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IQALUIT, Nunavut (December 14, 2012) – Government of Nunavut's (GN) Minister of Languages, James Arreak, congratulates Sandra Inutiq on her appointment as the new Acting Languages Commissioner of Nunavut.

"As Minister of Languages, I look forward to working with the new Acting Languages Commissioner to ensure official languages rights, privileges, and status are recognized, and measures to protect, promote and revitalize the use of the Inuit Language are in place," said Arreak. "I am confident that Ms. Inutiq's background and broad experience, including her work as the Director of Policy for the Languages Commission, will serve her very well in this new role."

Under the *Official Languages Act* (OLA) and the *Inuit Language Protection Act* (ILPA**)**, the Languages Commissioner has a mandate to protect language rights of Inuit, English and French speakers in Nunavut.

The Government of Nunavut is committed to implementing Nunavut's new language legislation by ensuring its spirit and intent are reflected in government policies, programs and services. The Languages Commissioner played a leading role in providing feedback for the recently tabled Uqausivut Plan that outlines how the GN will protect Nunavut's official languages.

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