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Dear Parties:

**Re: Tribunal – First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada
et al v. Attorney General of Canada (representing the Minister of Indian
and Northern Affairs)
Our File: T1340/7008**

At the hearing in the above referenced complaint held on **Monday, September 14, 2009**,
the Tribunal issued the following order:

1. INTERESTED PARTIES

Both the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) and Amnesty International (AI) are granted Interested
Party status in the hearing of the above complaint.

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2. DISCLOSURE:

- (i) COO is to provide the other parties with the names of its fact witnesses together with will-say statements, by **September 18, 2009** and the names of its expert witnesses and brief will-say statements, by **September 25, 2009**.

COO will provide its Statement of Particulars and documentary disclosure by **October 7, 2009** and its expert(s) reports by **October 30, 2009**.

In terms of its participation in the hearing, COO may examine its own witnesses, cross-examine respondent's witnesses after cross-examination by the Commission and the complainants, and make final submissions. COO may not present any evidence, cross-examine or final submissions that duplicates or overlaps with that of the Commission or the complainants.

- (ii) AI's participation in the hearing is limited to final legal submissions, written and/or oral to be presented at the conclusion of the evidence and after the legal submissions of the other parties. AI will provide the other parties with an **outline** of its final submissions plus a **compilation** of all of the international sources that it will reference in its final submissions by **October 30, 2009**.

AI will also provide the other parties with its full, written legal submissions at the close of the evidence.

- (iii) The Commission will provide further particulars as requested in the respondent's August 17, 2009 letter and any supplementary disclosure by **September 21, 2009**.

The Commission will file its amended Statement of Particulars by **September 28, 2009** and all of its expert reports by **October 14, 2009** except the report of Professor Loxley which is to be filed by **October 30, 2009**.

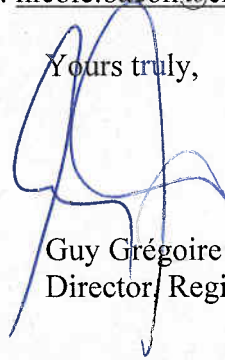
- (iv) The respondent will provide its amended Statements of Particulars by **October 23, 2009**.

3. FURTHER HEARING DATES:

The parties estimated that a total of thirteen (13) weeks will be required to complete the hearing of the complaint. The scheduled dates of October 13-16, 2009 and November 9-10, 2009 have been cancelled. The hearing is to resume on November 16-20, 2009 and continue on January 18-22, 2010; January 25-29, 2010; February 8-12, 2010; and February 15 to 19, 2010. The Tribunal will advise the parties of additional dates.

If Nicole Bacon, Registry Officer, can be of any assistance prior to the hearing, please do not hesitate to contact her at (613) 947-1161, or by e-mail at: nicole.bacon@chrt-tcdp.gc.ca.

Yours truly,



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