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## Nunavut Inuit Seek the Extradition of Joannès Rivoire

*(September 6, 2022 – Iqaluit, Nunavut)* Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) President Aluki Kotierk and a delegation of Nunavut Inuit will travel to France, September 12-15, to seek the extradition of Father Joannès Rivoire.

"We urge President Macron, Prime Minister Borne and Justice Minister Dupont-Moretti to extradite Joannès Rivoire. For 22 of the past 26 years, Rivoire has been a fugitive wanted in Canada for prosecution. During this time, Rivoire has been under the care and protection of the Oblates in France to avoid negative publicity and to protect the reputation of Roman Catholics. The church and its priests are not above the law," says President Aluki Kotierk.

The delegation will travel to Paris and Lyon and includes Steve Mapsalak, a survivor of Rivoire's abuse, and Tanya and Jesse Tungilik, children of the late Marius Tungilik.

"Rivoire's horrific actions haunted my late father Marius. By his actions, Rivoire sentenced us to lifelong suffering. He must be extradited to Canada to face justice," said Tanya Tungilik.

There is an Extradition Treaty between Canada and France. Although France is reluctant to extradite French nationals to other countries for prosecution, the Canada-France Extradition Treaty does not prohibit Rivoire's extradition. The extradition is possible and can be swift.

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***A media briefing is scheduled for September 7, 2022 at 10:00 am Eastern. To participate in and receive information, please contact:***

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