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Proposed Uqausivut Comprehensive Plan Tabled

IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 9, 2011) – The proposed implementation plan for Nunavut's language legislation was tabled in Nunavut's Legislative Assembly today.

"The Uqausivut Comprehensive Plan is a practical, realistic approach to implementation," said James Arreak, Minister of Languages. "Our goal is to deliver concrete results that will ensure the substantive equality of all official languages in Nunavut."

The plan sets out specific strategies to ensure the prominence of the Inuit Language in every area of daily life in the territory. It also puts forward measures to improve government services to Francophones.

The *Inuit Language Protection Act* and the *Official Languages Act* call for the development of a comprehensive implementation plan that sets out the specific actions required to achieve Nunavut's language goals.

The proposed plan was developed using the results of two years of consultations with Nunavummiut. The Government of Nunavut is now inviting Nunavummiut to review and comment on the plan before it is finalized this fall.

The key document is available at <u>www.cley.gov.nu.ca</u> or by calling the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth at (867) 975-5500. The website also provides instructions for submitting comments on the proposed Plan. Comments will be accepted until August 26, 2011.

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