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Premier Strengthens Inuit Senior Management

IQALUIT, Nunavut (August 31, 2007) – Premier Paul Okalik has made appointments to senior management which will enhance the public service and make it more reflective and responsive to the public it serves. Eight Inuit will serve as Deputy Ministers.

Mr. David Omilgoitok will serve as Deputy Minister of Executive and Secretary to Cabinet. Omilgoitok has over twenty years of service with the Governments of Nunavut, Northwest Territories and Canada. He has previously held appointments as Deputy Minister of Human Resources and Assistant Deputy Minister of Education. Most recently, Omilgoitok served as Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Mr. Victor Tootoo will serve as Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs. Tootoo previously served as Deputy Minister of Human Resources, Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance and Assistant Deputy Minister of Health & Social Services. He holds a Business Administration Diploma and is a Certified General Accountant.

Demonstrating the success of internship programs, Ms. Aluki Rojas will serve as Deputy Minister of Human Resources. She has served as the Assistant Deputy Minister of Human Resources and Director of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit with Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Rojas holds a Masters' Degree in Canadian and Native Studies, is trilingual and has contributed to the advancement of Inuit throughout her career.

Ms. Koovian Flanagan will serve as Assistant Deputy Minister of Human Resources. She has over twenty years of service with the Governments of Nunavut, Northwest Territories and Alberta and most recently served as Assistant Deputy Minister of Justice. Flanagan has actively developed recruitment and retention plans for Inuit employment.

Premier Okalik has accepted the resignation of John Walsh, Deputy Minister of Executive and Secretary to Cabinet. Walsh's contributions to the development of the Government of Nunavut over two terms are significant and he will be greatly missed.

These appointments take effect on September 24, 2007.

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