



OUTCOME DOCUMENT CIRCUMPOLAR INUIT ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Acknowledging the Inuit Circumpolar Council's Kitigaaryuit Declaration of 2014 and the specific call for the "ICC leadership to plan and convene a Circumpolar Inuit Economic Summit" to facilitate sharing of business and economic development experiences and to explore potential collaboration between and amongst Inuit businesses in all spheres;

Recognizing the 1993 Inuit Business Development Conference held in Anchorage, Alaska as well as the 2011 Circumpolar Inuit Leaders' Summit on Resource Development in Ottawa, Ontario and the consensus adoption by the Inuit Circumpolar Council of the *Circumpolar Inuit Declaration on Resource Development Principles in Inuit Nunaat* and *A Circumpolar Inuit Declaration on Sovereignty in the Arctic*;

Recalling the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People* and the affirmation of the inherent right to self-determination and the right of Indigenous peoples to determine their own priorities for development in the context of all the interrelated, indivisible and interdependent human rights affirmed by the UN Declaration and other international human rights instruments;

Drawing attention to the urgent, often substandard and in many cases crisis level socioeconomic condition primarily due to unequal distribution of wealth and the needs of our people and especially those in our most remote communities, where access to decent housing, potable water and sewer services, health services, information technology and other basic services and infrastructure are not present;

Reaffirming the desire of Inuit to maintain and strengthen their distinct institutions, cultures and traditions, and to promote their development in accordance with their aspirations and needs as well as to foster greater respect for Inuit knowledge, sustainable and equitable development, and proper management of the Arctic environment;

Concerned about the multiple national and international laws and policies including traditional and cultural diversity that have presented barriers that stifle cross border business relations and Inuit driven economic development as well as the corresponding need to identify and work to remove such barriers;

Pursuing healthy communities and improvement of quality of life through innovative and creative approaches to Arctic economic growth, Inuit employment, and thereby direct the efforts to elevate general health, as well as the economic, social, and cultural well-being of our people and communities;

Recognizing the tremendous and growing interest in the Arctic and more important, the increasing need to unify and collectively focus on our options and opportunities for Inuit businesses throughout the Arctic and beyond, and especially development on Inuit owned or controlled lands and waters;

We further recognize that Inuit businesses have been actively developing Arctic economies with positive results and that we have arrived at a threshold to advance our aspirations both at home and more significantly across international borders;

Acknowledging the numerous, diverse business and economic development initiatives and enterprises underway in our respective regions and countries and that many of these domestic, national activities are working in tandem to meet our shared goals and are therefore regarded as complementary and mutually reinforcing of the spirit and intent of the international objectives;

Inuit take note of the existing and emerging investment protocols that advance structures that may encourage investments in Inuit homelands to promote local economic development and cross border Inuit business investments and to potentially pursue participation at business and investment fora.

Expressing thanks to the work of ICC to organize and facilitate the Circumpolar Inuit Economic Summit, including the creation of an environment of trust and cooperation that has led us to agree upon the creation and establishment of an International Inuit Business Council (IIBC) that intends to cultivate business collaboration amongst Inuit across the circumpolar Arctic and to carry forward the momentum generated by this crucial business initiative in favor of our people.

WE, THE INUIT OF INUIT NUNAAT DECLARE

THAT we will establish an Implementation Task Force (ITF) whose purpose is to establish a platform for the design of the IIBC and thereby establish a platform for business cooperation and development that benefits Inuit at the local, national and international level.

THAT the ITF will be comprised of two representatives of Inuit owned businesses appointed by their respective Inuit regions before end of May 2017 and will initiate work to outline the ITF structure and budgets for completing its task.

THAT we will be inclusive of those that share our commitment and choose to participate, and in particular, those prepared to discuss and agree upon a funding structure to carry out this important work by the ITF.

THAT the ICC expects the ITF to deliver their recommendations regarding the structure and establishment of the IIBC, inter alia, its Terms of Reference and related issues, organization, bylaws, mapping of potential members, services, fee structure, budget, etc. upon completion of its task.

THAT the IIBC will become a financially self-sustaining and an economically independent organization.

THAT the IIBC, although it is independent of the ICC, through its bylaws must maintain continued endorsement from the ICC on an annual basis as well as review by the ICC General Assembly in order to safeguard adherence to the values and principles affirmed in the Kitigaaryuit Declaration of 2014 and other ICC instruments.

THAT the IIBC will contribute to the work of ICC in matters that relate to the scope of IIBC, including steps to evaluate and genuinely improve the economic climate and related conditions facing Inuit throughout the circumpolar region and to mutually reinforce and complement the work of the ICC to realize, safeguard, promote and protect the political, economic, social and cultural rights of Inuit throughout Inuit Nunaat.

AS AGREED BY INUIT GATHERED AT THE CIRCUMPOLAR INUIT ECONOMIC SUMMIT, MARCH 30, 2017, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA