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For Immediate Release: NEW CO-CHAIR, DIRECTOR AT GWICH'IN COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL

[YELLOWKNIFE, CANADA] Gwich'in Council International (GCI) is pleased to announce the appointments of Erin Linklater and Kibbe Tetlich, members of Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation, to GCI's Board of Directors. We thank Chief Dana Tizya-Tramm for his service to Gwich'in Council International as he steps down as Co-Chair and Ms. Linklater becomes the new Co-Chair.

Erin Linklater is passionate about the revitalization of Indigenous law and strengthening Indigenous governance, decision-making, and stewardship of lands and resources. She is articling and practicing Aboriginal law at Woodward and Company and based in Whitehorse, Yukon. Kibbe Tetlich is a journeyman-carpenter based in Old Crow, Yukon with extensive experience and commitment to on-the-land activities and stewarding the resources that continue to support the Gwich'in way of life. Both bring their willingness to serve the Gwich'in Nation and advance issues of sustainable development and environmental protection in the international arena.

"The Gwich'in Nation is a critical voice in matters affecting the Arctic and have generations worth of knowledge about their traditional territory that is valuable today," says Erin Linklater, Co-Chair, Gwich'in Council International.

Gwich'in Council International's membership consists of two representative bodies in Canada and one in the United States: Gwich'in Tribal Council; the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation; and the Council of Athabaskan Tribal Governments. GCI is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, composed of four members from Canada and four from Alaska. Canada and Alaska each appoint a co-chair from its members.

Gwich'in Council International represents 9,000 Gwich'in in the Northwest Territories (NWT), Yukon, and Alaska as a Permanent Participant in the Arctic Council, the only international organization where there is a seat for Indigenous peoples at the decision-making table alongside national governments. GCI supports Gwich'in by amplifying our voice on sustainable development and the environment at the international level to support resilient and healthy communities. Bios for all Board members can be found here: <https://gwichincouncil.com/board-directors>

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