

RESOLUTION #2 - 90

**FEARO Review of the Proposed
Kiggavik Uranium Mine**

WHEREAS Keewatin Inuit have a fundamental right to be completely involved in the decision making process regarding the proposed Kiggavik uranium mine;

WHEREAS Urangesellschaft Canada Ltd.'s Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), comprised of 2 volumes, 14 supporting documents, and a summary report, was finally released in January 1990;

WHEREAS all of these documents have been prepared in English but only the 50-page summary report has been translated into Inuktitut;

WHEREAS this means that unilingual Inuit, who are extremely concerned about the possible impacts of the proposed project on their lives and on the environment they will leave for their descendents, will have to make their decision based on a very limited amount of information (for example, one paragraph and two maps about the possible impacts on caribou);

WHEREAS the EIS is not organized in the same manner as the FEARO panel's EIS Guidelines, which makes it very time consuming to thoroughly research the EIS in order to prepare a deficiency comment for presentation to the panel at the end of the 45-day EIS review period; and

WHEREAS the FEARO panel could decide to hold public hearings on the EIS as early as May of this year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1990 Annual General Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association insists that:

- the translation of the EIS summary report is completely inadequate;
- proceeding with the FEARO review under these conditions would violate the fundamental rights of Keewatin Inuit; and
- the entire EIS should be translated into Inuktitut, along with a comprehensive bilingual glossary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the KIA urges the FEARO panel to:

- terminate the current 45-day EIS review period;
- put the review on hold until such time as the proponent prepares an index which makes it clear where each information request listed in the EIS Guidelines is addressed in the EIS;
- delay the public hearings on the Kiggavik EIS until:
 - the two above conditions have been met;
 - the people of the region have had sufficient time to review the translated material;
 - no sooner than September 1990 under any conditions;
- announce any such decision as soon as possible in order to allow intervenors to budget their scarce resources accordingly.

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