

Statement

Premier Taptuna welcomes the Arctic Council to Nunavut

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Premier Peter Taptuna released the following statement:

"On behalf of the Government of Nunavut, and all Nunavummiut, I welcome the members of the Arctic Council to Iqaluit for their ninth ministerial meeting on April 24, 2015. Nunavut is a land of tremendous opportunity, culture and potential.

We are proud to host the eight member states and six permanent participants, as they continue their important work to promote the environmental, social and economic aspects of sustainable development across the Arctic.

I congratulate the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq on her successes as Canada's chairmanship of the Arctic Council comes to an end. Canada's work on development for the people of the North was a great success, and directly benefitted our territory. The work on mental wellness and the development of the Arctic Economic Council were impressive highlights.

Congratulations to the United States of America, as they assume the chair of the Arctic Council. We look forward to helping you realize our shared goals for a strong, sustainable Arctic."

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