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Our history has survived through our narratives, and so will our future

On behalf of Greenland I would like to thank Iceland and Japan for hosting this Third Arctic Science Ministerial.

We, who are the full-time inhabitants in the Arctic, can clearly sense the increasing interest from around the world, as the changing Arctic is expanding its global impact.

Greenland has been a committed partner in advancing Arctic science for centuries, and has gladly supported the Arctic Council's emphasis on international cooperation in the Arctic, which Greenland also pledged to continue by signing the 'Agreement on Enhancing International Arctic Scientific Cooperation' in Alaska in 2017.

The agreement is a cornerstone in ensuring multilateral scientific collaborations throughout the Arctic region covering research, logistics and technological advances in hard-to-reach areas.

Greenland provides a natural focal point for these advances and welcomes a systematic approach to national and international collaborations interested in scientific development to benefit the Arctic region, as outlined in the Arctic Council's agreement.

As we have witnessed the growing importance of the Arctic region to the health of our global environment, Greenland particularly welcomes the emphasis on advancing the UN's Sustainable Development Goals as a founding principle of all future development.

As a contribution to international Arctic research collaborations, Greenland and Denmark have jointly financed and established the International Arctic Hub, which is based in our capital Nuuk and will facilitate international research efforts in Greenland.

The purpose of the International Arctic Hub is to make the remote areas of Greenland that are vital to monitoring the Arctic more accessible in to international researchers both in terms of logistics and finances, to encourage scientific collaborations with the local population, and to amplify the scientific results to the benefit of the human and natural inhabitants of the Arctic region.

Climate change is no stranger to Arctic inhabitants. Resilience is as embedded in our identities now as it was thousands of years ago when our ancestors migrated across the region together with the changing ice, animal populations and vegetation.

What has changed is the changing climate's effects on global societies, and Greenland therefore welcomes all nations to; join forces in our efforts to stop the acceleration of climate change,

and

offer our partnership in scientific efforts for the wellbeing of the Arctic region and its aerial, aquatic and terrestrial inhabitants.