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Here at home, there have been a number of staffing changes at our Ottawa office. We were all sorry to see Sally Webster and Roda Grey leave. Catherine Carry has also left Pauktuutit with the end of funding for the highly successful smoking cessation project. Tuktoo Katcheea is now working in the position of the Substance Abuse Coordinator and we are fortunate to have Mary Sillett as our new National Health Coordinator. During the summer of 1997, Pauktuutit hired two summer students. This is consistent with our role of transferring skills and knowledge to Inuit youth so they can assume a strong position in the workplace and leadership roles in the future.

Pauktuutit has started two new initiatives. Eva Adams has been hired to coordinate a long-awaited Inuit clothing production project that will help promote sustainable community-based economic development opportunities for Inuit women. The project will provide skill-development and support services to help Inuit women gain economic and business success. The second initiative addresses a pressing problem in remote communities — the problem of family violence. Muati Qitsualik is Pauktuutit's new Family Violence Coordinator. It is essential that Inuit-specific support programs be developed to resolve this issue.

The coming year will offer us new challenges while we continue to follow through on the work of 1997. In particular will be Pauktuutit's reply to the federal government's Gathering Strength initiative—a multi-year \$350-million healing fund established in response to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples' recommendations about past residential school policies. Many Inuit were dislocated from their families and sent to residential schools across the Territories, where



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many students experienced physical and/or sexual abuse. Many more Inuit attended day schools, and experienced similar abuses in institutional settings in the communities. Pauktuutit's mandate has always included healing and we will continue to work hard to ensure our participation on behalf of all Inuit who have suffered in educational settings in these negotiations. Currently Pauktuutit is excluded but this makes little sense as the Association has been in the forefront of the move towards personal and collective healing since our incorporation in 1984. We are not discouraged; our strength and resolve grows with our national and international successes.

The Board elections in March, 1998, have brought five new members. It was with great sadness that the Board and membership said good-bye to Martha Greig, Pauktuutit's Vice President, as she did not run for re-election to the Board in 1998. Martha has made a significant contribution to the Association, both as National Health Coordinator and as a member of the Board. Martha is now working full-time in youth protection in Kuujjuaq, Nunavik, and her full work schedule and busy family life would not leave her with enough time to fulfill her responsibilities as a Pauktuutit Board member. Martha has deeply touched many people during her long association with Pauktuutit and has made a substantial contribution to the well-being of Inuit women. She will be greatly missed from coast to coast to coast. Clara O'Gorman, who held the position of Secretary-Treasurer, was also unable to seek re-election to the Board, as she has taken a new position with Nunavut Tunngavik in Cambridge Bay. Clara has been an outspoken advocate for Inuit women at the national level, and her contributions to



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REPORT ON ISSUES

Child Care Initiative

Pauktuutit has continued to take a leading role in developing national strategies in support of Inuit child care programs. A national working group was set up in February, 1997, to coordinate the national conference on traditional childrearing practices held in Kuujjuaq in January 1998. The high level of organization and motivation by this working group ensured the conference's success. Eva Adams coordinated the conference but credit must also be given to the elders who actively participated. Two representatives from the 53 Arctic communities attended. Traditional stories and songs were recorded in the





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 regional dialects along with details about traditional child care practices. A number of products are anticipated from this conference including a CD (compact disk) of stories and songs in Inuktitut accompanied with a printed insert with English and regional translations. A 100-page book with pictures and information on traditional practices will be produced and a 60-minute video shot during the conference will be prepared for television and for educational purposes. The video will use the language of the speakers and will have subtitled translations. Finally, a catalog will be prepared that will provide information on where to get traditional stories, songs, toys, and clothing appropriate to Inuit child care.

At Pauktuutit's FAS/FAE workshop (Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Fetal Alcohol Effects) a child care component was incorporated that served to provide workers with strategies on how to identify children with FAS/FAE, and to provide the tools to help people to work effectively with these children.

