



MEDIA ADVISORY

Inuit Delegation to the European Parliament

Monday, May 4, and Tuesday, May 5, 2009

European Parliament, Strasbourg

“The European Union is hurting us. They're hurting our hunters. They're hurting our communities.”

Inuit from Canada's Arctic voice opposition to EU Seal Product Ban

As the EU seeks to pass legislation banning seal product imports, Inuit throughout the Arctic are insulted by the EU's position that a proposed exemption will protect Inuit trade interests. We feel that such an exemption is a political ruse, patronizing to our people, and will do nothing to mitigate devastating impacts to our economy, which will result from a blanket import ban on all commercial trade. With Members of the European Parliament poised to vote in favour of strong trade restrictions on seal products, the following members of an Inuit delegation from Iqaluit, Nunavut will be in the European Parliament in Strasbourg on May 4th and 5th to express these concerns to MEP's:

Joshua Kango: Hunter and President of Amarak Hunters and Trappers Association

Natsiq Kango: Hunter, midwife, businesswoman and Inuit rights activist

Aaju Peter: Lawyer and Inuit rights activist

Meeka Mike: Hunter, outfitter and Project Director of *Tusaqtuut* for traditional Inuit knowledge.

There will be opportunities for all interested media.

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