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\$10 MILLION FROM PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO COMBAT FAMILY VIOLENCE

Kuujuuaq, June 11, 2021 – In light of the recent tragic events, the Government of Québec announced a sum of \$10M to be allocated specifically to Nunavik to support the service supply for prevention of and intervention against family violence.

This amount will enable the establishment of safe spaces for victims, family houses providing safe residence, long-term support initiatives for women and their children who have left a situation of violence, and support services for men.

The NRBHSS and Makivik Corporation will work closely together with the region's partners, especially the community organizations, to set up services and safe spaces required to support families and individuals living in or who have experienced situations of violence.

“Eliminating family violence remains a priority in the region. At meetings held on May 26 and 27, the Regional Steering Committee on Family Violence and Sexual Abuse affirmed its support for initiatives proposed in the region for developing services and safe shelters. Together, we must continue to denounce this violence and respond to the needs of our communities.” states Minnie Grey, Executive Director of the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS)

“The announcement of this Nunavik specific funding allotment is an important step towards addressing some of the issues that Nunavimmiut face when it comes to domestic and family violence. Having the funds come straight to Nunavik is especially important as it allows our region to develop culturally adapted services and programs right here in Nunavik where Nunavimmiut need them most.” says Pita Aatami, President of Makivik Corporation

The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. It is responsible for nearly the entire Quebec territory located north of the 55th parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.

Makivik is the land claims organization mandated to manage the heritage funds of the Inuit of Nunavik provided for under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. Makivik's role includes the administration and investment of these funds and the promotion of

economic growth by providing assistance for the creation of Inuit-operated businesses in Nunavik. Makivik promotes the preservation of Inuit culture and language as well as the health, welfare, relief of poverty, and education of Inuit in the communities.

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