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in Support of US-Russian
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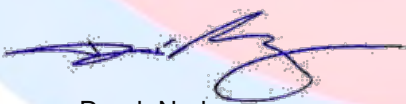
RAPP Secretariats’ Letter

We thank the participants of the 24th Russian American Pacific Partnership annual meeting.

RAPP is a 24-year U.S.-Russian bilateral forum partnering citizens and the private sector with regional and federal government representatives in a collective exercise strengthening relations and expanding cooperation between Eastern Russia and the Western United States.

Whether in science, technology, industry or commerce, US-Russian collaboration is an underdeveloped opportunity. The 24th annual RAPP meeting demonstrated, despite the tensions in relations, a constructive US-Russian trans-Pacific dialogue is possible advancing relations between our regions, peoples, and countries.

We hope this Summary Report, with the recommendations generated at the 24th annual meeting, provide fresh ideas for our subnational and bilateral agendas. At a critical period in our broader relations, your participation in support of Russian-American partnership across the Pacific was highly appreciated.



Derek Norberg
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Joint Report of the 24th Annual Meeting Russian American Pacific Partnership (RAPP)

June 26-27, 2019, Khabarovsk, Russian Federation

Executive Summary:

The Russian American Pacific Partnership (RAPP) held its 24th annual meeting in Khabarovsk, Russia June 26 and 27, 2019 with nearly 80 public and private sector representatives from Moscow and seven eastern Russian regions (the Republics of Buryatia and Sakha (Yakutia), Primorskiy, Kamchatskiy and Khabarovskiy Territories, the Sakhalin Region, and the Chukotka Autonomous Okrug), and from three U.S. states (Alaska, Washington, and Oregon) in addition to the US Embassy in Moscow and Consulate General in Vladivostok and from two Prefectures of Japan (Chiba and Niigata). At a critical time in US-Russian relations, the RAPP meeting again demonstrated that, despite ongoing disagreements, a productive bilateral dialogue is possible on topics of mutual interest. The Khabarovsk Territory government's Ministry of Economic Development and Department of Foreign Economic Relations and Export Support, together with **Derek Norberg**, Executive Director of the Russian American Pacific Partnership and **Boris Stupnitskiy**, Director of the Russian Secretariat of RAPP, were responsible for the preparation and running of the meeting.

Opening Plenary session on the morning of 26 June:

The opening plenary session was moderated by **Igor Averin**, First Deputy Chairman of the Government of the Khabarovsk Territory. Mr. Averin welcomed the RAPP meeting attendees and delivered remarks on behalf of Governor Sergey Furgal that included the Governor's assessment that "RAPP currently is the only working platform for establishing and developing business and humanitarian contacts between representatives of Pacific Russia and the western United States".

Sergey Kravchuk, Mayor of Khabarovsk, warmly welcomed the meeting participants to the city well-known for its hospitality and strong attention to maintaining positive and constructive international relations. He wished the participants a most successful meeting.

Grigoriy Smolyak, Director of the Department of Human Resources and Territory Development, Ministry of the Russian Federation for the Development of the Far East and Arctic, addressed the forum noting that President Putin six years ago declared the development of the Russian Far East a national priority. He stated the Far East Federal District makes up 40 percent of the territory of the Russian Federation with 8.2 million people, and since November of 2018 includes the Republic of Buryatia and the Zabaikalskiy Territory. Smolyak cited 40 federal laws and 167 government acts (decrees) creating preferential conditions in the district for investors, including a federal law ensuring no worsening of these conditions over a ten year period, lower rates for electricity for industrial utilization and a simplified electronic-visa system developed for businesses. He cited that over the five years of these measures, there have been more than 1,600 investment projects created. The Ministry not only affords tax benefits but also builds needed infrastructure and assists investors to efficiently deal with the bureaucracy and achieve success. Currently, 17 foreign countries are investing in the Russian Far East including China, Japan, South Korea, India, New Zealand, Vietnam and others. The Ministry is also pursuing a plan of social development of economic growth that involves over 94 billion rubles (approximately \$1.5 billion USD) in federal investments in 427 enterprises including hospitals, schools, sport and community centers, roads, general infrastructure and municipal improvements. He cited Russia's improved rating with the World Bank's "Doing Business" where it now ranks 31st out of 190 nations and the President's task that Russia achieves a top-five rating by 2024. He cited the energy sector, mining, wood processing, agriculture, fisheries and infrastructure projects as among the areas for consideration both at RAPP and the EEF. As of this year, the Ministry is now responsible for Arctic development including international cooperation in the Arctic region. He made special mention of tourism development and the benefits of expanding scientific and educational linkages between the Far East and western United States and noted the Presidential decree to create a high-technology cluster at the Far Eastern Federal University with a Mega-science facility (synchrotron). He expressed confidence in the Far East's potential to generate mutually beneficial economic cooperation between our two countries and invited American businesses to join in the Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) 4-6 September, 2019 in Vladivostok, Russia on the campus of the Far Eastern Federal University with 20 thousand students from 74 nations.

