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Taiguusiliuqtiit Selects its Chairperson

Iqaluit, Nunavut (February 11, 2010) – Members of the Inuit Language Authority, known as the Inuit Uqausinginnik Taiguusiliuqtiit, identified a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson during their inaugural meeting last weekend.

Elijah Erkloo of Iqaluit will serve as the Chairperson, while Kugluktuk Edna Elias will serves as Vice-chairperson. Other members of the Taiguusiliuqtiit are Ovide Alakannuark of Kugaaruk, Daisy Dialla of Pangnirtung and Nellie Kusugak of Kangiq&iniq.

"Taiguusiliuqtiit has an important role in the development and standardization of the Inuit Language and I look forward to working with the members as we implement the Inuit Language Protection Act," said Minister Tapardjuk. "I extend my best wishes to the Authority and appreciate the very important work they will undertake on behalf of Nunavummiut."

"I am filled with pride to be chosen the Chair of Taiguusiliuqtiit since I am aware of its significance." says Erkloo. "Our language is linked directly to our culture, and with that in mind, I am excited to advance the work of the organization along with my colleagues."

The Taiguusiliuqtiit will present their mandate at the upcoming Nunavut Language Summit, February 9-12, 2010, in Iqaluit. This will also be an opportunity to identify short and long term priorities with Inuit and other stakeholders for the development, use and standardization of the Inuit Language.

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