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Quebec and Nunavut Sign Cooperation Agreement regarding Francophonie

IQALUIT, Nunavut (August 22, 2007) – Nunavut Premier Paul Okalik, on behalf of Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth Louis Tapardjuk and Quebec Minister responsible for Canadian Intergovernmental Affairs, Aboriginal Affairs, Francophones within Canada, the Reform of Democratic Institutions and Access to Information Benoît Pelletier today signed a cooperation and exchange agreement between the Government of Québec and the Government of Nunavut in the field of Francophone Affairs.

This Agreement provides for cooperation and exchange activities in the fields of health, education, language policies and development, culture, youth and the economy.

“This agreement underlines our commitment to the development of Nunavut’s francophone community and we look forward to collaborating with Quebec in the promotion of the French language in a northern context,” said Tapardjuk.

Mr. Pelletier, for his part, emphasized the importance that the relations with the government and Francophone community of Nunavut will take on for Québec.

“The signing of this agreement between our governments clearly shows our commitment to the promotion of the French language and culture all across the Canadian Federation,” said Pelletier. “Upcoming cooperation in the field of *francophonie* with Nunavut’s French-speaking community marks eloquently the strengthening of relations between Québec and all francophone communities.”

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