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Judy Dubois Registry Office Canadian Human Rights Tribunal 240 Sparks Street, 6th Floor West Ottawa, ON K1A 1J4

Dear Registry and Tribunal:

Re: T3140/7008 – First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada et al. v. Attorney General of Canada

We write further to the Tribunal's correspondence dated April 24 and April 29, 2025, inviting the parties to make submissions in connection with the interested party status motions brought by:

- Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
- Our Children Our Way
- Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
- Taykwa Tagamou First Nation and Chippewas of Georgina Island
- Council of Yukon First Nations
- Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations
- Ugpi'ganijg (Eel River Bar) First Nation
- Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta
- Neqotkuk (Tobique) First Nation of the Wolastoqey Nation
- Mi'gmaq Child and Family Services of New Brunswick Inc.
- Treaty 7 First Nations Chiefs Association

The AFN takes no position with respect to these motions.

In doing so, however, the AFN reiterates its continued support for meaningful and good faith dialogue between Canada and the parties towards a negotiated resolution of the matters in issue in this proceeding. The AFN does not believe the Ontario accord can or should be used by Canada to hinder such discussions.

The AFN joins the Caring Society in urging Canada to engage with the parties in order to address the discrimination and injustice that underlies this proceeding.

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Yours truly,

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