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Honourable John Main Minister of Health Minister responsible for Suicide Prevention

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Minister's Mandate

Dear Minister Main,

As Premier of Nunavut, I am writing to confirm your mandate as **Minister of Health** (HEA). We have agreed that you are responsible for the full range of activities undertaken by your department, including:

- Providing health services and social programming to improve the health and wellbeing of Nunavummiut;
- Addressing the differing needs of each community through culturally appropriate programs and services; and
- Undertaking specific priority actions and initiatives to enable and support the achievement of our government's mandate, Katujjiluta.

PRIORITY ACTIONS

Katujjiluta represents a set of actions and initiatives in five priority areas:

- Aging with dignity in Nunavut;
- Expanding the housing continuum;
- Enabling health and healing;
- Reinvesting in education; and
- Diversifying our local economies.

We have taken an integrated approach to our priorities, so no department or territorial corporation has lead accountability for all actions in a priority area.

We have agreed that you are accountable for leading the priority actions and initiatives identified below. This includes ensuring aligned and coordinated action across the Government of Nunavut and with our partners, where appropriate.

As a top priority, you have agreed to undertake immediate action on the following:

- Work with the Department of Community and Government Services (CGS) to complete construction of the Kivalliq Long-Term Care facility in 2023;
- Continue Nunavut Recovery Centre design and program work with the integrated development team consisting of Inuit representation from all three regions and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., as well as continued ongoing discussions with Elders and regional wellness organizations (2022-23); and
- Implement priority *Mental Health Act* regulations (2023-24) and continue with partners to work toward developing full regulations (2024-25).

To help guide the future actions of our government, you have agreed to:

- Lead collaboration among the departments of Culture and Heritage (CH), Education (EDU), Family Services (FS), Human Resources (HR), and Justice (JUS) to support United for Life partners in the renewal of the Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy Action Plan to focus on multi-departmental responses to suicide prevention and postvention initiatives (2022-23);
- Work with CGS to explore options to expedite the construction of Qikiqtaaluk and Kitikmeot long-term care facilities and to enhance existing continuing care facilities in Nunavut (2022-23); and
- Participate as a member of the Purpose-Built Housing Working Group (with FS, JUS and the Nunavut Housing Corporation) in a housing need and demand study to identify priority communities for Elders' independent or assisted living units, emergency shelters and transitional housing units; gauge community capacity to provide support services; and develop a business case (2023-24).

ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTABILITIES

In addition to the mandate priorities listed above, you are also accountable as:

- Minister responsible for Suicide Prevention
- Chair of the Cabinet Committee on Enabling Health, Healing and Aging
- Member of the Cabinet Committee on Reinvesting in Education and Training
- Member of the Cabinet Committee on Priorities, Planning and Partnerships

As Chair of the Cabinet Committee on Enabling Health, Healing and Aging, you will enable and ensure cooperation among Ministers and departments on mandate priorities related to aging with dignity in Nunavut and enabling health and healing.

WORKING TOGETHER

Katujjiluta is more than the title of our mandate. It is a guiding principle that emphasizes a fundamental shift in how we will work together to achieve the promise of Nunavut. As you address your priorities, I am confident that we will:

- Work within Cabinet and with Regular Members to implement our shared mandate:
- Extend and strengthen partnerships with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the Regional Inuit Organizations to leverage our resources towards a common cause;
- Build capacity and support increased and enhanced Inuit employment in the public service; and
- **Demonstrate Inuit societal values and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit** in action to achieve real and lasting change.

Your Deputy Head is accountable for assisting you to meet your commitments and fulfill the responsibilities of your portfolio. You are responsible for providing clear direction to your Deputy Head, including expectations for collaboration and partnerships within and beyond the Government of Nunavut.

I am proud and excited to work with you in developing enduring partnerships and taking coordinated and collaborative action that will improve the daily lives of Nunavummiut and lay strong foundations for our future.

Sincerely,

P.J. Akeeagok

Premier of Nunavut

cc. Jimi Onalik, Deputy Minister and Cabinet Secretary, Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs