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Nunavut Leadership Forum to Select New Minister

IQALUIT, Nunavut (January 22, 2009) - The Full Caucus of the Legislative Assembly today announced that the Nunavut Leadership Forum will convene at 11:00am on Monday, January 26, 2009, to select a new member of the Executive Council.

"In light of the need for another by-election in the constituency of Akulliq, Members agreed that it is important to act now and fill our final Cabinet seat," said James Arreak, Chairperson of the Nunavut Leadership Forum and MLA for Uqqummiut.

The proceedings of the Nunavut Leadership Forum will be open to the public to observe from the Visitors' Gallery. A formal motion to confirm the appointment of the new Minister will be made when the House reconvenes at 1:30pm on the afternoon of January 26, 2009, for its scheduled sitting.

Caucus announced on November 7, 2008, that the Cabinet will consist of eight members (Premier and seven Ministers). The *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Premier has the prerogative to assign Ministerial portfolios.

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