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The AFNQL Declares its Support to the Six Political Prisoners, Members of the KI Band

Wendake, April 15 2008 – The Assembly of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador (AFNQL) denounces the imprisonment of six members of the Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) First Nation, in Ontario. These members have been sentenced to six months of incarceration, on March 17th. These political prisoners have been pushed by the governments of Canada and Ontario to stand up for their rights in regards to a mining exploration project, for which no consultation was held.

« It is not the first time that such a dispute occurred in one of our communities. We only have to go back a few years, when two Quebec Chiefs were also arrested for the simple fact of trying to have their ancestral rights respected, on issues which affected natural resources. Where is it going to end? This intolerable situation requires an immediate action so that the six persons of KI are released, and this, in the best possible delays, and a real negotiation in good faith must begin between the concerned parties. It is high time that the federal government does its homework, takes its responsibilities, and respects its obligations to consult », states the Chief of the AFNQL, Mr. Ghislain Picard.

The Assembly of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador is the regional organization which regroups the Chiefs of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador.

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