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**Nunavut Leadership Forum:
Election of a Member of the Executive Council**

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Members Present:

Hon. David Akeagok, Mr. Tony Akoak, Ms. Pat Angnakak, Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak, Hon. Joe Enook, Hon. George Hickes, Hon. David Joanasie, Mr. Joeline Kaerner, Ms. Mila Kamingoak, Mr. Pauloosie Keyootak, Hon. Lorne Kusugak, Mr. Adam Lightstone, Mr. John Main, Ms. Margaret Nakashuk, Mr. Patterk Netser, Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq, Mr. Paul Quassa, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Hon. Joe Savikataaq, Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik, Ms. Cathy Towtongie.

>> *Meeting commenced at 14:32*

Prayer

Chairman (Mr. Joe Enook)(interpretation): Good afternoon, members and residents of Nunavut. We are convening to select a new executive member through the Nunavut Leadership Forum. I now open the meeting.

Prior to moving on to the agenda, I would like to call upon the Member for Netsilik, Mr. Qirngnuq, to conduct the opening prayer. Let us stand.

>> *Prayer*

Adoption of Agenda

Chairman (interpretation): It is my duty to convene today's proceedings of the Nunavut Leadership Forum.

All members have copies of the procedures for the leadership selection process in front of them.

The procedures have been agreed to by Full Caucus.

A copy of today's agenda is also in front of members.

Do members agree to adopt the agenda?

Some Members: Agreed.

Nominations for a Cabinet Position

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We will now proceed to the selection of a member of the Executive Council of Nunavut.

Following the close of nominations, each candidate has up to five minutes to make remarks.

I remind members that if you are nominated, you must immediately accept or decline the nomination.

Thank you. The floor is now open for nominations. Member for Gjoa Haven, Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you. I would like to nominate Mr. Patterk. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Member Mr. Netser, do you accept the nomination?

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for asking. (interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman, (interpretation) I accept.

Acclamation of a Cabinet Position

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. The member has accepted the nomination. Are there any other nominations?

Thank you. I declare the Member for Aivilik as being chosen to serve on the Executive Council of Nunavut.

>>*Applause*

I will now invite the minister-designate to make a few remarks. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate your trust in me and firstly I spoke to the two mayors in my constituency communities of Coral Harbour and Naujaat on their thoughts on whether I should put forward my name. They said if I did put my name forward, they would be in support. I also spoke to several elders via telephone to ask them if this was something they would support, including discussing this with my wife and children.

My son is also watching the proceedings, Okko Albert Netser, who forms my foundation even though he is my son; he is my foundation as he has many ideas to share with me. My son, if you are watching, I love you.

I think we are all aware of each other as colleagues as one year has passed since the election, and members now know what I am capable of, and I also now know you as people and colleagues. I think you are aware that I can work closely with people and I am capable of making decisions.

Further, if I am in disagreement, I tend to voice my disagreement by speaking of the concerns. I am also capable of being convinced to change my position with appropriate arguments.

It was two days ago where I had a disagreement with Minister Joanasie about our local school, but we were able to come to an agreement by looking further into our future. This type of collaborative work comes from *Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit* as it is about cooperation when parties don't initially agree, but in discussing the future and envisioning it, we then start to come to an agreement.

(interpretation ends) This is what we call a consensus government. Yesterday was a good example my interactions with the Minister of Education over my school and it showed that we are able to come to the table and iron out our differences and come to a consensus that it is for the future of our people.

I have shown to my colleagues over on this side of the House that I'm approachable and over to the other side of the House that I can ask some tough questions too. I know it will be fun in the background and I look forward to working with all of you to make Nunavut a better place and I'll reach out to all the people of Nunavut.

This government is a public government and together, whether you're a bureaucrat or otherwise, we're going to move together and make Nunavut the best place in Canada to live and work in. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>>*Applause*

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Netser. Members, let me remind you that the House reconvenes on Monday at 1:30 p.m. on November 5. I remind members that the Regular Members' Caucus will have a meeting in the Nanuq Boardroom.

The Nunavut Leadership Forum stands adjourned. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

>>*Meeting adjourned at 14:40*