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I KEAC Five-year Action Plan (2009–2014)

This five-year action plan of the Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee (KEAC) aims to establish short and medium term objectives in order to realize the mandate entrusted to it by the signatories of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA).

In proposing measures that respond to environmental and social issues in Nunavik, the KEAC ensures compliance with the intentions and commitments of the parties to the JBNQA, in the context of appearing concerns related to sustainable development, maintenance of biodiversity, climate change and the quality of life in the communities.

Objectives of environmental and social protection in Nunavik

The objectives of environmental and social protection cover the five areas of the KEAC's mandate and responsibilities:

1. Act as a consultative body to responsible governments (sect. 23.5.24);
2. Make recommendations concerning legislation, regulations and other appropriate measures related to environmental and social protection (sect. 23.5.25);
3. Examine environmental and social impact assessment and review mechanisms and procedures (sect. 23.5.27);
4. Serve as a link with Nunavik's population and support the regional government and municipalities by providing them with advice and technical assistance (sect. 23.5.33);
5. Examine priority environmental issues based on a global, preventive and proactive approach (sect. 23.2.4).

1. Act as a consultative body to responsible governments with respect to the laws and regulations relating to the environmental and social protection regime and the administration and management of the regime

1.1 Focus

It is crucial for the KEAC to work closely with government officials and to adopt with them an approach based on co-operation as well as the sharing of information and opinions. The KEAC therefore intends to develop such co-operation.

The KEAC will also enhance its contribution as an advisory and supervisory body. It will improve the way in which it reviews and examines legislation and measures relating to the environmental and social protection regime.

1.2 Actions

- a) Reinforce the effort to make the KEAC and its mandate known to Northern people and to government authorities and officials whose mission and actions are relative to or impact on the environmental and social protection regime established for Nunavik;
- b) Inform the governments of the need to consult with the KEAC within the terms and spirit of the JBNQA in order to help make KEAC's analyses and advice more effective;
- c) Invite, from time to time, resource people and government representatives to KEAC meetings.

2. *Make recommendations concerning legislation, regulations and other appropriate measures related to environmental and social protection*

2.1 Focus

Through its tripartite composition and its knowledge of the physical and social environment of Nunavik, the KEAC is well placed to propose, to the governments concerned, modifications to laws, regulations or measures that are deemed useful or necessary for the environmental and social protection of the territory. As needed, the KEAC targets its activities to support legislative authorities.

2.2 Actions

- a) Examine new environmental legislation and amendments affecting the North by taking into account the specific characteristics of Nunavik through consultations with the communities and organizations concerned and, where necessary, obtaining expert advice and assistance; give advice and make recommendations to the responsible governments;
- b) Follow up on the advice and recommendations prepared by the KEAC;
- c) Review certain government measures put in place to implement or control activities and, based on the results of the review, advise and make relevant recommendations; also, propose suitable or essential measures, as needed.

3. *Examine environmental and social impact assessment and review mechanisms and procedures*

3.1 Focus

The review of environmental and social impact assessment and review mechanisms and procedures has been given special attention by the KEAC. The challenge involved is sizeable, since it relates to the credibility and respect of the JBNQA and the regimes it established. The KEAC will continue working to ensure that the responsible governments respect the JBNQA when evaluating development projects that could have environmental and social impacts in Nunavik.

3.2 Actions

- a) Review and revise the environmental and social impact assessment procedure, introduced in 1975 in Section 23 of the JBNQA, by the responsible governments;
- b) Review Schedules 1 and 2 of Section 23 of the JBNQA;
- c) Review cases of double impact assessment procedures;
- d) Review the cumulative impacts of development projects such as municipal and regional infrastructure, mining and hydroelectric projects, etc.;

- e) Take effective action to ensure that the responsible authorities comply with the environmental and social impact assessment procedure as well as the special rights it grants to Northern communities and their environment

4. *Serve as a link with Nunavik's population and support the regional government and municipalities by providing them with advice and technical assistance*

4.1 Focus

The KEAC intends foster the meaningful involvement of the Inuit and their representatives in resolving the problems and situations brought to its attention related to environmental and social protection in Nunavik.

