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Standing Committee *Ajauqtiit* commends Elections Canada for producing public information in Inuktitut and Innuinaqtun

IQALUIT, Nunavut (October 31, 2000) - Members of the Standing Committee *Ajauqtiit* praised the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada for acting on a suggestion raised by the Standing Committee during its meetings with Elections Canada held earlier this year.

For the first time ever, information for Nunavummiut on how to get on the voters list for the upcoming federal election will be distributed by Canada Post throughout the territory in Inuktitut, Innuinaqtun, English and French.

"When we and representatives of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated met with the Chief Electoral Officer, we stressed the need for public information to be available in all of the languages of our territory," said Hunter Tootoo, MLA for Iqaluit Centre and Chair of the Standing Committee.

The final report of the Standing Committee on its review of elections in Nunavut was tabled in the Legislative Assembly last week. Among its recommendations is the suggestion that the Government of Nunavut, NTI, Elections Canada and other organizations that administer elections in Nunavut work towards the establishment of a central elections office. Copies of the report are available from the Legislative Library and on the website of the Legislative Assembly.

"Producing this information in Inuktitut will make a big difference to voters in the smaller communities," said David Iqaqrialu, MLA for Uqqummiut and Member of the Standing Committee.

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