



Joint Statement on Development

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Tartupaluk is a nation in its infancy. The Government's timeline for the development of our territory extends into the future some 25 years from independence, to the expiry of our nation's current title to its lands under international law.

The success of Tartupaluk's development strategy over this time period rests on the following five fundamental pillars:

1. **International recognition:** Tartupaluk's sovereignty and legitimacy as a partner for other nations in international affairs must be assured by its integration into multilateral governance frameworks and its participation in the activities of the international legal community. This process can be completed only after recognition of Tartupaluk's independence becomes widespread.
2. **Population growth:** Tartupaluk's legal permanent population must grow, and grow quickly, to increase the credibility of our nation's voice in international forums. Programs must be put in place to lower the barriers to Tartupaluk's acquisition of skilled, motivated individuals from all over the world while at the same time respecting the international community's global security priorities.
3. **Opening revenue streams:** Innovative alternatives to direct taxation must be sought immediately to improve the availability of Government services and facilitate economic development. Securing politically stable and sustainable revenue streams is the first step toward promoting domestic growth and foreign investment in Tartupaluk.
4. **Government services:** Increased access to essential Government services must be provided to all domestic stakeholders—citizens, nationals, and others. Priorities must be set in consultation with all interested groups to reduce wait times and improve both the quality of the Government's products and the standards of its service.
5. **Pan-circumpolar co-operation:** The long-term viability of an independent Tartupaluk may be contingent upon concurrent development throughout the circumpolar North. Tartupaluk must foster economic, social, and cultural co-operation and integration with the nations and peoples of the circumpolar North through the introduction of community outreach programs and participation in regional development initiatives.

In order to ensure a smooth and efficient process of nation-building in Tartupaluk takes place, all branches of Government should work in concert to achieve the primary development goals of the



five pillars, and should tailor their activities to meet strategic targets on the way to the achievement of these goals.

To this end, the Office of the Prince should work more closely with the other branches of Government on an ongoing basis and should submit its activities to oversight by relevant departments, including the Legislative Assembly. The Office should also accelerate the pace of its devolution of executive powers in order to engage more, and more diverse, resources in the administration of the Principality and the affairs of State.

The Legislative Assembly, for its part, should focus its efforts on setting short-term strategic development targets and on introducing legislation that works to support the aims of the five pillars by correcting pressing Government deficiencies and meeting the real development needs of Tartupaluk's citizens.

Recognizing the tremendous efforts of the Tartupalummiut people in coming this far along the path toward a freer and more prosperous future, the Executive Council salutes the hard work of Tartupaluk's Government and citizens and urges their continued support and co-operation in the realization of our shared national dream.