Peter Plikhin, Deputy Director of the Department of North America of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, expressed "In such difficult conditions, when high-level contacts are not achieving practical results, we feel a particular demand for the interregional ties and direct dialogue on a mutually beneficial agenda developed over many years between regions. Such an authoritative and open platform for interaction is RAPP, which for more than two decades has confidently maintained its place of significance in the steady development of a business dialogue between the Russian Far East and the American West Coast. I am pleased to note that our cooperation overcomes many of the difficulties resulting from the unfavorable geopolitical situation, in particular thanks to the perseverance and personal initiative of the forum participants. The presence of Russian and American representatives of regional structures, business and academic circles at the event shows that this format of interaction, which has proven itself in practice, remains relevant and more promising than ever, and enjoys genuine interest in cooperation among the business interests of the Pacific region".

In concluding, Plikhin expressed confidence that ultimately common sense will prevail and it will be possible to improve relations between our countries on the principles of mutual respect, equality and real consideration of each other's interests and wished the RAPP attendees continued success in their work for the benefit of our two nations.

Michael Keays, Consul General of the United States in Vladivostok, Russia, introduced a video address to the RAPP meeting by U.S. Ambassador to the Russian Federation **Jon Huntsman**. In his address, Ambassador Huntsman noted the heightened importance of annual meetings like RAPP at a time when our two countries often find it difficult to talk with one another. Ambassador Huntsman emphasized the importance of tourism and bilateral contacts stating "The more ordinary Russians and Americans understand about each other, the more we realize how much we have in common".

In addressing the RAPP meeting, Michael Keays expressed pleasure in representing the US Mission in Russia and Ambassador Jon Huntsman at this, his third RAPP meeting. He noted his recent visit to Khabarovsk's City Day celebration accompanying a musical group from Portland, Oregon, a Khabarovsk sister-city partner. Keays confirmed the clear and significant value of the RAPP forum in delivering benefit for the government and non-government sectors alike. Keays commented on the promise of cooperation in the energy sector, including in energy conservation and renewable energy. He noted the particular capacities of Alaska to meet the demands of various Russian Far East development projects and as a model for remote region small aircraft aviation. Keays noted the ongoing cooperation between the US Coast Guard and Russian Border Patrol, scientific cooperation endeavors, and the need to accelerate student exchanges and citizens' engagements including reactivating sister-city relations. In conclusion, Keays confirmed his and the US Mission's support of RAPP and, while realistic about persistent challenges, he expressed confidence that the best days are ahead for the people of the Russian Far East and for the US-Russia relationship. Keays advised that he will be leaving his post in Vladivostok July 5th and expressed his full confidence in the incoming Consul General in Vladivostok Lou Crishock due at post by the end of July 2019.

Dmitry Sazhin, Deputy Director of the Department of Countries of Europe, North America, and International Organizations of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation, thanked the Khabarovsk Territory for their hospitality in hosting the meeting. He cited RAPP as one of very few platforms for maintaining and developing Russian-American ties between the representatives of business and regional governments. According to him, despite the current state of bilateral relations, business relations between our countries continue to develop actively, as it was even during the Cold War.

While bilateral commerce depends to a degree on the political context, business itself plays an important role in shaping US-Russian relations and Sazhin said that business circles, regional representatives and community experts can all contribute to "correcting" the trajectory of US-Russian relations. RAPP, as a forum engaging all these participants, is a particularly useful platform in this effort. Sazhin cited the important accomplishments of RAPP over the years including the "Clear-Pac" Customs clearance and "East-West" corridor initiatives, as well as salmon protection and cooperation in the Bering Sea. He referenced several issues raised at the previous 23rd RAPP meeting in Anchorage as worthy of further discussion here in Khabarovsk and expressed confidence that this year's meeting will provide new impulse to US-Russian cooperation in the Asia-Pacific.

Sazhin presented a detailed overview of the current macroeconomic situation in Russia, including: the forecast of annual GDP of 1.3% that is projected to grow to 2% in 2020 and above 3% from 2021; a record low unemployment rate of 4.6% with growth in real incomes; the Russian ruble's joining in the leading currencies of developing countries and its strengthening against the US dollar in 2019; the current state of inflation; improvement in the long-term credit rating of Russia to "investment level" by the rating agencies (S&P, Moody's and Fitch). Russia remains committed to improving its business climate both through simplifying regulatory processes as well as improving the quality of legal enforcement. Sazhin cited several business climate indicators where Russia now is rated in the top-20 of nations. He reported that since 2018, the Ministry of Economic Development together with other agencies and the business community is creating a mechanism to manage the systematic changes in the entrepreneurial environment "Business Climate Transformation" (TDK by Russian acronym) and eliminate barriers to business including those from outdated or contradictory regulations. He cited the wide-ranging TDK activities addressing 140 entities under 12 sector profiles, including international trade and export development, customs and taxation administrations. The first TDK federal legislative acts were signed into law on 17 January 2019.

Discussing the Advisory Committee on Foreign Investment to the Russian Federation, Sazhin noted that 12 of the 53 international business participants are from American companies. Sazhin provided an overview of Russia's Special Economic Zones (SEZ), Territories of Advanced Development (TOR), and the Free Port of Vladivostok (SPV) affording business investor residents various taxation, customs and other privileges, and cited several examples of investor success. He cited Russia's interest in further developing economic cooperation with the United States and called for the attention of American businesses to these opportunities.

