

# MEDIA ADVISORY



## **Inuit Leaders Summit on Resource Development 23-24 February 2011, Ottawa, Canada**

Inuit leaders from Canada, Alaska, Greenland and Russia are gathering to develop a common Inuit position on resource development in the Arctic. The Summit will take place on Wednesday, 23 February (8:30 am to 6:00 pm) and Thursday, 24 February (8:30 am to 5:00 pm) at Fairmont Chateau Laurier (Canadian Room) in Ottawa.

The Summit is being held in response to the *Nuuk Declaration*, issued by Inuit leaders at the Inuit Circumpolar Council's quadrennial General Assembly, held June 28 to July 2 2010 in Nuuk, Greenland. The *Nuuk Declaration* directed the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) to address policy issues on resource development in the Arctic, including offshore drilling and exploration, mining, and environmental, economic, social and cultural impact assessment processes (<http://inuitcircumpolar.com/files/uploads/icc-files/nuukdeclaration.pdf>).

- The meeting on February 23 will be open to accredited media (form attached).
- The February 24 meeting will be closed to media
- A press conference is scheduled February 24, 2011 following the conclusion of the summit

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