

Government of Russian Federation together with representatives of RF which will be defending country's interest regarding development in the Arctic are appreciating effort of the *Forum for 21st Century* concerning rightful shearing of valuable resources of this territory.

Considering global climate change and advancing Technologies which created premises for future development of the territory RF is stressing importance of maintaining world peace and sustainable development regarding this matter.

Nevertheless RF is fully aware of environmental challenges which could arise in connection with this issue.

This region, possessing of abundant natural resources and strategic location which has a great global political and economical importance not only for RF, therefore should become subject of multilateral convention.

Reviewing first draft RF is emphasizing following issues:

1. *Political division* - Concerning future political division of the Arctic and therefore rights of its future development RF would like to open the question regarding Lomonosov Ringe and legal claims of RF related to this territory.
2. *Security dimension* – Due to geographical location of the territory of Arctic this issue is considered as a crucial for RF and therefore RF will focus on it in future discussion.
3. *Environmental issues* – RF is considering issues of sustainable development of Arctic as part of a common global interest and therefore will search for effective protection of environment of this territory.

Regarding all the aspects of this complex issue RF believes that *Forum for 21st Century* is appropriate base for finding a proper solution as a result of mutual trust and consent.