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Dear Claire Charters,

Please find attached a submission from the Inuit Circumpolar Council (Canada), in response to the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous People's call for submissions on the role of languages and culture in the protection and promotion of the rights and identity of Indigenous peoples. ICC Canada welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the Expert Mechanism's report. Language, culture, rights and identity are a strong focus in ICC Canada's work. This focus is evident in many of our initiatives, including an Arctic Council-endorsed project (2011-2015), *Assessing, Monitoring, and Promoting Arctic Indigenous Languages*, led by Inuit Circumpolar Council with the support of other Arctic Indigenous peoples organizations.

ICC Canada's submission includes a) a preface; b) a summary of key points; and c) a selected bibliography of research on Inuit language and culture, focused mostly on Canadian Inuit. The preface explains how we identified relevant research and reports. The key points section identifies rights from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples most closely addressed by recent (1991-2012) research on language, culture and identity, followed by bullet points of relevant research results. The selected bibliography section includes full bibliographic references, with hyperlinks to sources (when available), as well as summaries of key findings for some of the reports.

Please note that this submission is coming directly from ICC Canada. The Inuit Circumpolar Council represents Inuit across the circumpolar world, and to this end maintains national offices in Greenland, Canada, Alaska and Russia. The current submission is intended to reflect the state of research into language and culture, rights and identity in this country. A great deal of relevant research and activity is also occurring in Greenland, Alaska and Russia but is beyond the scope of ICC Canada's current submission.

It is hoped that this summary of the state of research on language and culture, rights and identity among Inuit in Canada will provide relevant insights and content for the report delivered to the fifth session of the Expert Mechanism in July 2012.

Sincerely,

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