

**Israel National Defense College**

**48th Class 2020-2021**

Israel Defense Forces  
Israel Military Colleges 871   
National Defense College   
Tel: 03-7607337   
Fax: 03-7607467   
25 November 2020

**Team 2**

**Subject: Review of the final assignment of the "Introduction to Geopolitics and Geo-Strategy from the National Security Perspective" course:**

**Geo-Strategy of the Arctic Region**

**General**

1. A very good presentation of the region on its physical, human and geographical components, as well as of the forces and factors involved in the geopolitical fabric.
2. The presentation of economic, environmental and political interests is comprehensive and clear.
3. In general, the presentation is well structured, builds the topic gradually and thoroughly, and relies on a variety of important sources.
4. The visuals highlight the main points but are sometimes too cluttered with text.

**Individual comments**

1. An excellent identification of the factors for the geo-strategic importance of the area in

slide 2 as well as in slide 4.

1. A good comprehensive analysis of forces and factors in slide 6. The visual is also successful for illustrating the point, a source must be indicated if it is not your original work?
2. The details of the agreements incorporated in slide 7 contribute to the understanding of the complexity of the dynamics in the area - but the slide is very detailed and requires emphasizing some points or making a general comment on it.
3. A well detailed explanation of the interests of Russia and China. At the same time, it has not been explained why only they are analyzed in depth, and there is no similar analysis of the interests of all the forces involved.
4. Slide 14 is impressive but a little complicated to understand.
5. Slide 15 includes a shift of focus to other areas (indo-pacific, greater ME). The message is not clear enough. If it deals with relations with the US, it was worth analyzing its positions as well.
6. In conclusion – a great and in-depth analysis, which addresses the complexity of the region, its players and possible causes of future conflict or cooperation.

**Final Score: 95**

**Sincerely,**

**Prof. Yossi Ben-Artzi**

**Amb. Merav Zafary-Odiz**

**Course Leaders**