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Baker Lake

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Dear Mr. Patterson:

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Inlet

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At the Board Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association currently being held in Rankin Inlet the matter of the Agreement-in-Principle regarding the Northern Energy Accord recently signed by yourself and the Prime Minister was discussed (see attached resolution #2-88).

Coral Harbour

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On behalf of my board I would like to communicate my outrage at your lack of consideration to the input of Northern aboriginal peoples. Quite clearly the understanding between the Government of the N.W.T. and the Inuit was that our representatives (the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut) would participate in the negotiations with the federal government as detailed in the Memorandum of Understanding signed by both Nellie Cournoyea, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and Donat Milortuk, President of T.F.N.

Eskimo Point

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Your actions are perceived by us to be both presumptuous and inconsiderate of our interests.

Rankin Inlet

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We totally repudiate your agreement-in-principle and recommend in the strongest possible terms that the conditions of the agreement-in-principle be reconsidered to give full attention to Inuit concerns.

Repulse Bay

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Your co-operation in rectifying this most unnecessary and distasteful situation is required to get us back on stream and working together to ensure the best possible future for both the Inuit and the residents of the Northwest Territories in general.

Whale Cove

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**RESOLUTION #2 - 88**

**NORTHERN ENERGY ACCORD**

Whereas the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada have recently signed an Agreement-in-Principle on a Northern Energy Accord (to transfer legislative and management responsibilities for oil and gas from the federal to the territorial government) and;

Whereas this Agreement-in-Principle was signed without consultation from the Inuit as represented by the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut and;

Whereas said consultation was agreed upon through a Memorandum of Understanding signed by both Nellie Cournoyea, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Government of the N.W.T. and Donat Milortuk, President of the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut on April 11, 1988 and;

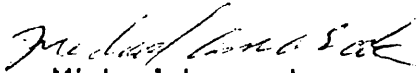
Whereas much of the Agreement-in-Principle itself is unacceptable to the Inuit;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Board Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association held in Rankin Inlet on September 28, 1988 reject the Northern Energy Accord Agreement-in-Principle and;

Further Be It Resolved that the Keewatin Inuit Association strongly recommends that the Territorial Government meet with representatives of northern aboriginal peoples to establish the long awaited northern accord team and renegotiate with the federal government principles for the said accord.

I urge you to act promptly on this matter.

Yours truly,



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Acting President  
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