4.2 Actions

- a) Strengthen relations (information sharing, consultation, etc.) with the local and regional governments in Nunavik, especially as concerns environmental issues submitted to the KEAC for consultation and comment;
- b) Provide the governments in Nunavik with the support needed to ensure that the public is adequately and properly informed, to ensure that development projects impacting on the well-being and safety of Nunavik residents are known, and to ensure that impacts on the environment, both positive and negative, are identified so that the necessary choices can be made and actions taken;
- c) Invite to KEAC meetings, resource people and local and regional representatives from Nunavik;
- d) Highlight environmental achievements at the local level and thereby encourage government or private-sector organizations and individuals to care about the quality of the environment in Nunavik.
- e) Participate in and collaborate with other organizations on specific environmental projects in the region.

5. *Examine priority environmental issues based on a global, preventive and proactive approach*

5.1 Focus

The KEAC will intervene in environmental issues that it considers as priorities and that reflect the concerns of Nunavik residents. Furthermore, it intends to review matters and projects submitted for consultation in a broad enough manner to be able to identify the attendant environmental impacts, especially from the perspective of ecological integrity and possible social repercussions. Where possible, the KEAC aims to act in a preventive and proactive manner by proposing legislation, regulations and other measures before problems arise or become critical.

5.2 *Actions*

- a) Begin or continue studying or following up on various matters, such as:
 - mining activities;
 - public consultation procedure for Nunavik;
 - environmental and social impact assessment procedure in Nunavik;
 - residual material management;
 - forest resources;
 - parks and protected areas;
 - drinking water;
 - climate change;
 - sustainable development.

- b) Take relevant and effective action where required so as to ensure that Inuit rights are respected and the natural and social environments are protected with respect to sustainable development.

II – KEAC Budget (2009–2014)

The attached KEAC budget covers five fiscal years, from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2014. It indicates the human and physical resources required for the smooth functioning, related in large part to the activities of the KEAC secretariat located in Kuujuaq

Projected budget for the KEAC during the next 5 years

*Annual Budget: April 1–March 31 (2009-2014)

Personnel

Executive secretary salary		40 000
Cost of living differential, Kuujjuaq		8 000
Annual leave trips		6 000
Housing		33 500
Employee benefits		6 000
	Subtotal	\$93 500

Physical resources in Kuujjuaq

Office space	• rental from KRG	3 800
Telephone and fax	• rental from KRG	2 800
Teleconferences and video conferences		2 000
Internet and e-mail	• rental from KRG	1 500
Stationery (use of KRG photocopier)		1 500
Printing annual report (250 copies)		8 500
Postage		1 000
Various (office supplies, computer needs etc.)		2 000
	Subtotal	\$23 100

Administration

Bank fees		400
Accounting fees (payroll services, annual audit and income tax return)		4 400
CSST		700
	Subtotal	\$5 500

Annual meeting expenses

Rentals	• meeting room, audio-visual equipment	5 000
Travel (executive secretary)	• travel, flights, accommodations	17 000
KEAC (KRG participation)	• 3 members x 4 meetings	33 000
COFEX-North (KRG participation)	• 2 members x 3 meetings	10 000
Translation	• annual report, meeting minutes	12 000
	Subtotal	\$77 000

Advice and opinions

Consultations	• outsourcing	30 000
Consultant travel expenses	• travel, flights, accommodations	15 000
	Subtotal	\$45 000

Other expenses

Advertising and communications (website upkeep, poster etc.)		7 000
	Subtotal	\$7 000

ANNUAL TOTAL

\$251 100

* The amounts listed in the anticipated budget for 2009-2010. They may vary from year to year due to indexation.

III – List of Ministries and Organizations Associated With the KEAC

The following is a list of ministries and organizations that the KEAC is often called upon to work with to achieve its mandates:

- Avataq Cultural Institute
- Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA)
- Centre d'études nordiques (Université Laval)
- Environment Canada
- Federal Environmental and Social Impact Review Panel (COFEX-N)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Government of Canada
- Gouvernement du Québec
- Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Coordinating Committee
- Hydro-Québec
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)
- Inuit Circumpolar Conference (ICC)
- Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK)
- James Bay Advisory Committee on the Environment (JBACE)
- Kativik Environmental Quality Commission (KEQC)
- Kativik Regional Government (KRG)
- Makivik Corporation
- Nunavik Tourism Association (NTA)
- Ouranos
- Québec department of sustainable development, environment and parks (MDDEP)
- Québec department of natural resources and wildlife (MRNF)
- Québec department of transportation (MTQ)
- Société québécoise de récupération et de recyclage (Recyc-Québec)