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MANITOBA, NUNAVUT MOU SIGNING KICKS OFF ARCTIC SUMMIT

Winnipeg, MB (November 9, 2010) – The signing of an agreement between Manitoba and Nunavut to improve health services, economic development, transportation and tourism initiatives kicked off a three-day arctic summit at the University of Winnipeg, Premier Greg Selinger announced today.

The framework for the agreement was laid during a meeting in Rankin Inlet between Selinger and Nunavut Premier Eva Aariak in September.

“This agreement reflects the spirit of co-operation that reflects the aims of this summit,” Selinger said. “The summit brings together transportation and economic leaders, indigenous peoples and northern communities, and key stakeholders in the international community to increase international trade, build sustainable communities and develop economic opportunities in partnership with northern communities and indigenous peoples.”

“Manitoba and Nunavut have a long history of co-operating and working towards the shared goals of our jurisdictions,” said Aariak. “The signing of this agreement acknowledges our joint priorities and launches an action plan to support the achievement of our vision for Northern Canada.”

This master agreement now allows a steering committee to work on an implementation plan on the following priorities as identified by both premiers:

- health including opportunities for enhanced services and improved patient care through collaboration between the Department of Health and Social Services (HSS) and the Churchill Regional Health Authority;
- renewable energy including sharing best practices and technology;
- economic growth, through co-operation, consultation, joint tourism development and marketing projects;

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