Arctic and Arctic-like climatic conditions).

7.3. Recommend to the Sakhalin Regional Center for the Development of Energy and Energy Conservation and similar regional centers in other Russian Far East regions to create a working group/expert panel under the auspices of RAPP to study best practices and share knowledge and experience on energy efficiency and alternative energy technologies leveraging alternative energy associations and companies on the U.S. West Coast.

8. TOURISM

8.1. Recommend that Rostourism participate actively in U.S. West Coast travel shows to promote tourism, including cruise tourism, to the Russian Far East.

9. ENVIRONMENT:

9.1. Recommend to both the Russian and U.S. governments and their respective agencies to fund and support the collection and sharing of atmospheric data, surface soils and oceanographic data related to greenhouse gases and climate change, and to the full degree possible, conduct this work in close collaboration for maximum financial efficiencies as well as bilateral and international goodwill and confidence building.

9.2. Develop and deepen bilateral U.S.-Russian agreement and cooperation in worldwide efforts strengthening global environmental and energy security.

9.3. Recommend the governments, through their respective ministries/agencies, establish maximal bilateral agreement of priorities and objectives for preserving natural habitat environments, and for controlling effects of climate change, not only in the Pacific region but on global scale.

9.4 Advancement of eco-friendly energy technologies: Establish regional and international centers of renewable energy as the most effective means of advancing processes, conceptual solutions, and interregional projects on the basis of multilateral experience with the aim to advance the application of ecologically clean "green" energy. The creation of such a research-technical "proving ground" for the testing of approaches in renewable energy and the study of sources of alternative energy will not only serve as a strong catalyst for developing non-traditional energy, but will provide effective application opportunity for the derived experience across the Asia Pacific region.

10. BERINGIA SHARED-HERITAGE PROJECT:

In accordance with the earlier joint statements of the Presidents of the United States and the Russian Federation on bilateral cooperation in the Bering Strait Region, we urge proceeding with activities under the Beringia Shared Heritage Program towards establishment of a cooperative U.S.-Russian park in the Bering geographies of both countries. We encourage continued dialogue with the state and regional governments and communities in the targeted geographies so as to properly factor local community interests. We encourage accelerating bilateral scientific informational exchanges at the national and sub-national levels in the areas of nature protection and responsible and sustainable natural resource use in the Arctic and Pacific Oceans regions. We recommend proceeding at the earliest possible time in signing a bilateral memorandum of understanding on the symbolic unification of the national park for preservation of shared cultural and geographical heritage of Beringia.

11. SANCTIONS:

11.1. Recommend the U.S. and Russian governments each refrain from further application of sanctions, counter-measures and other restrictions of commerce as means of influencing foreign policy behavior. Sanctions are harmful to international commerce and economic stability, may not achieve their intended effect, damage existing mutually beneficial relationships, and have unintended consequences resulting in the loss of jobs and markets well beyond the intentions of the restrictive sanction measures.

11.2. Recommend the U.S. and Russian governments seek to resolve differences factoring each country's legitimate national and security interests, while avoiding punitive measures that do not address the root causes of the dispute.

12. BILATERAL ENGAGEMENT:

Recommend to the governments re-start work of the U.S.-Russian Bilateral Presidential Commission (BPC) broadly, or on a limited working group basis as the two sides may agree. The mutual interests of the two nations are far broader than the current disagreements and we encourage continuing BPC collaboration on a bilateral agenda of clear mutual benefit.

13. HISTORY:

In honor of the 2015 70th anniversary of the end of World War II and U.S.- Soviet cooperation in bringing about victory, to organize exchanges, promote study of history in Russian and U.S. schools and universities, and support a variety of projects and organizations marking the event, such as the Bravo369 Flight Foundation project.



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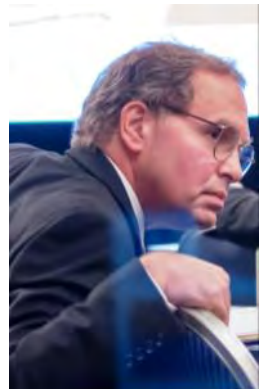
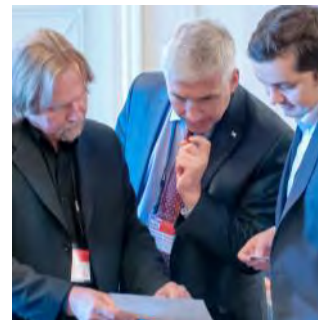
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