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## Via Email

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Dear Sirs,

### **Re: Long-Term Reform of the First Nations Child and Family Services Program**

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We write to advise that we have received correspondence from interim counsel for the NCCC, Scott Smith. His letter dated January 22, 2025 is attached. The letter contains several statements which in our view are somewhat ambiguous. As current counsel of record for the AFN in these CHRT proceedings, we request that the AFN clarify the AFN's current representation in the CHRT proceedings and any associated discussions regarding long term reform of the CFS program.

In particular, the letter indicates that the NCCC is the new interface through which Canada will deal with AFN in relation to all matters concerning the LTR Agreements. It further states that the NCCC has been mandated to undertake this work on behalf the First Nations-in-Assembly in collaboration with the AFN. It is unclear however whether Mr. Smith acts directly for the AFN and whether he is to replace you as counsel in the CHRT proceedings. We would appreciate your confirmation as to these matters.

Sincerely,

For: Paul Vickery  
Legal Agent and Counsel

cc. Scott Smith, Counsel for the National Children's Chiefs Commission