



November 26, 2008

Hon. Hans Enoksen  
Premier  
Government of Greenland  
3900 Nuuk Greenland

**Subject: Greenland's Path Towards Self-Government**

Dear Premier Enoksen,

I would like to pass on to you personally, and to all Greenlanders, my deepest congratulations on the remarkable and historic path you have chosen through yesterday's referendum. You have collectively expressed your desire to follow a path in which all Greenlanders will take more control of their own lives and map out their own future.

You have, through this referendum, said to Denmark, the European Union, and the whole world that Greenlanders are a people, that the Greenland language is now your official one, and that the pursuit of Inuit sovereignty, as we discussed at the recent Inuit Leaders' Summit in Kuujuaq earlier this month, is one that Inuit will determine themselves. You have also undertaken this in a peaceful and democratic manner, for which you should also be congratulated.

We in Canada see this event as a major step by a circumpolar region of people gaining significant control of its rights and livelihood which is now seen by other groups and Inuit throughout the circumpolar Arctic as hope and opportunity for their chance to gain better control of their own destinies. Your fight is our fight and although you may be a public government, it is made up primarily of Inuit to govern an area inhabited by Inuit for Inuit.

You have made all Inuit very proud.

Respectfully,

President