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Hon. Eva Aariak
Premier
Minister Responsible for the Status of Women

Reappointment of members for Qullit Status of Women Council

Mr. Speaker,

As Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, I am pleased to announce the reappointment of three Council members to the Qullit Status of Women Council, whose mandate is to work for equality for women in Nunavut. Annie Iqalukjuak from Clyde River, and Neevee Wilkins and Trista Mercer from Iqaluit will all be serving the Council for a second two-year term.

Mr. Speaker, all three women have made significant contributions to the Council during their first term, and have devoted time and energy to advocate for women in Nunavut. All three have brought their own valuable experiences and knowledge to work on issues identified as priorities by the Council during their recent face-to-face meeting.

The reappointed members will continue to support the Council, which also consists of President Donna Adams and Council members Maude Bertrand, Martha Aupaluktuq-Hickes, and Angela Hovak Johnston.

I would also like to acknowledge Bernadette Miquusaaq Dean from Rankin Inlet, who chose not to join the Council for a second term. Bernadette has offered valuable guidance and support to the Council in her two years as a member, and I would like to thank her for her dedication and hard work.

Mr. Speaker, as Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, I strongly support and encourage the Council in its important work to advance the status of women in Nunavut, as mandated by the *Qullit Status of Women Council Act*. In speaking out and challenging territorial government, federal government and other organizations' policies that impact women, and in advocating for change, Qullit will continue to ensure that Nunavut is a place where women's rights are recognized and respected.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.