Sazhin shared key indicators of current US-Russia trade, noting that the overall structure of bilateral trade and investment on balance remains consistent. He urged attendees to explore the many areas of mutual interest, including in energy, energy efficiency, development of the Arctic, environmental protection, trade, aviation and tourism and develop recommendations to advance mutually beneficial bilateral cooperation.

Boris Stupnitsky, President of the Primorsky Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Director of the Russian Secretari-

at of RAPP, opened with an overview of bilateral trade figures, noting an 8% increase in bilateral trade in 2018. While the US accounts for only 1.4% of Russian Far East foreign trade, US trade volumes increased 9.5% in 2018. Stupnitsky noted that US trade levels vary across the Russian Far East and, whereas Primorsky Territory's foreign trade relations are overwhelmingly with the leading Asian nations (China, Japan and South Korea), the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)'s leading foreign trading partner is the United States. Stupnitsky affirmed the importance of RAPP and the Russian Far East regions and the Western United States both for the development of economic relations but also as a vital sub-national mechanism for positively influencing the Russian-American relationship. He cited the joint declaration on strengthening US-Russian sub-national cooperation made by the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs and the US Secretary of State during the 2012 APEC Summit in Vladivostok in 2012.

Stupnitsky proposed that the special benefits in the SEZ, TOR and SPV economic zones may interest American companies for markets not just within Russia but in the proximate Northeast Asia and Asia Pacific markets. He noted the chill in relations between the United States and Russia and the significant decrease in contacts between the governments as negatively impacting on inter-regional cooperation, adding that the level of current trade between the Far East of Russia and the Western US is far below its potential. He proposed that RAPP could consider playing the role of a communication platform for Russian business interests and structures and their American partners in accessing export markets in the Asia Pacific, noting that such support is most needed by mid-sized and smaller companies. He also suggested that RAPP might address the needs of Russian investment projects, joint US-Russian business projects, as well as sharing of experience on scientific, educational and humanitarian cooperative projects. In closing, he thanked the Khabarovsk Territory Administration for hospitality and organization of the meeting.

Derek Norberg, President of Council for US-Russia Relations and Director of the Executive Secretariat of RAPP, welcome the attendees and expressed deep gratitude to Igor Averin and the Khabarovsk Government for the opportunity to meet in this wonderful city. Addressing whether it is appropriate to hold a positive inter-regional dialogue when serious differences between our two countries persist Norberg recounted that in meetings with both governments, while each side has its own opinions based on their separate understanding of facts and events, neither side suggests that the RAPP forum should stop holding its meetings or cease efforts to improve our relations at the interregional level. While tensions persist in our inter-governmental relations, both governments support maintaining and developing constructive relations in the RAPP geography. So at least on this issue, our Governments agree and this in itself provides a certain basis for optimism. Norberg noted the unique history and geography that binds the Russian Far East and the US West across the North Pacific. He noted the understandable apprehension of some politicians to a deepening of relations at this time, but noted that greater participation of US state representatives in RAPP meetings as an ongoing priority. He suggested the opening all areas of trade, including in food products, as desirable, both to afford greater consumer choice, but also because trade itself is an important form of human communication strengthening mutual understanding between our regions.

He commended the Sakhalin-1 project as a model for Russian-American business success in the Russian Far East, but noted the need for more such examples on which to build. He cited the importance of tourism to broaden contacts and generate the next generation of business partners citing the important work of AirRussia.Us and their seasonal passenger air service between Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky and Anchorage, Alaska, as well as Lindblad Expeditions (National Geographic) and Holland America Lines. He encouraged the governments to expand scientific cooperation both to better understand ourselves, our planet and find solutions to global challenges, while strengthening the basis for mutual understanding and trust between our countries and people. He cited the longstanding cooperation of the US Coast Guard and Russian Border Patrol in the North Pacific and Bering and Arctic Seas as evidence that certain issues supersede many of our current political disagreements – namely safety at sea and saving lives. He further voiced support for expanded civil society cooperation and educational exchanges.

Norberg noted that RAPP's inclusiveness in breadth of participation and agenda is one of its strengths. RAPP is one of the only structures uniting a wide range of fields for cooperation and participants in a singular forum dialogue. He acknowledged legitimate disputes between the countries, but asked the participants to avoid raising divisive issues beyond RAPP's geography and authority. These issues will be addressed and resolved in due course by competent authorities of our countries. As Governor Furgal called for in his Letter of Welcome, our task here at RAPP is "to develop new approaches to the development of mutually beneficial partnership." Norberg thanked the regional and federal government representatives, the RAPP sponsors, and all the participants for joining in the meeting, and wished them the utmost success.

The regional delegation addresses were as follows:

Maxim Tarasov, Deputy Minister of Economic Development of the Khabarovsk Territory and Head of Department of Foreign Economic Relations and Export Support, noted the region's important economic and industrial position in the Russian Far East District. The Khabarovsk Territory's advantageous location makes it logistical transportation hub for inter-modal traffic featuring the BAM and the Trans-Siberian rail lines as well as the M60 Ussury, M58 Amur, and A375-AN50 roadways, as well as major sea ports of De-Kastri, Sovietskaya Gavanj and Vanino – the last two affording investor residents the preferential conditions of the "Free Port Vladivostok" regime. The Khabarovsk krai is active in international trade with nearly 100 nations, however, due to proximity, its main trading partners are China, South Korea and Japan – collectively 90 percent of foreign trade. The United States ranked sixth among Khabarovsk's foreign trading partners in 2018 at 1.6% of total trade following China, South Korea, Japan, Philippines and Taiwan.

