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Via Email: judy.dubois@tribunal.gc.ca

Ms. Judy Dubois
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240 Sparks Street, 6th Floor West
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Dear Ms. Dubois,

Re: FNCFCSC et al. v. Attorney General of Canada (Tribunal File T1340/7008)

I write this letter in response to the Panel's request of July 26, 2021 for an update on the status of long-term reform discussions. I would ask that you bring this letter to the attention of the Panel.

We have reviewed the correspondence from the Attorney General of Canada (Canada) dated today and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is in general agreement with the representations made therein. The AFN is pleased to advise that since July 9, 2021, the AFN, Canada, the Caring Society have continued our confidential discussions on long-term reform of the First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Program and Jordan's Principle.

The AFN can advise that we have made progress on moving forward with the Phase 3 study proposed for the reform of the FNCFS Program by the Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy (IFSD). Canada has committed to provide funding to the AFN for the completion of that study. Regarding Jordan's Principle implementation, the AFN continues to work with Canada on immediate remedial actions to improve compliance with the Panels orders.

The AFN is available should the Panel require any further clarification on our responses.

Sincerely,

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