

**CANADA**  
AC member since 1996  
**Strategies:**  
Statement on Canada's Arctic Foreign Policy (2010)  
Canada's Northern Strategy: Our North, Our Heritage, Our Future (2009)  
**Population:** 34 568 211  
**Icebreakers:**  
0 nuclear 6 diesel-electric

**USA**  
AC member since 1996  
**Strategies:**  
National Strategy for the Arctic Region (2013)  
National Security Presidential Directive and Homeland Security Presidential Directive: Arctic Region Policy (2009)  
**Population:** 316 668 567  
**Icebreakers:**  
0 nuclear 3 diesel-electric

**RUSSIA**  
AC member since 1996  
**Strategies:**  
Fundamentals of State Policy of the Russian Federation in the Arctic in the Period up to 2020 and Beyond (2008)  
The Development Strategy of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation and National Security for the Period up to 2020 (2013)  
**Population:** 142 500 482  
**Icebreakers:**  
6 nuclear 35 diesel-electric

**Permanent Participants of the Arctic Council**

- Arctic Athabaskan Council
- Aleut International Association
- Gwich'in Council International
- Inuit Circumpolar Council
- Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North
- Saami Council

**Arctic Council Member States**

**ICELAND**  
AC member since 1996  
**Strategy:**  
A Parliamentary Resolution on Iceland's Arctic Policy (2011)  
**Population:** 321 857  
**Icebreakers:**  
none

**NORWAY**  
AC member since 1996  
**Strategy:**  
New Building Blocks in the North. The Next Step in the Government's High North Strategy (2009)  
The Norwegian Government's High North Strategy (2006)  
**Population:** 5 063 709  
**Icebreakers:**  
0 nuclear 1 diesel-electric

**DENMARK**  
AC member since 1996  
**Strategy:**  
Kingdom of Denmark Strategy for the Arctic 2011-2020 (2011)  
**Population:** 5 556 452  
**Icebreakers:**  
0 nuclear 4 diesel-electric

**SWEDEN**  
AC member since 1996  
**Strategy:**  
Sweden's Strategy for the Arctic Region (2011)  
**Population:** 9 119 423  
**Icebreakers:**  
0 nuclear 7 diesel-electric

**FINLAND**  
AC member since 1996  
**Strategy:**  
Finland's Strategy for the Arctic Region (2013)  
**Population:** 5 266 114  
**Icebreakers:**  
0 nuclear 7 diesel-electric

**AC Observers**

**The United Kingdom**  
Observer status since 1996  
**Population:** 63 181 775  
**Icebreakers:**  
0 nuclear 3 diesel-electric

**Germany**  
Observer status since 1996  
**Population:** 80 219 695  
**Icebreakers:**  
0 nuclear 1 diesel-electric

**Spain**  
Observer status since 1996  
**Population:** 47 370 542  
**Icebreakers:**  
0 nuclear 1 diesel-electric

**Netherlands**  
Observer status since 1996  
**Population:** 16 805 037  
**Icebreakers:**  
0 nuclear 3 diesel-electric

**Poland**  
Observer status since 1996  
**Population:** 38 383 809  
**Icebreakers:**  
0 nuclear 1 diesel-electric

**France**  
Observer status since 1996  
**Population:** 65 281 000  
**Icebreakers:**  
0 nuclear 1 diesel-electric

**Italy**  
Observer status since 2013  
**Population:** 59 394 207  
**Icebreakers:**  
none

**China**  
Observer status since 2013  
**Population:** 1 349 585 838  
**Icebreakers:**  
0 nuclear 1 diesel-electric

**The Republic of Korea**  
Observer status since 2013  
**Population:** 48 955 203  
**Icebreakers:**  
0 nuclear 1 diesel-electric

**Japan**  
Observer status since 2013  
**Population:** 127 253 075  
**Icebreakers:**  
0 nuclear 1 diesel-electric

**Singapore**  
Observer status since 2013  
**Population:** 5 312 400  
**Icebreakers:**  
none

**India**  
Observer status since 2013  
**Population:** 1 220 800 359  
**Icebreakers:**  
none

**Intergovernmental and Inter-Parliamentary AC Observer Organisations**

- International Union for Conservation of Nature
- Standing Committee of the Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
- United Nations Environment Program
- United Nations Development Program
- Nordic Council of Ministers
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission
- Nordic Environment Finance Corporation

**Non-Governmental AC Observer Organisations**

- Advisory Committee on Protection of the Sea
- Arctic Cultural Gateway
- Association of World Reindeer Herders
- Circumpolar Conservation Union
- International Arctic Science Committee
- International Arctic Social Sciences Association
- International Union for Circumpolar Health
- International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs
- Northern Forum
- University of the Arctic
- World Wide Fund for Nature-Global Arctic Program

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RIA-Novosti website [www.ria.ru](http://www.ria.ru)  
Itogi website [www.itogi.ru](http://www.itogi.ru)  
Vesti FM website [radiovesti.ru](http://radiovesti.ru)  
Parlamentskaya Gazeta website [www.pnp.ru](http://www.pnp.ru)  
Atomflot website [www.rosatomflot.ru](http://www.rosatomflot.ru)  
CIA website [www.cia.gov](http://www.cia.gov)  
Bloomberg Businessweek website [www.businessweek.com](http://www.businessweek.com)  
Arctic Council website [www.arctic-council.org](http://www.arctic-council.org)  
Heritage Foundation website [www.heritage.org](http://www.heritage.org)  
Arctic Office website [www.arctic.ac.uk](http://www.arctic.ac.uk)

