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Registry Office Canadian Human Rights Tribunal 240 Sparks St., 6th Floor West Ottawa, ON K1A 1J4

Dear Madam Registrar:

Re: COO Reply to the Caring Society's Written Submissions dated April 19, 2024 and position on non-compliance motion and cross motion (First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada et al v. Attorney General – T#1340/7008)

I write on behalf of the Chiefs of Ontario, in response to the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada's ("the Caring Society") written submissions made on April 19, 2024.

The Chiefs of Ontario understand and appreciate the reasons why the Caring Society would bring a non-compliance motion. From the evidence gathered for this motion, we agree that there are an array of issues with Canada's implementation of Jordan's Principle causing delays and downward trends away from compliance with the timelines as set out in 2017 CHRT 35.

Having reviewed all materials and the Caring Society's written submissions, the Chiefs of Ontario respect the positions of the Caring Society and the Assembly of First Nations will not be making submissions, and don't take a position on the submissions of the other parties.

Yours truly, Olthuis, Kleer, Townshend LLP

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