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Canadian Human Rights Tribunal
240 Sparks Street, 6th floor West
Ottawa, ON K1A 1J4

Dear Registry Office,

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

Tribunal File: T1340/7008

I write on behalf of the Council of Yukon First Nations regarding *First Nations Child and Family Caring Society et al. v. Attorney General of Canada* (Tribunal File: T:1340/7008) (the “Proceedings”).


The Council of Yukon First Nations understands that the Tribunal has scheduled a Case Management Conference for Friday, March 21, 2025, at 3:00 PM EST. We respectfully request that this letter be provided to the Tribunal before that conference, through the CHRT Registry.

The Council of Yukon First Nations understands that, at the Case Management Conference on March 21, the Tribunal plans to set a schedule on the approval motion for the Ontario Final Agreement between Chiefs of Ontario, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, and Canada. We further understand that the Tribunal is presently considering a Motion for Interested Party Status filed by the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission (FNQLHSSC) and the Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL).

We write to inform the Tribunal that the Council of Yukon First Nations plans to file its own Notice of Motion for Interested Party Status, including with respect to the approval motion, to ensure that our unique perspectives are heard. We are in the process of retaining counsel to represent us and to prepare these motion materials. We respectfully ask for the Tribunal’s permission to submit the Council of Yukon First Nation’s intervention motion materials by April 21, 2025. This timeline will allow us to properly retain and instruct our legal counsel. However, we are prepared to work to file our materials earlier if required by the Tribunal as part of the approval motion timeline.

In addition, if permitted to intervene, we can commit to short timelines to ensure the approval motion be heard in a timely manner.

Sincerely,



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Grand Chief

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