News Release

Iqaluit to host G7 Meeting

IQALUIT, Nunavut (November 19, 2009) - Keith Peterson, Minister of Finance, today responded to a recent announcement by federal Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty, stating the next G7 meeting will be held in Iqaluit on February 5-6, 2010.

"We are tremendously excited and proud to host the G7 Finance Ministers conference," said Minister Peterson. "Our Northern hospitality and unique environment is renowned world-wide. We are working closely with Minister Flaherty's office to ensure delegates have a productive and memorable visit."

The meeting will bring together finance ministers and central bankers from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States. Delegates will discuss ways to strengthen international financial institutions and improve the global economy.

Nunavut is experienced in hosting major events and offers delegates a truly Canadian experience. In 2007, the Western Premiers' Conference was held in Iqaluit and Pangnirtung, which involved Premiers and delegates from seven jurisdictions. In May 2009, Iqaluit hosted the Governor General, the Lieutenant Governors and Commissioners from across the country. The Arctic Winter Games were jointly hosted by Nuuk, Greenland and Iqaluit, Nunavut in March 2002. This event brought hundreds of delegates to Nunavut's capital city.

"Our federal government recognizes Nunavut's untapped potential as an international meeting place that is uniquely Canadian," said Minister Peterson. "We have a great opportunity to teach the world about our land and people, not to mention the economic and media spin-offs this meeting will bring for our capital."

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