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14th ICC General Assembly
“Inuit – Strength and Peace”

June 30, 2022 – Anchorage, AK - Inuit from Chukotka, Alaska, Canada, and Greenland will come together July 19-21, 2022, in a hybrid format for the 14th ICC General Assembly under the theme “Inuit – Strength and Peace”.

ICC Chair, Dalee Sambo Dorough, is pleased to announce that the Premier of Kalaallit Nunaat, Múte Bourup Egede, has accepted to be the ICC General Assembly Patron. Dorough added, “Though it is unfortunate that we are unable to meet in person due to the continuing impacts of Covid-19, we are eager to conduct this hybrid General Assembly, gathering 66 Delegates to share the gains that we have accomplished since the General Assembly of 2018 in Utqiagvik, Alaska.”

In light of the present geostrategic issues that are increasingly impacting the Arctic region, we have chosen to emphasize the strength of our people and our constant objective to ensure the integrity and peaceful use of our homelands and traditional territory in perpetuity.

Because we are unable to gather in person, the General Assembly will be limited to reporting of activities; consideration and adoption of a 2022 Declaration with the intent to hold an in-person gathering in Ilulissat, Kalaallit Nunaat in July of 2023 to further discuss policies and strategies that will enhance the work of ICC for the upcoming 2022-2026 term under the Kalaallit Nunaat Chairpersonship. In addition, we will transition to new leadership, including the International Chair, which will rotate to Greenland.

During the past four years the ICC has gained additional status as an Indigenous Peoples’ Organization within the International Maritime Organization, the Coalition of Indigenous Food Systems, and as an Observer of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The ICC continues to be regarded as a well-respected international Indigenous organization within the United Nations, the Arctic Council, and many other significant intergovernmental organizations addressing concerns relevant to Inuit across the Arctic.

“We are looking forward to the virtual gathering but even more significant, we are eager to join together in Ilulissat next year to celebrate our community, solidarity and strength”, stated Hjalmar Dahl, Vice Chair, Greenland.

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The Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) is an Indigenous Peoples' Organization (IPO), founded in 1977 to promote and celebrate the unity of 180,000 Inuit from Alaska (USA), Canada, Greenland, and Chukotka (Russia). ICC works to promote Inuit rights, safeguard the Arctic environment, and protect and promote the Inuit way of life. In regard to climate change, we believe that it is crucial for world leaders and governments to recognize, respect and fully implement the human rights of Inuit and all other Indigenous peoples across the globe.