

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HCR 3026, which urges the United States to pursue the annexation of Greenland as a U.S. territory. This resolution is inappropriate, diplomatically irresponsible, and a violation of Greenland's sovereignty.

Violation of Greenland's Sovereignty

Greenland is an autonomous territory of the Kingdom of Denmark, with its own government and democratic system. Its people have repeatedly expressed no interest in becoming a U.S. territory. Encouraging the U.S. government to pursue annexation, even under the guise of "diplomatic efforts," is an unwarranted interference in Greenland's self-determination and disrespects the sovereignty of both Greenland and Denmark.

The principle of self-determination, as recognized by international law (Article 1 of the UN Charter), affirms that people have the right to determine their own political status without external pressure or coercion. The U.S. should respect this fundamental principle, rather than advocating for policies that ignore the will of Greenland's people.

Diplomatic and International Ramifications

This resolution, if acted upon, could damage U.S. relations with Denmark, the European Union, and other allies. Denmark has already firmly rejected past suggestions of U.S. annexation of Greenland, including when President Donald Trump floated the idea in 2019. Pressuring Greenland to join the U.S. could be seen as an act of economic and political coercion, undermining trust in U.S. foreign policy.

Additionally, this proposal could set a dangerous precedent by suggesting that the U.S. can acquire territories through negotiation with foreign governments rather than with the full and democratic consent of the people affected. This could weaken America's global standing as a nation that promotes democracy and sovereignty.

Lack of Strategic or Economic Justification

While Greenland is rich in natural resources and strategically located, that does not justify a push for annexation. The U.S. already has access to military and research bases in Greenland, including Thule Air Base, through agreements with Denmark. There is no need for annexation to maintain military cooperation or economic ties.

If the U.S. wishes to strengthen its relationship with Greenland, it should increase economic partnerships, scientific cooperation, and diplomatic engagement, rather than advocate for territorial acquisition.

Conclusion

HCR 3026 is a misguided and diplomatically reckless resolution that would harm U.S. foreign relations, disrespect Greenland's sovereignty, and contradict America's stated commitment to democracy and self-determination. The United States should focus on mutually beneficial cooperation, not annexation efforts that would be widely opposed by the international community and the people of Greenland.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote NO on HCR 3026.

Thank you for your time and consideration.