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Honourable David Akeeagok Minister of Environment Minister responsible for Energy

November 7, 2022

Minister's Mandate

Dear Minister Akeeagok,

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

- Ensuring the protection, promotion and sustainable use of natural resources in Nunavut through the management of the environment, wildlife and parks;
- Establishing climate change adaptation and mitigation programs for the territory;
 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:

- Provide input on the development of the Canada Green Buildings Strategy;
- Promote and encourage participation in home renovation, retrofit, and continue to support community-based alternative energy projects; and
- Support communities to identify risks and implement infrastructure resiliency.

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

- Explore opportunities for implementation of low carbon building materials in construction in the territory; and
- Enhance supports for harvesters by preparing a business plan for the wolf sample collection program.

ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTABILITIES

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

- Minister responsible for Energy
- Member of the Cabinet Committee on Diversifying the Economy

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