A key element to Pauktuutit's child care efforts is the continued development of Inuit child care services for Nunavut. The regional planning process for this program involves representation from each community. In the past year there was a meeting in Igloolik for the Qiqitaaluk region, in Arviat for the Kivalliq, and a teleconference for the Kitikmeot region. Highlights of our past year's efforts include funding for child care centres in Cape Dorset and Clyde River, renovations of child care centres in Arctic Bay, Coral Harbour, Whale Cove, Baker Lake, and Kuglugtuk, and a new building in Pelly Bay. A salary supplement is provided to the Arviat daycare and support is provided to Cambridge Bay. Negotiations are currently underway for the child care centres in Resolute Bay, Sanikiluaq, Pond Inlet, Hall Beach, and Chesterfield Inlet.



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The expertise developed in this field has motivated Pauktuutit to seek a national mandate for child care issues. Funding has yet to be finalized for a national Inuit working group on child care. This would ensure Pauktuutit's national leadership role in coordinating the discussions and development of child care programs for all Inuit.

Traditional Knowledge and Biodiversity

The Convention on Biological Diversity is one of the most complex documents ever prepared by the United Nations. Canada was the first country to sign this agreement and has attempted to be a world leader in the negotiation and implementation of the Convention's many components. One of the most important parts for aboriginal peoples around the world and to Pauktuutit is a section that recognizes the important role traditional knowledge has in helping to preserve the environment for future generations. Pauktuutit has participated as a member of Canada's delegation at several United Nations meetings in the past few years and reflects the recognition and influence Pauktuutit is developing at the national and international level. In 1997, Pauktuutit's president attended a conference in Geneva, Switzerland, and was represented at a workshop in Madrid, Spain. Both these events were in preparation for a major conference scheduled for May, 1998, in Bratislava, Slovakia. Part of the discussions will deal with establishing a working group of indigenous peoples to advise the United Nations on how to use traditional knowledge for environmental management. An important part of this discussion addresses ownership of this knowledge and how the holders will be compensated for its use.



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As an active participant, Pauktuutit has been promoting and protecting the rights of Inuit women and the value of their traditional knowledge. A key objective is to gain the economic resources necessary to document, preserve, and apply this knowledge. Within the Arctic context a woman's knowledge was vital to her family and community's survival and this knowledge must now be recognized. Pauktuutit will continue to actively promote the study and protection of Inuit women's traditional knowledge and to consult with Inuit women on how to best preserve their intellectual and economic rights to this knowledge.

Substance Abuse Program

Filling the position of Substance Abuse Coordinator with the departure of Sally Webster has taken time. The position has now been filled by Tuktoo Katcheea, originally from Cape Dorset.

The primary focus for the substance abuse program in 1997/98 was the FAS/FAE workshop held in Iqaluit in October, 1997, entitled *Ikajuqtigiiniq*. A great deal of effort was made to ensure that this issue was brought to the attention of Inuit communities, and the workshop was well-covered by northern media. As a result of this workshop, a resource booklet is being prepared that will help individuals and communities address this problem. The conference also provided information for child care workers to help identify children who suffer from FAS/FAE and to provide them with the tools to help these children. The making of home brew in Inuit communities is largely a hidden problem so it is proving difficult to research. It has been identified as an issue but will require new ways to explore the problem. Pauktuutit will continue to actively seek the facts associated with this practice.



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Pauktuutit is also continuing to update the information available on the treatment of substance abuse among Inuit. It is essential to document what support is available in each region and to determine what the particular issues are in each community. This on-going dialogue will continue to be an important facet of Pauktuutit's substance abuse strategy.

Tobacco Use Reduction Project

The tobacco use reduction project proved to be a great success but unfortunately funding for the initial phase of the

project finished at the end of March 1997. There is a need for further work in this area and Pauktuutit is pleased that some additional funding has been identified for the second phase. This past year involved wrapping up loose ends of the project's initial phase such as coordinating the printing and distribution of project material to schools, health centres and other interested organizations, and providing reports to our funders. With new funding





Pauktuutit will continue to address this pressing problem and encourage Inuit youth not to take up smoking tobacco.

