Note No.: YTGR-297

Reference: Joint letter of the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order and the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation

The Permanent Mission of Canada to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to refer to the joint letter of the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order and the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, dated 14 May 2013, requesting Canada’s observations on alleged restrictions on the right to equitable participation of indigenous peoples in decision making.

The Permanent Mission of Canada to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva would refer to its previous Diplomatic Note YTGR-292 of 15 July 2013 and would request a further extension until August 1st for submitting Canada’s response to the joint letter, which is in the final stage of approval.

The Permanent Mission of Canada to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.