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Members of the Indigenous Advisory Committee:

Thank you for the advice you have provided to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) over the past year. I greatly appreciated your recommendations as they helped us to complete our work on the Indigenous Knowledge Policy Framework, as well as your efforts towards developing a collaboration agreement model for the Agency. I understand work is also progressing well on the principles-based document to guide the Assessment of Impacts on Indigenous Rights.

I understand that, as a Committee, you have had productive discussions of how this Committee and the Agency can work together on joint priorities in the coming year. With that, your contribution to the following three jointly identified priorities will be particularly relevant:

1. Indigenous Knowledge – Advice and input on tools to support practitioners dealing with Indigenous Knowledge (e.g., feedback on confidentiality templates and advice to the Agency on a co-development process for technical guidance).
2. Assessing Impacts on Rights – Advice to proponents with respect to key deliverables and expectations building on your current principles-based work.
3. Emerging Issues – Providing real-time feedback on key emerging issues. I know the Committee will have an important role to play in providing views on Agency training and milestone check-ins for the Circle of Experts on the Indigenous Cooperation Agreement Regulations, as well as review of other Agency policy documents, as needed.

The Agency is also supportive should you decide to continue to pursue joint work with the Technical Advisory Committee on shared interests.

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I look forward to receiving your collective advice in these challenging areas of policy development that are important to Committee members and will support the Agency's priority to build longer-term partnerships with Indigenous Peoples.

Sincerely,

Terence Hubbard