Family Violence

Family violence and violence against women are issues that are receiving significant attention in Canada and around the world. In fact, it could be said that violence is the most significant physical and mental health issue facing many women in Canada. The majority of material that has been



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developed in Canada is not often appropriate nor useful for Inuit women. Support services such as shelters, doctors, hospitals, legal services, and education and information facilities that are commonly available in the south are not available in many Inuit communities. There is a need to develop and adapt materials, services, and safety plans to the northern reality. To this end, Pauktuutit has created a Family Violence Coordinator position to work exclusively on projects and funding sources that will address these needs. Various projects that have been identified include regionally-specific information pamphlets, evaluation of existing southern material and documents for possible adaptation, strategies to deal with dangerous situations, how to help abused women in a community, and what to do if a child is suspected of being abused.

Economic Development

Human Resources Development Canada has funded a project related to economic development and traditional and contemporary Inuit clothing. Pauktuutit's project is entitled *The Road to Independence* and will provide opportunities for Inuit women to develop and enhance their skills in the field of Inuit clothing production and marketing. The project had been unfortunately delayed and is now in its initial stages of implementation. Pauktuutit has hired Eva Adams to coordinate this initiative. The project will assist Inuit women clothing designers and producers develop and refine their skills and techniques to assist them in accessing ready-to-wear retail clothing markets in southern Canada and abroad, with additional objectives including business creation and marketing. The clothing designs currently coming from the north and the fashion shows that have presented them have



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gained international attention, and Pauktuutit's work in this area is closely linked to other work including the Indigenous Women of the Americas initiative and our work on biodiversity and traditional knowledge.

Health Consultation

The National Health Coordinator's position continues to be a vital position at Pauktuutit. With the departure of Roda Grey the position remained vacant for several months. Pauktuutit is very fortunate to have had Mary Sillett take over the position early in 1998. Before her departure, Roda continued to work with a number of committees and organizations including the Society of Gynecologists and Obstetricians of Canada, and on such files as non-insured health benefits and circumpolar health issues. In May, 1997, she attended an HIV/AIDS researchers conference and presented data collected at Pauktuutit's HIV/AIDS workshop held in 1995. The problem of baby bottle tooth decay continued to receive attention as did the final stages of Phase I of the Tobacco Use Reduction project. The health coordinator also worked with the substance abuse coordinator on FAS/FAE issues. Work has begun in preparation for further funding of the tobacco use reduction project. An HIV/AIDS initiative is anticipated with funding expected to continue over the next five years.

Gathering Strength -

Response to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples
In January, 1998, the federal government announced a \$350million healing fund as part of its response to the Royal
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past residential school policies. Pauktuutit was not identified as one of the national aboriginal organizations to be consulted on this new initiative, despite having significant expertise on issues of abuse and healing since its incorporation in 1984. Therefore an important focus for Pauktuutit in 1998 will be to ensure full participation and funding for Inuit women. Pauktuutit has a clear health mandate and should not be overshadowed by other national aboriginal organizations. The Association has also been supported by the NWT Child Sexual Abuse Coalition to be actively involved on behalf of Inuit women victims and survivors. Work has already begun to inform the government of their failure to properly recognize Inuit women. In 1998, a consultation strategy will be prepared to ensure the issues, priorities, and needs of Inuit women are fully incorporated in any programs, policies, or initiatives, that may arise from the RCAP report.

REPORT ON THE 14TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 14th Pauktuutit Annual General Meeting was held in Iqaluit, Nunavut, from March 16-20, 1998. It brought together Inuit women from all six Arctic regions to discuss national, regional and community concerns. The 1998 Annual General Meeting was particularly important for two reasons – elections to the Board were held for all positions except President, and the Labrador delegation was present after being unable to attend the two previous annual meetings due to bad weather.

Delegates addressed a number of business items related to the operation of the Association, and discussed a number





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level, and passed resolutions calling for recognition by the federal government of Pauktuutit as a *bone fide* national aboriginal organization, and called upon the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada to support Pauktuutit's efforts in this regard.

