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Québec Expresses Its Solidarity with Nunavimmiut

Kuujuaq, Québec, March 29, 2016 – Further to meetings last week in Kuujuaq and Inukjuak between Nunavik representatives and a delegation of MNAs who sit on the Committee of Citizen Relations, the National Assembly adopted a motion recognizing the commitment of Nunavimmiut to improve the quality of life and living conditions in their communities.

“Our way of life is unique,” stated the Chairperson of the Kativik Regional Government (KRG), Jennifer Munick. “Discussions with the Committee of Citizen Relations were constructive and an excellent way to inform the MNAs about the important support services already delivered by Nunavik organizations in accordance with our regional realities, as well as about our ongoing needs.”

The meetings on March 16 and 17 offered front-line workers of regional organizations and leaders of community support services an opportunity to speak out on the issues of living conditions, overcrowded housing, resources for youth, domestic violence, sexual assault, and the important work of the regional police force and local justice committees.

“I am encouraged by this show of support by our provincial elected representatives,” added Tunu Napartuk, Mayor of the Northern Village of Kuujuaq. “Residents in our community are working hard to mobilize during the difficult times created by the recent rash of suicides. These words of support come at the right time and will help to re-energize our efforts.”

Nunavik organizations that participated in the meetings included the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services, the KRG, the Kativik Regional Police Force, the Makivik Corporation, the Tungasuvvik Women’s Shelter, the Northern Village of Kuujuaq, the Inuulitsivik Health Centre, the Northern Village of Inukjuak and the Inukjuak family house. The Saturviit Inuit Women’s Association of Nunavik delivered a presentation to the Committee of Citizen Relations in Quebec City in November 2015.

The delegation of the Committee of Citizen Relations was in the north as part of their mandate to examine the living conditions of Aboriginal women in relation to spousal violence and sexual assault. The seven participating MNAs were Marc Picard (MNA for Chutes-de-la-Chaudière), Michel Matte (MNA for Portneuf), Caroline Simard (MNA for Charlevoix–Côte-de-Beaupré), Carole Poirier (MNA for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve), Claire Samson (MNA for Iberville), Manon Massé (MNA for Sainte-Marie–Saint Jacques), and Jean Boucher (MNA for Ungava).

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