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TO: ALL PARTICIPANTS AT THE NUNAVIK GOVERNMENT MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 15-18, 2011 SPONSORED BY MAKIVIK IN KUJJUAQ

As you will all remember, we talked and exchanged ideas for three full days with respect to a future Nunavik Government. Our meeting concluded with what we thought should have been a draft Declaration on how and on what basis Nunavik Inuit should proceed towards achieving a Nunavik Government, but it was decided that this paper become a Discussion Paper instead(See attached ').

Many of you contributed at our meeting in Kuujuaq to creating this draft Declaration. But also, many of you were not ready to adopt such a Declaration at our meeting and instead said that you wanted to take it back to your communities to discuss it with other community members and to further consider its contents, then it would be brought to the Makivik Annual General meeting for consideration.

Therefore, I am requesting that each of you contact Makivik Corporation by telephone, fax or email by no later than February 15, 2012 to indicate:

- (1) whether you agree with the contents of the draft Declaration (discussion paper)
- (2) whether you have some suggested amendments or additions to this draft .

If we do not receive any feedback from you by this above date, we will assume that you agree with it as presently drafted.

Makivik's contact person specifically for this purpose is: Minnie Grey at (514) 745-8880, ext: 2280. Minnie can also be reached by email at: mgrey@makivik.org.

Once Makivik has received your comments on this Discussion Paper (Declaration)it will decide how best to present it at the Makivik Annual General Meeting in March 2012.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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DECLARATION ON A NUNAVIK GOVERNMENT

Nunavik Inuit declare their desire and will to create a government for Nunavik based on the following principles and objectives:

1. Any negotiation process shall constitute an exercise of the Nunavik Inuit inherent right to self-government under Section 35 of the Constitution Act and the resulting agreement shall enjoy treaty protection;
2. The Nunavik government shall be based on the principle of the Rule of law, will respect the Canadian Charter of rights and freedoms and the Quebec Charter of rights and freedoms
3. The Nunavik government shall be in accordance with the principles contained in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and other relevant documents;
4. The Nunavik government shall come under the jurisdiction of the Québec National Assembly; it shall respect the authority of the latter and of the federal Parliament;
5. Nunavik Inuit knowledge and wisdom, including that of Elders and youth shall be incorporated in the negotiations and implementation of any Nunavik government;
6. There shall be special provisions to address the need to promote and protect Inuit culture and language in Nunavik;
7. The official language of the Nunavik government shall be Inuktitut;
8. The Nunavik government will have provisions to promote and protect Nunavik Inuit features of this government;
9. The Nunavik government shall respect the Arctic character of Nunavik and the important relationship between Nunavik Inuit and Inuit of other regions;
10. The Nunavik government shall not derogate from any Nunavik Inuit treaty rights (JBNQA and NILCA);
11. The Nunavik government shall respect and promote existing Nunavik Inuit treaty rights (JBNQA and NILCA);

12. There shall be cooperation and coordination of efforts of all the major Nunavik regional organizations in the negotiations and implementation of the Nunavik government;
13. The Nunavik government shall be a public government;
14. The Nunavik government shall have an appropriate democratic structure and adequate, according to Nunavik Inuit, legislative powers in order for the Nunavik Inuit to control their own affairs;
15. The Nunavik government shall work towards achieving control over development in Nunavik, including management of the lands;
16. The Nunavik Inuit shall have a share in royalties/revenues from any development in Nunavik based on needs determined by them;
17. There shall be an ongoing transparent information/communication process in order to keep Nunavik Inuit fully informed of all stages of the negotiations;
18. The Nunavik government will not derogate from any rights of Cree and Naskapis in Nunavik;
19. Governments shall bear all costs related to the implementation of the Nunavik government;
20. Any final agreement with respect to the creation of the Nunavik government shall be subject to the ratification by the JBNQA Inuit beneficiaries through a referendum;
21. Plan Nord shall not prejudice the negotiations and implementation of the Nunavik government and should not proceed unless agreed to by the Nunavik Inuit.
22. The Nunavik Government shall respect the rights of all residents of Nunavik.

In the interim, until a Nunavik government is created, the Nunavik regional organizations created under the JBNQA (KRG, KSB and NRBHSS) and Makivik Corporation agree to cooperate and coordinate their efforts to improve the living conditions of the Nunavik Inuit.

Adopted in Kuujuaq on November 17, 2011 by a Special Assembly of the representatives from all the Nunavik communities and from Nunavik regional organizations.