Several workshops were held during the assembly. Workshops are important and are held in conjunction with Annual General meetings for several reasons. AGMs are important opportunities to discuss issues with community, regional and national perspectives. Workshops allow for both dissemination and collection of information, and input from workshops guide the Association's policies and activities. This year, delegates discussed issues related to suicide, family violence, teenage pregnancy, economic development, and biodiversity and traditional knowledge. It has become increasingly necessary to support the costs of the annual meetings through workshops, and some delegates were concerned about the impact workshops have on the agenda and time for general discussions of issues, priorities and policies.

Special Guests

Invitations to special guests are extended to many people to meet with AGM delegates and to provide a report on their activities to the assembly. This year was no exception, and Pauktuutit was honoured that so many busy people made time to address the Board and delegates.

Jack Anawak, Interim Commissioner of Nunavut, gave a progress report from his office. He stated that while many people seemed to think that his office was behind schedule, they were actually on schedule in most areas of activity. He also gave a quick overview of the Nunavut government structure and staffing requirements. Several questions



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of policy issues. Staff provided reports on current projects, (described in the Report on Issues), and an update was given on the activities undertaken on the resolutions passed at the previous AGM.

Delegates were advised that the Association's financial situation has improved significantly from the previous year. Successive cuts to Pauktuutit's core funding over a four-year period had resulted in a decrease of approximately \$100,000 per year, forcing the Association to try to do more with less, and secure additional project funds to support the organization.

A very timely issue that engaged much discussion was that of representation of Inuit women at the federal level by Pauktuutit. One of the most significant events of the decade for aboriginal peoples in Canada was Gathering Strength, the response by the federal government to the recommendations made by the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. Pauktuutit had been fully consulted by the Commission during its mandate, and a number of Pauktuutit's recommendations were cited in the Commission's final report. Unfortunately, the federal government, through the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, failed to recognize Pauktuutit as a national aboriginal organization with substantial expertise of benefit to the development of strategies and policies, and Pauktuutit was not consulted in the development or implementation of Gathering Strength. The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development was invited to the Annual Meeting to discuss issues related to abuse and healing directly with women from all regions and begin a two-way dialogue, but she did not attend.

Delegates discussed and reinforced the need for autonomous representation of Inuit women at the national



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forums. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to participate in such a valuable dialogue.

John Amagoalik, Chairman of the Nunavut
Implementation Commission (NIC) reviewed some of their
recent activities. In June, 1999, the NIC's mandate will expire
as the Nunavut government structures will be implemented.
NIC would be hosting a conference the week following the
AGM in Iqaluit to discuss language issues, and had been
mandated to organize the Nunavut celebrations for April 1,
1999. In response to public interest in the first Nunavut
elections, delegates were informed that an election will be
held Nunavut MLAs in February, 1999. During this very
busy time,a flag for Nunavut was being designed, a new logo
would be developed for Nunavut and a special coin was
being developed to commemorate the event.

John expressed his continued support for Pauktuutit, and will act on the Association's behalf with the appropriate government bodies.

A discussion raised the question of children of Inuit living in the south being included in some of the benefits that beneficiaries receive, particularly in the area of education and training. John replied that this was a valid request. A delegate asked about the separation of Quebec and how it might affect Inuit. John stated that he was an Arctic exile and that Inuit in Nunavut would be working actively to ensure that aboriginal peoples would be fully involved in any talks on separation.

A letter from NTI President Jose Kusugak was read to the AGM by Victor Tootoo, as Jose was unable to attend personally. The letter outlined the programs and economic development mandate of NTI. He stressed the importance



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 followed concerning the needs of youth and the assistance that Pauktuutit can lend the office of the Interim Commissioner. Mr. Anawak was asked to support Pauktuutit's efforts to gain consistent recognition at the federal level when he meets with Cabinet Ministers and federal officials.