2018 imports from the US to the territory totaled \$41.5 million, down 23.6% from 2017. Khabarovsk exports to the US include oil products, pharmaceutical products, various plant extracts supplements, and fire arm rounds. Tarasov cited the US companies Air Cruiser, Honeywell, BE Aerospace, Hamilton Sundstrand, and Goodrich as supplying materials for the production of the Sukhoi Superjet-100 in Komsomolsk-na-Amure. Khabarovsk is interested to increase exports to the US. Tarasov mentioned power engineered products such as gas turbines, airblast and wetblast equipment, high-quality lumber, veneer, fuel pellets, wood frame construction products, peat and sapropel bio-organic fertilizers, basalt fiber high-tech roofing material, hydro, sound and thermal insulation materials, natural foods, including fish products, ice cream, honey, berry jams, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and many other products, and IT industry products as promising offerings. He communicated the territory's interest to expand tourism including from the US. Tarasov cited Exxon Neftegas Limited as the largest foreign investor in the Khabarovsk Territory, not only through its major export terminal in De-Kastri, but also factoring its natural gas supply to the region and investments in social economic projects as well as in communications and social infrastructure modernization.

Tarasov cited the "Khabarovsk", Komsomolsk" and "Nikolaevsk" TOR sites and the "Free Port Vladivostok" regimes in the Vanino Region and Sovetskaya Gavanj affording investors residents significant tax and other benefits. He mentioned that 61 companies are already residents in the TORs and 18 in the FPVs. Tarasov pointed out the opportunity for US investors to join in port development projects currently underway, including by investment for phase two of the coal handling infrastructure project in the Port of Vanino as part of the terminal's modernization. In addition, Tarasov mentioned the need for investment in the trans-shipment terminal with capacity of 1 million tons of grain and of 1 million tons of liquefied hydrocarbons (LPG) in the port of Sovetskaya Gavan. The investment portal of the Khabarovsk territory (<https://invest.khv.gov.ru>) has a full list of investment projects. He noted that investors can expect the full support of the Khabarovsk Government and its Ministries with sectoral jurisdiction, as well as the "Agency for Investment and Development of the Khabarovsk Territory"'s "One Window" support services that include consultations during project review through implementation. In concluding, Tarasov affirmed the importance of the RAPP forum as a mechanism for US-Russian relations generally and specifically economic cooperation between the Russian Far East and the western United States.

Georgiy Nikonov, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) in the Far Eastern Federal District, thanked the Council for US-Russia Relations and the Khabarovsk Territory for their invitation. He noted the significant role that Yakutia played in Russia's expansion in Northeast Asia and to the shores of the Pacific to Chukotka, Kamchatka the Kuriles and beyond to Alaska and "Russian-America". He further reminded of Yakutsk's participation in the "Alaska-Siberia" route delivering Lend-Lease planes and equipment from the US to the Soviet Union during WWII. In the Northern Forum and its Governors Council, Sakha (Yakutia) cooperates with the State of Alaska in projects of renewable energy, energy conservation, and tele-medicine, as well as with the Institute of the North and the Alaska Native Heritage Center as business-partners of the Northern Forum. Fairbanks, Alaska was the first sister-city for Yakutsk (1989) and the relationship has engendered many forms of cooperation including humanitarian, educational, social as well as on construction in permafrost conditions and in the area of small entrepreneurship. The 1991 agreement between University of Alaska Fairbanks and Yakutsk State University (now the North-Eastern Federal University) affords professor, student and literature and information exchanges and scientific and educational events. Since 1989, the university is participating in the international project "University of the Arctic".

Nikonov cited the problems of energy in the Arctic and over small-scale power generation as of particular cooperation interest for the United States and the Republic of Sakha. He provided a comprehensive overview of the electrical energy grid of the vast territory of the Republic of Sakha that includes centralized and de-centralized autonomous power supply. He noted the electrical and heating needs of many remote communities that due to geography cannot be connected to a centralized power and heating grid and currently depend on 143 autonomous diesel power and 22 renewable energy stations, including 21 solar energy plants and a wind energy farm installed since 2011 that save the region 450 metric tons of diesel fuel oil per year. He noted the 1 megawatt Batagai (Verkhoyansk Region) facility is the largest solar energy generation facility above the Arctic Circle in the world and mentioned the Tiksiy facility of three windmill generators operating since November of 2018. He also cited the importance of developing small atomic energy generation stations under a 2018 agreement between the region and government corporation "Rosatom".

Nikonov cited the many areas of Arctic development as promising for greater cooperation between Russia and the United States. He also noted the great potential to expand business cooperation between the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) and the United States, and cited RAPP as one of the platforms to expand our commercial ties. In concluding, Nikonov stated the Republic of Sakha welcomes the development of constructive relations with all countries and regional associations, and in particular, with the United States on an equal basis for mutually benefit as necessary not only for our two peoples, but also for the whole world. On behalf of the leadership of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), he wished the participants of the 24th meeting success.

