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Dear AFN Executive Committee Members:

RE: Request for meeting between representatives of the NCCC and AFN Executive Committee

I write in my capacity as interim chair of the National Children's Chiefs Commission ("NCCC") to advise you that the NCCC has now had the opportunity to meet internally to begin our work in relation to the negotiation of final settlement agreement(s) on the long-term reform of First Nation child and family services as well as Jordan's Principle (the "Negotiations").

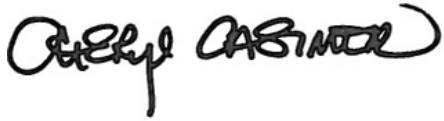
In undertaking our work, we have carefully reviewed the relevant AFN Resolutions, including Resolutions 60/2024, 61/2024, 88/2024, 89/2024 and 90/2024, which express the will of the First Nations-in-Assembly and direct the NCCC and the AFN Executive Committee to work collaboratively on a number of matters. In this regard, I wish to emphasize that the NCCC is committed to working collaboratively with the AFN Executive Committee for the physical, spiritual, emotional, and cognitive well-being of our First Nations children and families.

On behalf of the NCCC, I respectfully request that we convene a meeting between representatives of the NCCC and the AFN Executive as soon as reasonably practicable. During our meeting, the NCC would like raise the following matters for discussion: (i) the parameters of our collaborative working relationship; (ii) the steps required to align the legal positions AFN is taking in the CHRT hearing and Tribunal-assisted mediations (*First Nations Child and Family Caring Society et al v. Attorney General of Canada*, T1340/7008) with the Negotiations; (iii) AFN including NCCC expenses in AFN billings pursuant to the Consultation Protocol entered into by order of the CHRT (2018 CHRT 4); and (iv) AFN Executive authorizing the use of the AFN's unrestricted reserve fund to support the NCCC's work.

The NCCC very much looks forward to working with the AFN Executive Committee on this important initiative. Please have your staff contact Tracy Lavin at Tracy.Lavin@ourchildrenourway.ca to coordinate our meeting.

Respectfully,

The National Children's Chiefs Commission, *per*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Casimer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Nasukin Cheryl Casimer, Interim Chair

c: National Children's Chiefs Commission

Scott A. Smith and Liam Smith, legal counsel to the NCCC