Remarks by Mary May Simon, Ambassador for Circumpolar Affairs, were very well received by delegates, who took advantage of the opportunity to discuss many issues of concern. Mary gave a brief history of her work over the last three years and how it relates to the interests of Pauktuutit's constituency. Eight countries formed the Arctic Council to provide a mechanism for these countries to discuss issues relating to the Arctic. Aboriginal peoples in Canada are also participants in the Council. Some of the key issues the Council has been dealing with are contaminants, and environmental and social issues. She feels it is important to keep in touch with communities in order to keep priorities that reflect the interests of the people, and expressed her interest in acting as a lobbyist for Pauktuutit to help fulfill its mandate.

What had been intended to be a brief address to the delegates was significantly lengthened with discussion of issues such as DEW line site clean-ups, contamination of water systems, disruptions to wildlife and the need to educate Inuit about the impact of their actions on the environment. Contaminated wildlife, the impact of mining activities and game leaving some areas of the High Arctic where they were once plentiful were also raised with Ambassador Simon.

Delegates passed a motion to draft a resolution directing that Pauktuutit be given a seat on the Arctic Council. Mary advised the Board and delegates that she had taken notes on their discussion and will bring these up in the appropriate



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of economic development and training for Inuit in Nunavut. The letter also stated that there was an interest in establishing economic linkages with other Inuit across the Arctic. Victor was asked about the Hunter Support Program, and whether women could access funding for materials such as sewing machines. He said he would ask Raymond Ningeocheak, 2nd Vice-President of NTI to send a letter to Pauktuutit addressing this issue.

Ed Picco, MLA for Iqaluit, congratulated Pauktuutit on the work it has done on behalf of Inuit women. He addressed family violence, saying he is very aware of this issue and regularly invites visiting dignitaries to the local women's shelter. Despite significant resistance, these shelters have continued to provide essential services to women that need assistance, and he feels they deserve wide-spread support from everyone. Staff at these shelters work very hard in a stressful job for low pay, and Nunavut will enable Inuit in the region to address this issue in a more effective and responsive manner. He was pleased to hear the discussions and resolutions that were made earlier in the day, and requested that a copy of the resolutions be sent to him after the AGM. He also stated that he would raise the need for half-way houses with Minister Goo Arlooktoo.

Okalik Eegeesiak, President of Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, was the last special guest speaker, and began her remarks by thanking Pauktuutit for inviting her to her first Pauktuutit AGM. As the *Gathering Strength* initiative had been such an important item of discussion during the AGM, she reviewed ITC's response, saying that the most important element in the response was the \$350 million for healing in aboriginal peoples who suffered in the residential schools. A new



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non-profit organization with an independent Board of Directors would be created to determine how the funds would be allocated. ITC has tried to keep the communities informed about the project, and they have been trying to push for Inuit-specific programming dollars. There was a consensus among the aboriginal groups that the amount of dollars was insufficient, and that the timelines have been very tight, placing a lot of pressure on the organizations. She invited the delegates to contact ITC if they had any people that they would like to appoint to the Board of the Healing Foundation, as two seats have been reserved for Inuit. Okalik added that the federal government would like to have a closer relationship with Inuit, and ITC has wanted a closer relationship in order to better represent the Inuit interests.

She congratulated and thanked Pauktuutit for its hard work on the child care initiative. Okalik has made an effort to keep in touch with Pauktuutit. First Nation organizations often seem to be fighting each other which works against them. Inuit don't do this as much and the government recognizes this.

Okalik was asked if she would support Pauktuutit's call for recognition by the federal government as a national aboriginal organization. She replied that she could only bring the question up with the ITC Board, advising the AGM delegates that she does not have a vote on the Board.

Regional Reports

Reports from both **Hudson** and **Ungava** regions were presented together. *Minnie Etidlui* thanked Pauktuutit for giving Inuit women strength and a voice, and expressed the need for a policy on traditional adoptions. Minnie also suggested that



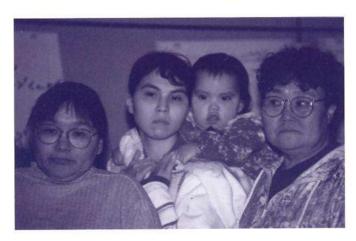
there be a Pauktuutit Day so that communities can organize special events.