On behalf of the Governor of the Kamchatka Territory Vladimir Ilyukhin, **Dmitry Korostelev**, Minister of Economic Development and Trade of the Kamchatka Territory, expressed gratitude to the meeting organizers. He affirmed Kamchatka's long-standing appreciation of the RAPP forum as a unique platform for constructive dialogue between business representatives and federal and regional governments of both countries. He expressed that at the moment the interregional dialogue of the RAPP forum is of particular importance in the process of strengthening mutual trust and respect between our countries. Korostelev delivered a de-

tailed overview report on the cooperation of the Kamchatka territory and the United States in the fields of energy, air communication, as well as the development of trade, tourism, scientific and citizen exchanges.

In closing, Korostelev expressed that Kamchatka is open to dialogue and interested to partner with US states and businesses. He offered attendees the "Investment Passport of the Kamchatka Territory" providing information on Kamchatka's economic potential, investment climate, and investment and business support. He expressed optimism that the 24th RAPP meeting would afford valuable dialogue and provide impetus for mutually beneficial projects.

Alexey Starichkov, Director of the Department of International Cooperation of the Primorskiy Territory government, cited participation in the RAPP meetings as an important opportunity to communicate to partners the opportunities of cooperation between the Primorsky Territory and the United States. In 2018, Primorye's total US trade was \$72.5 million or 1% of the Territory's foreign trade – down 21 percent from 2017. The United States currently ranks 6th among Primorye's foreign trade nation partners, far from reflecting the full potential for trade between the Primorsky Territory and the United States.

Starichkov noted a freeze in many federal level bilateral contacts on the initiative of the United States, including a curtailment of intergovernmental economic cooperation that has negatively affected interregional relations. RAPP is the only platform of interaction between Russia and the United States at the regional level, affording a valuable interaction of business, administrative and public circles of the Russian Far East and the US West Coast. In this context, the Primorsky krai's participation in RAPP provides an important opportunity to draw the attention of American business to Primorye's priority projects. Starichkov expressed optimism that Primorsky krai and the United States can find common interest in a wide range of sectors of the economy including innovation, construction, transport, tourism, fishing and agriculture, and that US business can assume its rightful place in the economy of the region. Today, large-scale projects are being implemented in Primorsky Krai, which open up unique prospects for investment cooperation. He provided details on the Free Port of Vladivostok (FPV) and the Territories of Advanced Development (TOR), citing 1,097 resident companies in the FPV and 82 companies in the four Primorsky krai TORs. He referenced Ernst & Young's 2018 "EY European Investment Monitor" ranking Primorsky krai third among Russian regions in foreign direct investment (FDI) behind only Moscow and Saint Petersburg. Agricultural-food projects account for 29% of the 14 FDI projects in Primorye and benefit from proximity to high Chinese market demand for quality Russian agricultural products. He affirmed that government policies on the development of the Russian Far East are effectively attracting foreign investors to the region. The "one-stop-shop" regime for investors and the benefits afforded residents of the TORs and the FPV significantly improved the region's attractiveness for investment. Starichkov believes all companies, regardless of country of domicile, have the opportunity to work in the Russian Far East and Primorye. He cited a pending Viking Air (Canada) project as an example in positing that other North American companies, including US, are delaying Russian Far East business projects due to uncertainties in political relations.

Starichkov suggested that US federal policy towards the Russian Far East is mainly driven by external factors such as energy development, the problem of nuclear security on the Korean Peninsula, and the possibility of a transit transportation corridor between Europe, Asia and America. US policy towards Pacific Russia is also influenced by third nation interests of key US allies in the region – Japan and South Korea. As a key driver of US attention, Starichkov cited the "China Factor" - namely China's economic growth and its increased activities in the Russian Far East. This attention intensified following expressions of the leaders of Russia and China on joint-efforts to advance the Chinese Silk Road project and develop the transport corridors of the Eurasian Economic Union, including the Primorye-1 and Primorye-2 international transport corridors connecting the Chinese provinces of Heilongjiang and Jilin to Primorskiy krai sea ports. These projects illustrate Primorsky Krai's special role in global transportation logistics projects at the intersection of the economic interests of Russia, China, and other Asian countries.

Rather than fearing the rise of particular partners, Starichkov proposed that we leverage our respective competitive advantages in cooperation in international projects in the Russian Far East and Asia Pacific broadly. Many foreign company residents in the FPV and TORs are expanding their production and exports to the adjacent booming Asia Pacific countries. He encouraged American companies to factor the broader market access in assessing opportunities in the Russian Far East.

Starichkov mentioned Russia's recent simplified E-visa regime as important for expanding tourism and business travel affording a simplified visa application online to the citizens of 18 countries (China, North Korea, Algeria, Bahrain, Brunei, India, Iran, Kuwait, Mexico, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE). Starichkov cited the 2018 growth in inbound tourism of 25.8% led by South Korea (a 132.7% increase) followed by Japan and the PRC. Starichkov noted Primorye's numerous international events calling particular attention to the Eastern Economic Forum as one of the most important economic forums in the country held in early September in Vladivostok since 2015.

