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Ms. Elizabeth Copland, Chairperson
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Dear Ms. Copland:

Thank you for your letter dated January 24, 2017, concerning Board vacancies, term expirations, and honoraria rates, with respect to the Nunavut Impact Review Board.

As you may be aware, the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, announced a new open, transparent, and merit-based selection process that will support Ministers in making appointment recommendations for positions within their portfolio (<http://pm.gc.ca/eng/news/2016/02/25/prime-minister-announces-new-governor-council-appointment-process>).

Reflective of this new approach, the Department is currently advertising for upcoming vacancies with respect to opportunities for ministerial appointments to certain Nunavut institutions, boards, and commissions, for which the Minister has appointment and nomination responsibilities. This would include the Nunavut Impact Review Board (www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/ministerial-appointments). The application deadline for this advertisement process is March 24, 2017. It is anticipated that this new approach will create a pool of qualified, vetted candidates from which nominees can quickly be drawn.

Per section 12.2.7 of the Nunavut Agreement, appointments shall be for a term of three years. At present, changes to the term of appointments to the Nunavut Impact Review Board are not being discussed by the signatories of the Nunavut Agreement.

Recognizing that quality and ongoing member commitment are crucial to a board's effectiveness, I have asked my officials to undertake a review of the remuneration rate structure that applies to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada Ministerial appointees across the North. Any modernization of the current rate structure must be consistent, fair, and reflective of the environment under which these important institutions of public governance operate. The current rate structure will remain in effect until this analysis is complete and I have had the opportunity to review the recommendations.

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I am happy to hear that Ms. Marjorie Kaluraq has been reappointed as a member to the Board for a three-year term.

I want to extend my appreciation to you and other Board members for the critical work the Nunavut Impact Review Board performs in fulfilling its responsibilities under the Nunavut Agreement. I look forward to an opportunity to meet with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Carolyn Bennett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carolyn" and the last name "Bennett" clearly distinguishable.

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