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### STATEMENT ON ARNHAM LAND VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER TONY ABBOTT

**Monday, 23 June, 2014**

The Chairman of the Yothu Yindi Foundation and the Gumatj Corporation, Galarrwuy Yunupingu AM, today welcomed the announcement by Prime Minister Tony Abbott that he will spend a week in Arnhem Land in September.

“At the Garma Festival in 2013 I invited the Prime Minister to spend a week with the Yolngu community, on Yolngu land, and I am pleased that he has accepted my invitation,” Mr Yunupingu said.

“This is a significant commitment from Mr Abbott, and one that is very welcome. It will be the first visit of its kind by a sitting Prime Minister.

“The Prime Minister will have an opportunity to be a part of our community and to live and work side-by-side with Yolngu men and women.

“He will also have a number of opportunities to talk and engage with senior men and women who are landowners and who carry deep ceremonial and cultural authority.

“This is a chance to engage on a deeper level about the issues that continue to challenge all of us.”

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