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Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated cautiously optimistic following the Speech from the Throne

(September 24, 2020, Iqaluit) Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) is cautiously optimistic following the Speech from the Throne delivered by Her Excellency Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada yesterday.

NTI has been engaged with the central issue of reducing future potential risk and impacts from COVID-19, and to radically improve the health, well-being and self-sufficiency of Inuit in Nunavut. COVID-19 has highlighted two essential weaknesses in Nunavut's socio-economic and human resources infrastructure.

NTI looks forward to working with the Government of Canada to begin working toward what the Speech from the Throne identified as joint ambitions, in true partnership to achieve transformative change. NTI remains committed to achieving self-sufficiency through a Made-in-Nunavut workforce by establishing a joint Inuit Pre-Employment Strategy and Plan. NTI is further committed to work with the Government of Canada to address the conditions and determinants of health that promote Tuberculosis transmission which are the same ones that increase the risk of widespread COVID-19 and other communicable diseases; overcrowded and poorly ventilated housing.

Finally, NTI applauds the focus on health care access, climate change, food security and the blue economy.

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