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Andrew Nakashuk
Chairperson
Nunavut Planning Commission
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RE: Nunavut Draft Land Use Plan

Dear Mr. Nakashuk;

Thank you again for engaging signatories during the November workshop to discuss the March 2017 Qikiqtani hearing and the planning process. The Government of Canada, Government of Nunavut and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated shared similar concerns both at the workshop and in subsequent letters to the Nunavut Planning Commission. Each party wrote to you in good faith to outline its concerns and provide constructive recommendations that would lead to an approvable Nunavut Land Use Plan. Our expectations were, and still are, that the Commission will give full and fair consideration to these views and convey its response.

There is consensus among the signatory parties that the Nunavut Planning Commission should not proceed with the planned public hearings in the Kivalliq and Kitikmeot regions on the 2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan. It remains our shared position that significant revisions to the 2016 draft plan are required and it would be counter-productive to hold further hearings on this draft. Instead, consultations should inform a redrafted plan, which should then be subject to public hearings in all three regions.

Within the spirit and intent of section 15 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, we collectively urge the Commission to exercise its powers in relation to land use planning in accordance with the principles referred to in section 11.2.1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and to move the planning process forward constructively, including by reconsidering the conduct of further public hearings on the 2016 draft plan.

Regardless of the path selected by the Commission moving forward, we remain committed to, and understand the importance of, the successful development of an approvable Nunavut Land Use Plan.

Sincerely,



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