In conclusion, Starichkov stated the Primorsky Krai administration pays particular attention to developing international cooperation and encouraged attendees to consider Primorsky Krai as a base of work taking full advantage of the opportunities of the TORs and the FPV. Starichkov recognized the importance of business contacts and noted the importance of the RAPP forum in interaction between government and business representatives to strengthen business ties between our Pacific coasts. He proposed organizing periodic US business trade mission exchanges to the Russian Far East regions noting that such business mission exchanges in Primorye are ongoing with such countries as China, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Vietnam, the Philippines, Indonesia, the Netherlands, Germany, and Denmark. He restated his belief in the tremendous international cooperation potential between Russia and the United States and proposed viewing our relations through a prism of mutually beneficial trade and economic partnership

rather than the political perspective.

Alexey Butukhanov, Deputy Minister of Economic Development of the Government of the Sakhalin Region, welcomed the RAPP attendees on behalf of Acting Governor of the Sakhalin Region Valery Limarenko, and thanked the Khabarovsk organizers for their hospitality. He cited that RAPP as among the most well-established cooperation mechanisms generating new ideas and implementing projects, and the Sakhalin region has been actively involved in its activities since the forum's beginning. The Sakhalin Region played host to numerous RAPP meetings and holds a special place in the scheme of US-Russian cooperation between the Russian Far East and the western United States. Over the past two decades, the region has developed mainly through the oil and gas sector which accounts for 62% of the GRP, 83% of industrial production, and 70% of regional tax revenues. The leading players in the oil and gas sector "Sakhalin-1" consortium (with ExxonMobil as the Operator) and "Sakhalin-2" (with Sakhalin Energy as Operator) account for 89.2% of the total 19.3 million tons of oil and concentrate production and 85.7% of the 32.4 billion cubic meters of gas production in 2018. Assuming the current positive production dynamics are maintained, the production levels are expected to increase with oil/condensates to exceed 20 million tons and gas to exceed 42 billion cubic meters in 2020.

With their arrival at the outset of the Sakhalin Shelf oil and gas developments, American companies assumed a leading position among the foreign partners of the Sakhalin Region. There are currently over 70 companies with US participation, including branches and representations, registered in the region. US oil service companies are active in virtually all Sakhalin oil and gas projects, generating significant income and job opportunities for Sakhalin people. Butukhanov expressed appreciation for the social responsibility contributions of American companies, with particular mention of Exxon Neftegas Limited's many charitable projects over twenty years. Schlumberger and Fluor Daniels Eurasia have devoted significant resources to the region's higher and professional education institutions and facilities.

While the fuel energy sector is expected to remain the focus of foreign investors, Sakhalin authorities are committed to diversify the economy in non-oil and gas sectors including: agriculture, fish complex, processing industries, and tourism and related services. Instruments of Sakhalin Region's new economic policy include TOR special development zones and Free Port of Vladivostok.

In conclusion, Butukhanov confirmed the Sakhalin Region's commitment to constructive bilateral relations and cooperation, expressing confidence that this 24th RAPP meeting will deliver new ideas, valuable contacts, and impulse useful in advancing mutually beneficial projects.

Boris Dymbrylov, Director of the Fund for Regional Development of the Republic of Buryatia, provided an overview of the Republic of Buryatia and its investment and economic potential. By introduction, he shared that the Republic of Buryatia is part of the Far Eastern Federal District bordering Mongolia, with approximately 1 million people of which 440 thousand reside in the capital Ulan-Ude. The Ulan-Ude International Airport "Baikal" is one of only four "Open Skies Fifth Freedom (Open Skies)" airports in Russia affording transit flight opportunity for foreign airlines without the usual intergovernmental agreements. From 2019, the new runways at the airport can accommodate all aircraft including the largest passenger and cargo planes. Baikal Airport terminal modernization now underway will increase passenger throughput and starting June 1st, 2019, foreign visitors will be afforded entry by electronic visa. 70 percent of Lake Baikal, a unique natural wonder and UNESCO World Heritage site, is located in the Republic of Buryatia. Baikal is the oldest and deepest lake on the planet and her beauty is truly unequalled.

The Republic of Buryatia is among the richest of Russian regions in the variety of mineral resource deposits spanning virtually the entire Mendeleev table of elements. Buryatia has 390 mineral deposits and in minerals such as zinc and molybdenum Buryatia has over 30% of Russia's total reserves. The Tugnyiskiy deposit is the leading coal mine in Russia producing 12.5 million tons per year. Hiagda is an example of high-technology uranium mining where 47 thousand tons are produced annually. Noting that much of the resource exploration was conducted back in the Soviet era, Dymbrylov advised that a new research company is necessary to develop new resource extraction and they hope to attract foreign investors to this opportunity. He noted that the Republic will be creating an industrial technopark "cluster" aimed at high-technology machine and instrument production on the territory of the Ulan-Ude Aviation Factory – a leading aviation facility of Russia and a "Rostech" government corporation holding. The main projects envisioned for the cluster involve the serial production of the light-engine all-composite body aircraft TVS-2DTS expected to be in high demand in Siberia and the Far East, and the all-composite helicopter VRT-500. Ulan-Ude Aviation Factory produces the Mi-171A2 multipurpose helicopter with over 12,000 units delivered – a world record for twin-engine helicopters. These helicopters have been exported to over 100 countries. Dymbrylov mentioned among prospective directions for cooperation the production of ecologically clean wood heating fuel pellet briquettes as of interest along with value-added processing of carton board, plywood and the like. He further cited interest in mass cultivation of wild plants and natural plant product derivatives and biopharmaceutical production. Numerous small innovative enterprises in Buryatia are engaged in the production of herbal medicines, dietary supplements, and specialized food products. In closing, he affirmed that the Republic of Buryatia is open for cooperation and promising projects to maximize its full economic potential.

