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Subject: Inuktit Language Education and Government Services

President Kotierk,

The Association des francophones du Nunavut (AFN) would like, by this letter, support Inuit in pursuing their rights to Inuktit language in Nunavut. Our organization believes that Inuit, in their own homeland, a territory which has a majority of Inuit citizens, should have access to Inuktit language education and government services.

Therefore, the AFN supports Inuit in pursuing their right to Inuktit language of instruction in Nunavut schools and access to services. Those rights are stated, particularly in Article 14, under the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People*. It affirms that Inuit have the right to education in their own language.

The AFN is aware of the challenges and benefits of accomplishing such a plan. By being able to offer access to services and education in the language of their choice to all Nunavummiut, Nunavut would take an important step towards respecting people's language rights and aspirations.

Qujannamiik, Matna, Quana, Merci, Thank you,

Mylène Chartrand, President
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CC: Mumilaaq Qaqqaq, MP for Nunavut