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Re: Energy discussions at the upcoming Group of Seven (G7) Leaders' Summit

Excellency,

As Indigenous Organizations advancing responsible energy development in Canada, we look forward to hosting you and other Group of Seven (G7) leaders in Kananaskis, Alberta, located on Treaty 7 territory, next month. Our Peoples have lived on and stewarded these lands for millennia, and our commitment to the people and the land continues, even as we engage the world on energy issues.

Over the past three years, the world has learned a few important lessons that should inform how discussions at the coming G7 Leaders Summit are approached. The first is that energy is global: Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022 prompted shifts in energy flows that impacted every part of the world, in terms of both affordability and access. The second is that environmental issues are global: Rising emissions from countries in the global south using high emission fuels, including coal, to raise standards of living and grow their economies, affect the whole world. Third, having sufficient quantities of affordable and reliable energy is a priority issue that must be solved to protect the environment.

While we see a role for all forms of energy, we see liquefied natural gas (LNG) as an important part of addressing all three issues. LNG offers a lower emission, high reliability alternative to coal and other high emitting fuels. It can also be affordably imported and converted into hydrogen or ammonia to reduce the carbon intensity of heat and electricity. LNG from Canada has some of the lowest emissions in the world.

Canadian energy is Indigenous energy. Today, Indigenous Peoples – Nations, workers, and business owners – are involved in all aspects of energy in Canada. Whether hydro and nuclear, oil, natural gas and propane, wind and solar, electricity transmission and pipelines, Indigenous Peoples are working with partners in industry to advance energy and economic security at home and abroad. We would highlight that Canada's first LNG project, LNG Canada, will ship its first cargo this summer, but progressing quickly are Haisla Nation's Cedar LNG project, Woodfibre LNG with the support of Squamish Nation and the Nisga'a Nation's Ksi Lisims LNG.

We see these projects as critical to supporting you and our other international allies, with energy security, economic growth and emissions reduction. Moreover, for Indigenous Nations in Canada, these projects represent training, jobs, revenues for programs to care for our youth and elders, preservation of our languages and our own economic and environmental security.

We have conveyed to the Canadian government what we believe should be priorities at the G7 Leaders Summit based on our dialogue with leaders of various nations:

1. To have a clear and positive message about the global energy security and emissions reduction role of LNG at the G7 Leaders Summit and in the communique to follow.



2. To reverse current G7 policies that restrict access to financing by energy customers for key infrastructure associated with conventional energy, including: thermal power plants, LNG intake facilities, pipelines, etc.

We hope that Germany can also support these two proposals to support a cleaner, more prosperous and secure world.

Indigenous Peoples in Canada understand and experience energy insecurity in many of our communities. We know it is a fundamental priority for all countries to ensure their people have the energy they need. We are now at the table in Canada, helping to develop resource projects in a good way. We want to partner with Germany and other countries around the world to ensure access to low-emission, secure energy. Finally, we believe that delivering on LNG is the first step on a road that includes hydrogen/ammonia, nuclear power technology and other innovations. We, as Indigenous Peoples in Canada, are ready to deliver now and into the future.

Chancellor Merz, we thank you for your attention to this letter and wish you and your team success in the coming G7 discussions.

Sincerely,

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