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TAGS: PGOV, PREL, SENV, OVIP, PBTS, PHSA, KGHG, ENRG, ETRD,
EPET, EFIS, EWWT, MARR, DA, CA, NO, RS, XQ
SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY'S PARTICIPATION AT ARCTIC OCEAN
CONFERENCE IN GREENLAND

4. (C) D said the Administration continued to urge the Senate to ratify the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and had not given up all hope of achieving this during the Bush Administration. Ratification was clearly in the U.S. interest. Moeller agreed, joking that **"if you stay out, then the rest of us will have more to carve up in the Arctic."**

SECOND CABLE

222559,8/27/2009 13:19,09COPENHAGEN365,"Embassy Copenhagen",CONFIDENTIAL,,,"R
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State Duma

Deputy Chilingarov called for Russia to withdraw from the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) so that Russia could stake a greater claim to the region's sea bed (a

claim he tried to bolster when he planted a Russian flag below the North Pole in August 2007). **(REDACTED BY NEWSNIGHT TO PROTECT IDENTITY OF SOURCE)** told us

Chilingarov was following orders from the ruling United Russia party

THIRD CABLE

248929,2/16/2010 10:30,10PRAGUE86,"Embassy Prague",CONFIDENTIAL,,"VZCZCXRO4285
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TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2146
INFO RUEHZL/EUROPEAN POLITICAL COLLECTIVE PRIORITY
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Russian Ambassador to NATO

Dmitriy Rogozin in a January 30 interview with Vesti-24 said that ""The twenty-first century will see a fight for resources, and Russia should not be defeated in this fight ... NATO has sensed where the wind comes from. It comes from the North.""

FOURTH CABLE

129049,11/7/2007 12:04,07COPENHAGEN1010,"Embassy Copenhagen",UNCLASSIFIED//
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EUCOM FOR J-5, J-2, AND POLAD
COMMERCE FOR MAC/ITA - DACHER AND MARKOWITZ

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SUBJECT: SHAPING GREENLAND'S FUTURE

2. (SBU) Summary: **Greenland is on a clear track toward independence**, which could come more quickly than most outside the Kingdom of Denmark realize.

3. (SBU) With Greenlandic independence glinting on the horizon, the U.S. has a **unique opportunity** to shape the circumstances in which an independent nation may emerge. We have real security and growing economic interests in Greenland, for which existing Joint and Permanent Committee mechanisms (described refel A) may no longer be sufficient. American commercial investments, our continuing strategic military presence, and new high-level scientific and political interest in Greenland argue for establishing a small and seasonal American Presence Post in Greenland's capital as soon as practicable. End Summary.

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14. (SBU) One senior Greenlandic official commented recently that his country (Greenlanders and many Danes alike routinely refer to **Greenland as a ""country""**) is **""just one big oil strike away"" from economic and political independence.**

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Chevron and ExxonMobil are part of an international consortium exploring off Greenland's western coast, and the U.S. Geological Survey is completing an assessment of Greenland's potential oil and gas reserves. Its initial findings suggest **Greenland might have reserves to rival Alaska's North Slope. To help the Greenlanders secure the investments needed for such exploitation, I recently introduced Home Rule Premier Enoksen and Minister of Finance and Foreign Affairs Aleqa Hammond to some of our top U.S. financial institutions in New York.**

FIFTH CABLE

73231,7/31/2006 21:32,06OTTAWA2294,"Embassy Ottawa",UNCLASSIFIED,06OTTAWA1904,"VZCZCXRO6207

SUBJECT: CANADA TAKES STEPS TO ESTABLISH SOVEREIGNTY OVER CONTINENTAL SHELF

REF: OTTAWA 1904 (NOTAL)

1. (U) Summary: **The GOC is taking steps to secure sovereign rights over seabed resources that extend to the edge of the continental shelf.**

SIXTH CABLE

169680,9/12/2008 19:44,08OTTAWA1198,"Embassy Ottawa",UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY,,"VZCZCXRO2004
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RUEHNY/AMEMBASSY OSLO 2375
RUEHRK/AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK 0036
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SUBJECT: NSPD/HSPD ON ARCTIC POLICY - REQUEST CONSIDERATION
TO DELAY RELEASE

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for release outside the U.S. Government.

1. (SBU) Summary. Embassy strongly believes release of the
new Arctic Policy National Security Presidential
Directive/Homeland Security Presidential Directive during
Canada's federal election campaign has the potential to
insert the United States as an issue in the campaign and
negatively impact U.S.-Canadian relations. Embassy requests
Washington agencies to delay the release of the new policy
until after the October 14 election. End summary.

SEVENTH CABLE

212098,6/15/2009 10:44,09MOSCOW1561,"Embassy
Moscow",CONFIDENTIAL,09SAKHALIN1,"VZCZCXRO8696
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RHMFSS/DEPT OF ENERGY WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY
RUCPDO/DEPT OF COMMERCE WASHDC PRIORITY", "C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION
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According to PM Harper, Canada has a good working relationship with Russia with respect to the Arctic, and a NATO presence could backfire by exacerbating tensions. He commented that there is no likelihood of Arctic states going to war, but that some non-Arctic members favored a NATO role in the Arctic because it would afford them influence in an area where ""they don't belong.""