

March 17, 2017

BY EMAIL

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11th Floor, 160 Elgin Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 1J4

Dear Mr. Adzic:

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

We write in response to your letter dated March 15, 2017 requesting brief submissions regarding access by the public to documents that have been filed since the Tribunal's January 26, 2016 decision.

The Caring Society remains deeply committed to the public nature of this proceeding, including public access to documents filed in the context of this proceeding, with the exception of redactions made to protect the identities of children and to withhold personal information, such as phone numbers, personal addresses, etc. The Caring Society has made an effort to redact such information from the material it has filed with the Tribunal to this point.

The Caring Society confirms its understanding that, for the purposes of this complaint, including all future steps in this case, unless a specific request is made to the contrary, a document becomes publicly accessible once it is filed or accepted by the Panel (subject to any confidentiality order that the Tribunal may grant). The Caring Society is of the view that the onus remains on the party seeking that a document remain confidential to raise that matter at the earliest possible time.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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