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Premier Aariak brings Nunavut's priorities to Ottawa

IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 14, 2013) – Premier Eva Aariak was in Ottawa this week to raise awareness about the realities of life in Nunavut. The Premier met with Prime Minister Harper to voice Nunavut's priorities and to outline the investments that will bring self-reliance to Nunavummiut and benefit all Canadians.

"Nunavut has made incredible achievements since our territory was created in 1999," said the Honourable Eva Aariak. "Nonetheless, a renewed partnership with the Government of Canada is essential – especially in areas like housing and our outdated energy infrastructure – to put Nunavut firmly on the path of sustainability and self-reliance. I am working hard to ensure that decision-makers in Ottawa understand Nunavut's needs and our promise for a bright future."

The Premier's discussions in Ottawa also touched on the importance of devolution and how the next federal budget could best contribute to the development of Nunavut. "With the Arctic attracting the world's attention, we need a stronger effort now to build Nunavut to meet the challenges that lie ahead," said Premier Aariak.

In the lead-up to the meeting with the Prime Minister, the Premier met with the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health, Minister of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) and Minister for the Arctic Council, the Honourable John Duncan, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, and the Honourable Peter Penashue, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada.

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