Elizabeth Roberts gave the report from North Baffin stating that they would give more support for their Board member and help distribute information in their communities. Participants were encouraged to inform their communities about Pauktuutit. Several delegates read letters outlining some issues including the difficulties in raising funds, policing and social problems.

The report from Labrador, presented by *Paulette Perkins*, identified the need for further supports for the Inuktitut language. A lack of permanent policing in all Inuit communities on the north coast remains a key issue, as substance abuse and family violence are major problems for women in the region. A resolution calling for language and parenting workshops was requested.

Donna Kisoun gave the Inuvialuit report, indicating that many good things had been going on in the region including: a workshop on gambling addiction; a fur garment project that teaches students how to work with furs; workshops on arts and crafts; community wellness project; youth groups had been formed; and, various fund raising activities were held for other projects. As well, drum dance groups, traditional skills training, youth centres, safe houses, various mining and other economic development activities, and tourism development were other activities that had been undertaken. Residents of the Western Arctic, still however face the broad range of social and health issues that are common to all regions, and these positive activities should not be interpreted as a "clean bill of health" on conditions in the region.





Veronica Dewar presented the report from Kivalliq, identifying a main issue as FAS, particularly in the area of adopted children. Regional statistics on teenage pregnancies were requested. A request was made that delegates receive a copy of the AGM agenda before they arrive to give them the opportunity to prepare. It was felt that workshops should be held outside of the AGM proceedings to allow for fuller discussions of broader issues, and Pauktuutit subsidiaries were suggested for each of the communities. Mary Matoo raised the need for seal tanneries in the region.

The **Kitikmeot** report provided by *Wilma Pigalak* advised that a women's shelter had been set up but more funding was required to run the shelter. Training for shelter workers had been provided with Community Wellness funds. As well, a lot of activities had been undertaken through Brighter Futures, including tool-making, traditional activities and skills, a youth centre, and pre-natal care. A report from the crisis shelter in Cambridge Bay and one from an addictions worker were given. The communities would like to see more support available for men with substance abuse problems.

The report from **South Baffin**, presented by *Geela* Maniapik, included a request for the minutes of the AGM prior to the meeting so they can be reviewed. It was recommended that a youth representative be invited to sit on the Board and fund-raising committees should be established in the communities to locate and access funding for projects and programs. A sewing centre had also been established in Cape Dorset.

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Election Results

Nominations for the positions of Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer were opened on the first day of the meeting, and remained open until just before the elections were called. There was much interest in these positions, and many nominations were made.

All those who accepted nominations were given an opportunity to address the delegates, indicating why the nominee felt she would make a positive addition to the Board. All preelection speeches were very well delivered and received, and confirmed the commitment of Inuit women from all regions to the continued success of Pauktuutit.

Regional delegations broke into caucuses to elect their regional Board member by a process of their own choosing.

The Board for 1998/99 is:

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Wilma Pigalak Kitikmeot Region
Mary Matoo Kivalliq Region
Enooya Enook North Baffin
Geela Maniapik South Baffin
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1998 RESOLUTIONS

98-01 addresses the consequences of family break-up, calling for supports such as peer support circles and parenting classes to be made available in the communities to assist single parents, and community organizations such as HTAs to provide assistance in the form of food. It further calls upon the justice system to address the needs of single mothers by enforcing child support and other orders, and directs Pauktuutit to advocate on behalf of Inuit women who are single parents on specific issues including but not limited to child custody, support and access.

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98-02 calls for resources for suicide prevention programs and initiatives, including: adequate resources for suicide prevention and intervention supports and services in Inuit communities; opportunities for discussion through community, regional and national workshops; training and other educational opportunities for Inuit caregivers and counsellors; information-sharing and network-building opportunities; and that special outreach be made to youth. Pauktuutit is directed to develop and implement a short-, medium-, and long-term coordinated action plan to address the serious issue of suicide among Inuit.

