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VIA EMAIL

Registry Office
Canadian Human Rights Tribunal
240 Sparks St., 6th Floor West
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Dear Registry Officer Dubois,

**RE: First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada et al v. Attorney General -
T#1340/7008; First Nations Leadership Council Response to Parties Positions on its Motion
for Interested Party Status**

Pursuant to the Panel's direction of June 12, 2024, this is the reply of the First Nations Leadership Council ("FNLC") to the responses of the Parties to the FNLC's motion for interested party status.

The FNLC acknowledges that the motion and cross-motion in which FNLC seeks to participate are well advanced and that the Parties wish to preserve the current schedule and hearing dates as much as possible. The FNLC does not wish to delay these proceedings and recognizes the FNLC's motion for interested party status may affect the Parties within the current schedule. FNLC and their counsel are prepared to make themselves available respecting any scheduled dates and any additional dates that may be required.

The FNLC confirms that it seeks to make written and oral submissions that will be limited to the issues before the Panel in the motion and the cross-motion. Canada has proposed that the FNLC be limited to written submissions of 15 pages. We respectfully submit that the FNLC should be permitted to provide written submissions of no more than 25 pages, consistent with what the Panel has granted to other interested parties in the past. This will allow FNLC to make a useful and distinct contribution to the proceedings. The FNLC does not seek to adduce any new evidence.

The Canadian Human Rights Commission has submitted that the Panel should not direct that the FNLC be permitted to participate in mediation or other dispute resolution procedures that may take place with respect to the Motions. The FNLC submits that the Panel should direct the nature and scope of the FNLC's participation in any dispute resolution processes at the time they may arise.

The FNLC does not seek standing in these proceedings beyond the current motion and cross-motion.

Yours truly,

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