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Quebec City, Québec, August 19, 2015 – Nunavik leaders presented the *Parnasimautik Consultation Report (We are Preparing)* to the Plan Nord Ministerial Committee in Quebec City.

The report is the outcome of the most comprehensive community consultation ever carried out in the history of Nunavik. It presents a vision for the future of Nunavik Inuit, families and communities, as well as for the renewal of the relationship with regional organizations, the governments of Quebec and Canada, and industrial developers.

The presentation today was made by Parnasimautilirijiit which is made up of the presidents of regional organizations in Nunavik. They are the Makivik Corporation, Kativik Regional Government, Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services, Avataq Cultural Institute, Kativik School Board, Nunavik Landholding Corporations Association, and the Nunavik Youth Forum. They were accompanied by Adamie-Delisle Alaku, Vice President of Makivik Corporation and board member on the Societe du Plan Nord.

During the three hour meeting Ministers of the Quebec Government were shown a trailer from a film documentary that the Makivik Corporation has commissioned to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. That was followed by a presentation of key elements of the Parnasimautik Report, priorities for action, followed by a general discussion with government ministers.

Makivik President, Jobie Tukkiapik says, “The voices of the Inuit have been heard and culminated in a report that is a blueprint for the future. Nunavik Inuit are ready to shape our Parnasimautik vision into reality. Governments and industry must be prepared to commit and act as true partners.”

Maggie Emudluk, Chairperson of the Kativik Regional Government co-chaired the community tours that produced the Parnasimautik Report. She says, “I felt proud to present the report that we worked so hard to produce to the Quebec Government. The issues at hand will not be resolved easily or without hard work on the government’s part and ours.”

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