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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please accept this letter as an indication of the Assembly of First Nations' (AFN) interest in collaborating on the proposed project entitled *Acting on Climate Change: Indigenous Innovations*. The proposal is consistent with AFN Resolution #38/2015, *Canada's Obligation to Develop with Indigenous Peoples a National Action Plan for Implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

First Nations across Canada have been undertaking action on climate change, both in furtherance of mitigation initiatives and in terms of adapting to the impacts of climate change, for the past 15 years. Our collaboration on this project will be founded in the projects and initiatives which First Nations have already started or completed, as evidence in our report entitled *Literature Review of First Nations programs and initiatives*.

In addition, the AFN intends to rely on regional information gathered as part of a bi-national (Canada/United States) project on impacts and adaptation to climate change among Maine tribes and New Brunswick First Nations. This project explored the importance of both culture and public policy on assessment of climate change impacts, as well as on adaptive measures implemented by both tribes and First Nations.

Finally, the AFN intends to contribute conclusions from ongoing research, undertaken in collaboration with the University of Ottawa and Université de Montréal. The First Nations Food, Nutrition and Environment Study, while mainly focused on First Nations diets and chemical contamination, has produced significant and novel data on the impacts of climate change on First Nations diets, particularly as related to traditional foods.

In closing, the AFN notes that the kind of collaboration evidenced by the Sustainable Canada Dialogues and continued through this project proposal is exactly the kind of

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initiative required to address climate policy in Canada: founded in dialogue, collaboration, justice and information-sharing.

Sincerely,



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