Press Release

Inuit Across Circumpolar Nations Mourn the Death of Former ICC President Hans Pavia Rosing

July 10, 2018 - Iqaluit, Nunavut – The Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, Ms. Okalik Eegeesiak expressed deep sorrow at the news of the death of former ICC President Mr. Hans Pavia Rosing in Greenland. He was ICC’s President from 1980-1986 during the organization’s formative years.

“We have lost one of the pillars of our Inuit family,” said Ms. Eegeesiak. “Hans Pavia’s vision helped build ICC into what it is today. His political skills were remarkable, not only for our organization, but also the people of Greenland where he played an active role in government for over a decade following his Presidency at ICC.”

Hans Pavia Rosing was born June 22, 1948. He was 70 when he passed away. Among his many accolades he was awarded the Greenland Peace Prize in 1985. Following his two terms as ICC President in the 1980s he was a member of the Greenland Siumut Party and elected as a member of the Greenland Parliament in 1987. He was Minister of Economic Affairs and chaired the Committee on Greenlandic Law.

Mr. Rosing was also active in business, active on the environmental front, and culturally, as a singer he helped found a Greenlandic Choir.

“Inuit will pay tribute to Hans Pavia Rosing when we are all together next week in Utqiaġvik, Alaska for the 13th ICC General Assembly. Aingai.” concluded ICC Chair Okalik Eegeesiak.

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