(DRAFT) POINTS OF AGREEMENT AMONG PARTICIPANTS AT THE NOVEMBER 4th AND 5th 2015 PROTECTING CARIBOU AND THEIR HABITAT WORKSHOP



- 1. Both Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and science provide useful information and guidance concerning caribou and caribou habitat protection issues.
- 2. It is necessary to include Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit information on maps addressing caribou and caribou habitat protection.
- 3. Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and science are essentially in agreement based upon reliable and persuasive evidence with respect to core caribou and caribou habitat protection issues, particularly regarding the vital importance of:
 - (a) Caribou calving areas;
 - (b) Caribou post-calving areas;
 - (c) Caribou water crossings; and
 - (d) Caribou access corridors.
- 4. Currently, there appears to be no reasonable legal or policy balance between "development" and "protection" in core caribou habitat.
- 5. Establishing protected areas is generally a more effective conservation action for the protection of core caribou habitat and vulnerable caribou populations than simply establishing protection measures.
- 6. Particularly considering the presently low caribou population numbers in Nunavut, the high economic, social and cultural value of caribou and caribou habitat to Inuit, and ongoing exploration and development activities throughout the territory, it is urgent that prompt and effective steps be taken by management authorities to ensure the protection of this irreplaceable natural resource.
- 7. The establishment under Nunavut's *Wildlife Act* of "*Special Management Areas*" and accompanying regulatory safeguards appears to be an effective and appropriate legal action for the protection of caribou and caribou habitat.

- 8. A caribou "*Zone of Influence*" is a useful concept to apply in considering overall caribou and caribou habitat protection.
- 9. Mobile caribou conservation measures deserve careful examination and consideration for example, within buffer zones in the vicinity of a protected area.
- 10. Caribou and caribou habitat protected areas and protection measures once decided upon must be clearly expressed and conveyed to all those affected.
- 11. To help ensure effective caribou and caribou habitat protection, adequate funding is required for communications, implementation, monitoring and enforcement.