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Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit guideline document released

IQALUIT, Nunavut (July 24, 2000) – Culture, Language, Elders and Youth Minister Peter Kattuk released a report setting forth guiding principles to incorporate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into Government of Nunavut policies and operations.

The report was recently approved to be a working document for policy development within the Government of Nunavut. It builds on a two-day IQ workshop attended by respected Nunavut elders, non-government Inuit organization representatives and Government of Nunavut representatives held in Apex last fall. The document, *The Report from the September Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Workshop*, contains 12 recommendations to incorporate Inuit knowledge, philosophy, language and culture into Government of Nunavut operations and policies.

“Its basis is the wisdom and guidance of a group of respected elders,” Minister Kattuk said. “It is a starting point with which we can begin to implement the working philosophy of the Government of Nunavut.”

The IQ Workshop Planning Committee prepared the report, which includes recommendations such as having Government departments share resources to develop and promote IQ, and increasing efforts to research and record IQ-related topics for publication. The report broadly defines *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit* as Inuit knowledge in all areas of life. It includes traditions, values and teachings passed down through countless generations, and is a philosophy as well as a lifestyle, culture and language.

“We believe that the values of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit will enhance the identity, pride, and self-esteem of Nunavummiut,” Minister Kattuk said. “Working with these values can provide direction for our Government, as well as reflect the expectations of Nunavummiut.”

Copies of the report are available from the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth or through Communications.

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