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Mme. Cathy Towtongie, President
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The Hon. James Arreak, Minister of Environment
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Mr. Paul Quassa, Chairperson
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Dear Mme. President, Minister Arreak, and Mr. Quassa:

On October 16, 2012, senior officials and staff of Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., the Government of Nunavut, the Nunavut Planning Commission and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada met in Yellowknife to confirm the parties' commitment to implementing the recommendations of the *Independent Review of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan, Final Report*. At that meeting, Robin Aitken, then Regional Director General of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's Nunavut Regional Office, made a commitment on behalf of the Government of Canada to submit the Government of Canada's priorities and interests for a *first generation* land use plan by March 31, 2013. We are

pleased to forward the enclosed document, *Government of Canada, Priority Expectations for a First Generation Nunavut Land Use Plan, 2013*, for your consideration.

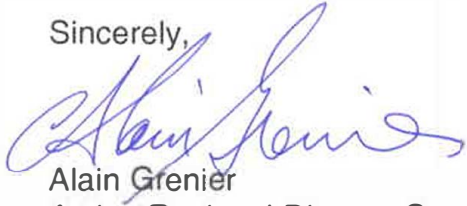
The Independent Review recommended that the Government of Canada, the Government of Nunavut and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. clarify their procedural and substantive expectations for a Nunavut Land Use Plan. Participating Government of Canada departments and agencies have been working to identify priority expectations. A facilitated workshop, held in Iqaluit in late November 2012, with federal representatives (Environment Canada, Canadian Wildlife Services, Department of National Defence, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Parks Canada Agency, Transport Canada and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada) provided the basis for the development of the Government of Canada priorities document.

The resulting document has been vetted by senior officials from each department. It reflects the legal requirements outlined in the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and the proposed Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act and is consistent with previous federal input into the planning process.

An additional document is being prepared which will reflect the more technical expectations and individual mandates of federal departments and agencies with interests in Nunavut land use planning. The technical expectations document should follow within the month.

The two documents will form the basis for the Government of Canada's re-engagement with the Government of Nunavut, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the Nunavut Planning Commission at a future date, to be determined by all the parties. The Government of Canada recognizes that the expectations expressed in these documents may require some alignment with those of the Government of Nunavut and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., a shared responsibility in support of the Nunavut Planning Commission. We look forward to this re-engagement and renewed collaboration in the development of a land use plan for Nunavut.

Sincerely,



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cc. James T. Arreak, CEO, NTI
David Akeeagok, Deputy Minister, GN
Sharon Ehaloak, Executive Director, NPC

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