Thank you for the opportunity to say a few words.

Today is a day of joy for Inuit in Greenland and Nunavut.

Today, we are gathered here in the beautiful settings at the Greenland Representation in Reykjavik. We are here to formalize that Greenland and Canada enter into closer cooperation on Pikialasorsuaq.

The initial idea for this collaboration came up 10 years ago. And in 2018, thoughts were then written down on a napkin. It is, therefore, a great honor for me today to be able to sign this Letter of Intent for Pikialasorsuaq.

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Pikialasorsuaq is a completely unique area. The area has great cultural significance and great importance for wildlife throughout the Arctic.

But Pikialasorsuaq is changing. Pikialasorsuaq – like the rest of the Arctic – is affected by climate change.

Climate change affects nature and the behavior of animals.

This creates challenges that know no national borders. Inuit in both the Qaanaaq area and in Nunavut are feeling the changes. It is a common challenge to manage these changes.

It is therefore exciting that we are now entering into closer cooperation with Canada.

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With this Letter of Intent, we decide to establish a joint steering committee, which will form the framework for a close collaboration.

The steering committee must develop a common foundation for the management of the area.

We have decided to exhange our knowledge about Pikialasorsuaq. Among other things, we must use our Indigenous knowledge and local knowledge, which has been accumulated by generations.

I am looking forward to visiting the residents of Qaanaaq and talk to them about this collaboration.

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Finally, I would like to thank Canada, and acknowledge that we have now succeeded in formalizing closer cooperation for Pikialasorsuaq.

We have laid a good foundation for further cooperation between our countries.

I am also very happy about the collaboration we have with the Inuit Circumpolar Council.

ICC has contributed with important knowledge about Pikialasorsuaq. Many thanks for this.

Now, let's celebrate that we have completed those initial writings that were begun on a napkin.

Qujanaq/Thank you!