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Excellency,

I would like to refer to your communication received on 13 May 2019 containing information regarding the Site C dam in Canada, in response to the Committee's letter of 14 December 2018 adopted under its early warning and urgent action procedure, in accordance with article 9 (1) of the Convention and article 65 of its Rules of Procedure.

After reviewing the information provided, the Committee remains concerned about the reported lack of measures taken to fully and adequately guarantee the right to consultation and free, prior and informed consent with regard to the Site C dam. The Committee also remains highly concerned about the irreparable harm that such project may cause to indigenous peoples and their rights over traditional lands.

Accordingly, the Committee requests the State party to provide additional information regarding the steps taken to suspend the Site C dam until free, prior and informed consent is obtained following the full and adequate discharge of the duty to consult.

In accordance with Article 9 (1) of the Convention and article 65 of its Rules of Procedures, the Committee requests the State party to submit its response by **18 November 2019**.

Allow me, Excellency, to reiterate the wish of the Committee to continue to engage in a constructive dialogue with the Government of Canada, with a view to ensuring the effective implementation of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nouredine Amir".

Nouredine Amir
Chair

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