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Team Nunavik-Québec represents region well at Arctic Winter Games

Kuujuuaq, Québec, March 15, 2016 – After dealing with multi-day weather delays, Team Nunavik-Québec worked hard to represent the region well during the Arctic Winter Games in Nuuk Greenland from March 6-11. The region's small team of 57 athletes earned 21 ulus (6 gold, 9 silver, 6 bronze) largely in Arctic Sports and Dene Games. Its cultural contingent, Puvirnituq's Qulliq Band, also earned large cheers for their performance of Nunavik Inuktitut songs, as well as a mix of throat singing and hip-hop beatboxing dubbed "throatboxing" by the youth.

"The people of Nuuk were amazing hosts who were not only generous with their time, but also very curious about our Inuit region of Nunavik. We left Greenland with new friends and a better understanding of how both places are connected," said Nancianne Grey, Team Nunavik-Québec's Chef de Mission for the games.

"This was my first games and it was truly an honour to watch our region's athletes compete. All members of Team Nunavik-Québec conducted themselves in a manner that any Nunavimmiut would be proud of. The ambassadorship displayed by everyone here at the games is part of the reason we'll keep working to increase the size of our team for future games," said Jennifer Munick, Kativik Regional Government Chairperson.

Other highlights of the week include:

- Arctic Sports Open Female competitor **Deseray Cumberbatch** winning four ulus (Gold in Triple Jump, Silver in Arm Pull, Silver in One-foot High Kick and Bronze in Sledge Jump)
- **Team Elder Louisa Cookie-Brown** attending the games, visiting with local Inuit elders while supporting TNQ athletes and increasing team morale.

Team Nunavik-Québec would particularly like to thank Glencore Raglan Mine, Hydro-Québec, Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton, Makivik Corporation, the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services, the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport, all the Northern Villages and the KRG staff for their support and contribution to the team.

During the week, the team posted regular photo and video updates to its highly popular Facebook page and also kept the region informed through interviews in English and Inuktitut on local radio stations.

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About the Arctic Winter Games

The AWG is a biennial, international sports competition for athletes and cultural participants from Nunavik, Nunavut, the Northwest Territories, Yukon, northern Alberta, Greenland, Yamal (Russia) and Sapmi (Scandinavia).

About the Kativik Regional Government

The KRG is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. The organization has jurisdiction over nearly the entire territory of Québec north of the 55th parallel in areas such as municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use planning, civil security and economic development.