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**INUIT CIRCUMPOLAR CONFERENCE 1998
PROPOSAL FROM THE GREENLANDIC DELEGATION (29)**

**INUIT CIRCUMPOLAR CONFERENCE SUPPORTS RESEARCH PROJECT:
SURVEY OF LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE ARCTIC: INUIT, SAAMI,
AND THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF CHUKOTKA**

WHEREAS, the indigenous peoples of the Arctic share a number of economic, cultural, spiritual and technological conditions; and

WHEREAS, rapid social change characterises all indigenous peoples of the Arctic; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to document and compare the present state of living conditions and the development among the indigenous peoples of the Arctic; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for indicators on living conditions among indigenous peoples in the Arctic that more accurately reflect their resources, needs, and priorities; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that there be local participation in the research process to ensure

- The inclusion of indigenous principles and values; and
- That indigenous peoples and their representative bodies have knowledge of and a vested interest in participating in this study to the greatest extent possible;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ICC supports the research project being implemented by an international project team under the guidance of Statistics Greenland: *Survey of Living Conditions in The Arctic: Inuit, Saami, and The Indigenous Peoples of Chukotka*, which will address these issues in partnership and collaboration with local and regional organisations in each country where research is conducted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ICC works with RAIPON and the Saami Council to assist the project team to carry out the proposed research; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ICC works with the project team to:

1. Approach national and international agencies to acquire funds needed to carry out this important research project; and
2. Seek endorsement of the proposed research programme by Arctic Council ministers at their meeting in Canada in September 1998; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ICC ensures that the results of the research are used for the benefit of the indigenous peoples.