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Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajiit Appointed

Iqaluit, Nunavut (March 19, 2009) – Louis Tapardjuk, Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, today announced the appointment of 15 members to the third Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajjit. These appointments support the Government of Nunavut's commitment to applying Inuit science, culture, values and wisdom to government decisions.

"I look forward to the advice and support from the Katimajiit. I am confident that they will provide valuable advice and help incorporate Inuit Societal Values to services within the government," said Tapardjuk. "I would also like to thank the previous members for their significant contribution to the Government of Nunavut."

Appointed as new members to the council are Marie Anguti of Kugaaruk, Alice Ayalik of Kugluktuk, Erksuktuk Eetuk of Coral Harbour, Andre Tautu of Chesterfield Inlet, Koonoo Oyukuluk of Arctic Bay, Laisa Ningiuk of Grise Fiord, Leonie Qrunnut of Igloolik, Gamailee Kilukishak of Pond Inlet, Qabawa Qatsiya of Cape Dorset, Sammie Peter of Iqaluit, Ragelee, Angnakok of Qikiqtarjuaq and Simeonie Akpik of Kimmirut.

Re-appointed for a second term are Arnoayok Alookee of Taloyoak, Jacopie Ikalukjuaq of Clyde River and Peteroosie Qarpik of Pangnirtung.

The Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajiit will serve all Government of Nunavut departments as an advisory on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit for a three year term. Their first meeting is scheduled for April, when they will choose the co-chairs of the whole group.

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