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Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Task Force established

IQALUIT, Nunavut, (November 30, 2000) – Culture, Language, Elders and Youth Minister Peter Kattuk is pleased to announce a joint initiative between the Government of Nunavut and the Nunavut Social Development Council (NSDC) to create the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ) Task Force.

“The formation of the IQ Task Force is a solid starting point for the recognition of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit,” Minister Kattuk said. “This joint initiative with NSDC is also a display of respect for our elders.”

The IQ Task Force is the result of a recommendation made from NSDC’s 1998 Traditional Knowledge Conference in Igloolik. The six-member task force will set the direction for IQ strategies by initiating projects and providing direction for the application of IQ in the daily activity of the Government of Nunavut.

The task force members include John Ningark and Louis Tapardjuk of NSDC; Simon Awa and Sandra Inutiq of the Government of Nunavut; and elders Elisapee Octoova and Mariano Aupilardjuk.

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