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Dear <NAME>:

From sea ice melt, energy exploration, environmental protection, and the utilization of natural resources to the Northern Sea Route and the Law of the Sea, the issues facing the Arctic are profound, and affect not just Arctic countries but people around the world.

The most broadly international gathering of its kind, the Arctic Circle aims to advance dialogue and sharpen the world's focus on the rapid changes now taking place in the Arctic. It provides an open forum to hear all sides of the debate, promote discussion and address these challenges in a responsible way.

The enclosed brief gives an overview of the inaugural Arctic Circle Assembly, which was held October 12–14, 2013, in Reykjavík, Iceland, and which attracted more than 1,200 attendees from 40 countries. The Assembly featured speakers such as Artur Chilingarov of Russia, Eric Schmidt of Google and Sam Tan Chin Siong of Singapore as well as Ban Ki-Moon of the United Nations and Hillary Rodham Clinton of the United States.

The Arctic Circle will reconvene September 5–7, 2014, in Reykjavík. We invite interested individuals, organizations and partners to participate. If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact us directly or the Arctic Circle secretariat at [Info@ArcticCircle.org](mailto:Info@ArcticCircle.org).

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