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Dear First Nations Leadership Council Members:

I am pleased to formally advise you that the Province has endorsed the following documents under the Commitment Document:

- Shared Vision, Guiding Principles, Goals and Objectives (“Vision”), and
- Concrete Actions: Transforming Laws, Policies, Processes and Structures (“Concrete Actions”)

I want to acknowledge the significant effort on the part of the First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC) and your technical team to finalize this important work. I also appreciate your patience while the Province went through our review and endorsement process.

I understand that my Deputy Minister, Doug Caul, has been in touch with FNLC technical staff to set a Joint Core Working Group (JCWG) meeting for the near future. I look forward to the progress we will make together. As I informed you previously,

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Tony Penikett will join the provincial team on the JCWG. I am also pleased to inform you that we have added Rick Manwaring, Associate Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, to the provincial representation that already includes:

- Allison Bond, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Children and Family Development
- Doug Caul, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR)
- Jessica Wood, Assistant Deputy Minister, MIRR

I am very pleased to have the work proceed now on the Concrete Actions. In the spirit of solidifying the foundation for the work ahead of us, I suggest the immediate priority is to collaboratively develop legislation to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. I have asked Doug to follow up this suggestion with you at the next JCWG.

Sincerely,



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