This concluded the 24th RAPP meeting's Opening Plenary session.

On the afternoon of June 26th, the following panels with presentations by experts were held:

Panel 1 - Energy Sector Cooperation: Moderated by **Maxim Tarasov**, Deputy Minister of Economic Development of the Khabarovsk Territory, with addresses by Panelists **Shelley Beer**, President of Exxon-Neftegas Limited, and **Helena Fadeeva**, Business Development Director and Head of Moscow Branch, Fluor Daniels Eurasia Inc.

Panel 2 - Development of Trade, Economic and Tourism Relations: Moderated by **Ivan Sukhanov**, Head of Export Support and Development Center of the Khabarovsk Territory, with presentations were delivered by **Greg Wolf**, President of the World Trade Center of Alaska, **Anastasia Stepashko**, President, International Association of the Tourism Industry of Asia-Pacific Countries, **Dash Hada**, President, InterAviation Japan, **Mark Dudley**, Regional Director for North America, InterPacific Aviation & Marketing, and **Boris Dymbrylov**, Director, Fund for Regional Development of the Republic of Buryatia.

Panel 3 – North Pacific and Arctic Cooperation: Moderated by **Akexander Voronenko**, Head of the SCO and Asia-Pacific Region Research Center of the Khabarovsk State University, with addresses by Panelists Capt. **Jeff Radgowski**, US Coast Guard Attache to the Russian Federation, **Alexey Sorokin**, Acting Director of the Computing Center of the Far East Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Paul Fuhs, President Emeritus Marine Exchange of Alaska, Anna Vazhova, Research Fellow with the Laboratory of Commercial Oceanography of the Pacific Branch of the All-Russian Research Institute for Fisheries and Oceanography (TINRO), and **Elena Zaostrovskikh**, Research Fellow, Institute of Economic Research of the Far East Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Panel 4 – Development of Scientific and Public (Civil Society) Relations: Moderated by **Svetlana Zhukova**, Director NGO Council, President of the Coalition of Business Women, with presentations made by Panelists **Mariusz Wroblewski**, Director of Western Pacific Program, Wild Salmon Center, **Peter Osipov**, Director Amur Branch, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Russia, **Lyubov Odzhal**, President of the Association of Minority Indigenous Peoples of the North of the Khabarovsk Territory, **Perry Lee**, Board Member of the Portland-Khabarovsk Sister City Association, and **Vladimir Sidorov**, Chairman of Advisory Presidium, Khabarovsk Branch of the All-Russian Society for Environmental Protection.

Parties interested to receive copies of individual presentations may send request by email to the RAPP Executive Secretariat.

RAPP Working Session:

Through the morning of June 27th, RAPP attendees participated in a working session defining issues and making recommendations at improving cooperation between the Russian East and the Western U.S. The co-moderators, **Tatiana Konko** and **Mark Dudley**, led proceedings covering topics including Energy, Energy Efficiency, the Environment, bilateral cooperation in the Arctic, expansion of educational programs and exchanges, tourism and aviation, and the strengthening of ties between Russian Far East and the West Coast U.S.

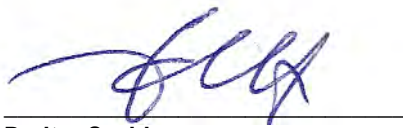
RAPP Closing Plenary Session:

At the closing plenary, both Moderators Konko and Dudley delivered a summary of the working session results to the meeting's Co-Chairs as a basis for the working session report. The working session report developed at this 24th annual meeting is included in this Summary Report forwarded to the U.S. and Russian governments for distribution to the relevant ministries, departments and agencies. The report recommendations will also serve in formulating the current year RAPP program priorities.

As of the closing of the 24th annual meeting, no site was yet determined for the 2020 25th anniversary RAPP annual meeting in the United States, however Seattle, Portland and San Diego were mentioned as among the candidates. The Executive Secretariat of RAPP advised that the city and dates for the 25th RAPP meeting would be announced before the end of the year.



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Session Moderators: **Tatiana Konko**, Russian-side and **Mark Dudley**, US-side.