98-03 calls upon the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Affairs to recognize Pauktuutit as a member of the Arctic Council and to provide funding for participation on the Council, and directs that Pauktuutit inform the Inuit Circumpolar Conference of its desire to represent Inuit women's interests through membership on the Arctic Council, as directed by its membership.





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98-04 addresses the issue of teenage mothers and teenage parents, resolving that: resource materials be developed for and be made widely and freely available to young mothers on issues such as nutrition, pre-and post-natal care, fetal development, and healthy lifestyles and habits; youth and youth/elders workshops be organized to discuss these issues as well as traditional Inuit parenting, traditional skills, language and culture; young fathers be supported and encouraged to take on an equal responsibility for their children; the educational system support young mothers to stay in school and complete their education to at least the high school level, and further resolves that gaps in appropriate and relevant information on these issues be identified and materials be developed to meet existing and emerging needs.

98-05 calls for community-based aftercare programs to be developed and implemented for Inuit prisoners returning to their communities with the full and meaningful input of the Inuit women of the community, with safety of victims and survivors being a key operating principle. Further that, while community-based alternatives to the criminal justice system for non-violent crimes may be desirable, crimes of violence against women and children are not to be dealt with in a diversion program such as a sentencing or mediation circle. Pauktuutit is further directed to continue to hold discussions with officials of Correctional Services of Canada and undertake projects to develop appropriate and effective programs and services for Inuit offenders, their victims and their families.



98-06 directs the Government of Canada to recognize Pauktuutit as a national aboriginal organization, with a mandate



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and constituency that is separate and distinct from those of other national aboriginal organizations, and to include the Association in all discussions and initiatives that may arise from *Gathering Strength*, the federal response to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, with an equitable allocation of financial and other resources that may be provided to organizations at the national level.

98-07 calls upon the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada to recognize and support Pauktuutit as an autonomous and bone fide national Inuit organization, which is entitled to an equitable allocation of resources to undertake its own work on behalf of its members, and that the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada support Pauktuutit's request to the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for national recognition. ITC is further directed to work in partnership with Pauktuutit as an autonomous national Inuit organization, with a commitment to an equitable allocation of resources for both organizations, on issues of mutual concern that affect the lives, health and well-being of Inuit in Canada.

98-08 resolves that Pauktuutit continue to advocate for the rights and interests of Inuit women and children who may become involved with the justice system; and, that Pauktuutit continue to expand its work and represent the issues and concerns of Inuit men, particularly those who may become involved with the justice system and or correctional system.

98-09 affirms the need for community-based policing in Inuit communities and calls upon governments to implement the recommendations of Pauktuutit's study on unreported





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crime in communities without permanent policing in Newfoundland and Labrador. It further resolves that Pauktuutit continue to advocate on behalf of all Inuit communities that want permanent community-based police services.

98-10 resolves that Pauktuutit continue to support Inuit men to speak out against social problems in their communities to improve the quality of life for all Inuit in the communities and that Pauktuutit work with and support both established and emerging Inuit men's groups as requested.

98-11 directs that active measures be taken by all levels of government to recognize and support arts and crafts as a viable means of economic development in the communities, and that arts and crafts be marketed with the same priority as tourism.



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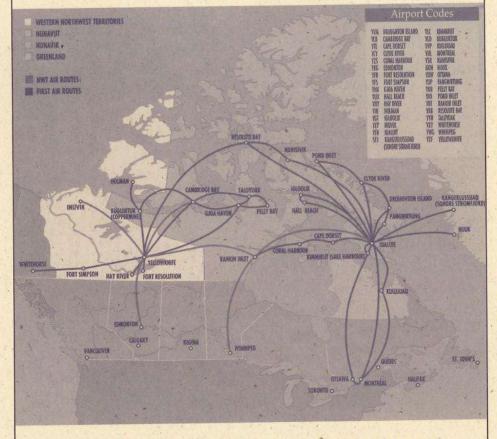
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