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GN and Government of Greenland celebrate renewal of scheduled flights between the two regions

IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 15, 2012) – Today Air Greenland will reconnect Greenland and Canada with the first scheduled flight between the two regions in 11 years.

“This air link forges new and deeper ties between Nunavut and Greenland,” said Nunavut Premier Eva Aariak. “It provides opportunities to improve trade, business development, and our collaboration in culture, education and language. I’m hopeful this inaugural flight is just the first of what will become a permanent connection.”

As part of its trial run, Air Greenland will fly between Iqaluit, Nunavut and Nuuk, Greenland on Mondays and Fridays until September 3, 2012. The flight takes approximately one hour and 45 minutes and can be booked through Air Greenland or First Air.

“I am delighted that two such close countries are going to be connected through this air link and thereby provide a possibility for people to connect and businesses to trade with each other“, said Greenland Prime Minister Kuupik Kleist.

In February 2011, Government of Nunavut officials and interested business owners made a presentation to a delegation from Greenland on the benefits of using Iqaluit as their point of entry to North America and a link to Nunavut.

There is a 20-year history of commercial flights between Iqaluit and Greenland – 13 years between Iqaluit and Nuuk and seven years between Kangerlussuaq and Iqaluit.

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