Discussion:

During the session, the RAPP participants discussed the following issues:

- I. Yakutia Airlines/IPAM/IAJ operates seasonal flights on the routing Yakutsk-Petropavlovsk-Anchorage, while several other carriers operate intra-RFE flights between Petropavlovsk and their own cities. Same-day connections are already possible for travelers VVO-PKC-ANC and KHV-PKC-ANC. Arranging similar flights connecting Magadan, Anadyr and Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk and Petropavlovsk would increase loads for both Yakutia flights and other connecting flights;
- II. The desirability to attract the participation of representatives of educational institutions of the United States and the Russian Federation in the RAPP meetings;
- III. Consideration to hold a separate session on bilateral or multilateral cooperation in the areas of education and science;
- IV. The possibility for facilitation in re-establishing or supporting contacts between science institutions of the United States and the Russian Federation;
- V. Some attendees suggested that RAPP more effectively use social media platforms for engagement;
- VI. The possibility to organize audio-video (tele-bridge) dialogues between entrepreneurs of targeted localities – for instance Khabarovsk-Portland, Anadyr-Anchorage, or Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk- Seattle);
- VII. A suggestion to explore feasibility for regional governments to support business exchanges between the two countries;
- VIII. The possibility for local television stations of both countries to air a series covering stories about the USA and Russian Far East, including tourism product offerings of each country;
- IX. The interest of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Rosgidromet and Rosrybolodstvo (Russian Fisheries) interest to have the US government affirmation to allow their purchase of oceanographic measuring equipment products of Sea-Bird Scientific (Bellevue, WA), inclusive of after sale service and calibration, and training provisions. The absence of a decision on the sales is proving detrimental to oceanographic research studies. The issue reportedly was raised with the US Embassy in Moscow;
- X. Russia's new simplified Electronic Visa system and the possibility for the inclusion of the United States in the list of countries afforded access;
- XI. A possible interregional project creating an "East Ring of Russia" (visitation of two or more regions of the Far East and possibly including national events or Far Eastern cuisine and gastronomic festivals) and promoting the brand awareness of the offering. The Tourism Information Centers (TIC) of the Russian Far East were suggested as possibly well-suited for implementation;
- XII. A proposal was made that certain benefits at RAPP meetings be afforded companies attending on a permanent basis;
- XIII. Certain issues of the TINRO scientific vessel "Professor Kaganovskiy" having been denied port-call visitation to Dutch Harbor, Alaska in early 2019, the basis of which was not clearly understood;
- XIV. A proposal made to pursue the establishment of a bilateral (interregional) "Council of the Bering Strait and Pacific Arctic Region" proposed to include national, regional, and local governments, business community, NGO's and educational/scientific organizations and address issues of mutual-interregional interest including, but not limited to, the structural transformation and development of transboundary cooperation in the region in commercial shipping, energy resource extraction in the Bering Strait and Chukchi Sea, safe and efficient Northern Sea Route operations, commercial and coastal fisheries of the Pacific Arctic, economic development, tourism development, ecological and environmental issues and social issues of the native indigenous and newly-arriving populations;



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- XV. The need for various US volcanology equipment at the geothermal electric facilities on Kamchatka;
- XVI. Support for increased educational exchanges, with particular attention to expand US students to the Russian Far East;
- XVII. Interest to expand cooperation with indigenous peoples of the Russian Far East and ethnographic tourism;
- XVIII. It was proposed the moderators consider inclusion of recommendations from the prior year's 23rd RAPP Summary Report, in the recommendations of the current meeting provided they remain relevant.

Recommendations were that:

1. the Russian Federal government require companies implementing industrial projects in the territories of the Russian Far East, especially in the extractive industries, to develop and implement long-term, systematic and comprehensive programs for biodiversity conservation;
2. the US and Russian governments and their financial institutions in the review of investment projects require that funding applicants demonstrate adherence to the highest environmental protection standards;
3. consistent with the recommendation by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to transition away from heavy fuel oil (HFO) to liquefied natural gas (LNG) in the Arctic, the governments of the United States and the Russian Federation mandate that clean energy fueled tankers be employed for ocean transportation of hydrocarbon fuels with deliveries by heavy fuel oil (HFO) tankers prohibited in the Arctic, the Bering Strait and, as broadly as possible, in the North Pacific;
4. the regional Ministries of Transportation (Magadan, Sakhalin, Chukotka, Kamchatka) are requested to work with local carriers to improve the synchronization of flights to Kamchatka to improve transfer connections to the flights to Anchorage ideally affording same-day connection;
5. a volunteer working group be created with broad participation under the coordination of volunteers Paul Fuhs of Anchorage, Alaska and Professor Boris Krasnopolski, Economic Research Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences Far Eastern Branch to explore the feasibility to establish a bilateral inter-regional "Council of the Bering Strait and Pacific Arctic Region". The working group is requested to advise RAPP on its progress;
6. the United States and the Russian Federation, recognizing adverse impacts of sanctions on the citizenry of both countries, resort to sanctions only after first exhausting all other means of dispute resolution. Further, that each government undertake a periodic review of existing sanctions and counter-sanction measures and ease or rescind them in instances where their unintended negative impacts exceed their utility;
7. the United States take steps necessary to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;
8. the governments of the United States and the Russian Federation support and finance enhanced and international cooperative research engagements between our countries across the broad spectrum of scientific disciplines.

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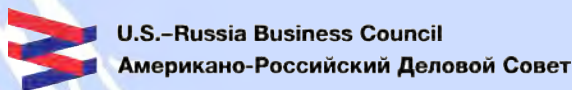
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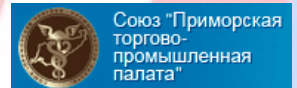
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