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Via Email

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Stuart Wuttke and Adam Williamson
Assembly of First Nations
200 – 50 O'Connor Street
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Dear Counsel,

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

I would like to inform you of Canada's next steps with respect to the long-term reform of the First Nations Child and Family Services Program. The Chiefs of Ontario and Nishnawbe Aski Nation, whose First Nations approved the Final Agreement at their respective assemblies, have asked Canada to negotiate an agreement specific to Ontario based on the Final Agreement's terms. Canada, the Chiefs of Ontario and Nishnawbe Aski Nation will begin those negotiations shortly.

At this time, Canada's mandate does not permit further negotiations on reform of the First Nations Child and Family Services Program on a national basis. Canada is not currently in a position to engage in any negotiations beyond those with COO and NAN.

Sincerely,

Paul Vickery
Legal Agent and Counsel

cc: Maggie Wente, Jessie Sterling and Ashley Ash – *counsel for the Chiefs of Ontario*
Julian Falconer, Meaghan Daniels and Shelby Percival – *counsel for Nishnawbe Aski Nation*

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