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File No. T1340/7008

Canadian Human Rights Tribunal
Registry Operations
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Via Email

Attention: Judy Dubois, Registry Officer

RE: Reply of Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (T1340/7008)

Our File: AMC-00015

In accordance with the Panel's directions dated April 24, 2025, this is the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (the "AMC") reply with respect to the submissions of the parties in response to the joint aspect motion of the AMC's interested party status motion. The AMC has applied for interested party status generally in the within proceedings and not only in relation to the joint motion.

The Chiefs of Ontario, the Attorney General of Canada and Nishnawbi Aski Nation argue that there will be no impact to First Nations in Manitoba in relation to the joint motion for the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal to approve the provisions of the Ontario Final Agreement. The AMC agrees with Indigenous Child & Family Services Directors Our Children Our Way Society, that the outcome of the joint motion is likely to have precedential value outside of Ontario. In relation to the joint motion, the AMC seeks interested party status to ensure that the results of the joint motion do not impact the distinct interests of First Nations in Manitoba.

While the Assembly of First Nations provides a perspective nationally on common issues affecting all First Nations, the Assembly of First Nations is not able to provide input on the varying regional perspectives of First Nations. This is evident in the fact that the Chiefs of Ontario are an interested party, despite First Nations in Ontario having representation at the Assembly of First Nations. It is therefore appropriate for the AMC to be provided with a voice in these proceedings. It is necessary to share the regional perspective of First Nations in Manitoba.

Sincerely,

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