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Premier and Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs  
Minister of Indigenous Affairs  
Minister responsible for Immigration  
Minister responsible for the Utility Rates Review Council

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### **Minister's Mandate**

As Premier of Nunavut, I have the same high expectations and standards for myself as I have expressed for Cabinet Ministers.

This letter confirms my mandate as **Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs (EIA)** and **Minister of Indigenous Affairs**. We have agreed that I am responsible for the full range of activities undertaken by my department, including:

- Overseeing the central administrative department of the Government of Nunavut, which is responsible for providing leadership and management support to all departments in their delivery of programs and services;
- Providing direction to the Deputy Minister of Executive, who provides advice and administrative support to Cabinet as the Secretary to Cabinet; 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 I am 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, I have agreed to undertake immediate action on the following:

- Provide a central coordination role in the implementation of Katujjiluta, with the goal of ensuring that the Government of Nunavut achieves the strategic outcomes envisioned in the mandate (ongoing);
- Restructure EIA to provide improved support for Cabinet decision-making and centralized support for Cabinet committees; and
- Review the current status of decentralization, establish key goals and objectives for improving decentralization, and develop an updated decentralization action plan, with the support of the Department of Human Resources (2022-23).

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

- Coordinate the development of a comprehensive Elder and senior care strategy with broad input from Elders, families, communities, and partners, including options for establishing an Elders secretariat (2022-23).

## **ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTABILITIES**

In addition to the mandate priorities listed above, I am also accountable as:

- Minister of Indigenous Affairs
- Minister responsible for Immigration
- Minister responsible for the Utility Rates Review Council
- Chair of the Senior Personnel Secretariat
- Chair of the Cabinet Committee on Priorities, Planning and Partnerships
- Member of the Cabinet Committee on Enabling Health, Healing and Aging

As Chair of the Senior Personnel Secretariat, I will enable and ensure that advice is provided by the committee on matters relating to the employment of Deputy Heads.

As Chair of the Cabinet Committee on Priorities, Planning and Partnerships, I will enable and ensure cooperation, oversight and leadership for the government-wide implementation of the Katujjiluta mandate, including new partnership arrangements.

## **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 we address our 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.

The Secretary to Cabinet, my Deputy Head, is accountable for assisting me as Minister and supporting Executive Council as a whole to meet our commitments and fulfill our responsibilities. I will provide clear direction to the Secretary to Cabinet, including my 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