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**Ghislain Picard to be in France for the opening of the  
First Nations' garden**

*Quebec City, Wednesday, June 10, 2010* – Ghislain Picard, Chief of the Assembly of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador, is travelling to Metz, France today to participate in the opening of the garden “*OHTEHRA Voyagez en Territoire Amérindien !*”. The project, developed in partnership with the Jardins Fruitières de Laquenexy and the team of the First Nations garden of the Montréal Botanical Garden, will allow visitors to discover the rich culture of the First Nations of Quebec. “This is the first time that a garden is honouring the First Nations outside of North America, and I am very proud to take part in this event,” said Chief Picard.

The Chief of the AFNQL will be welcomed upon his arrival in Metz by Bernard Hertzog, Vice President of the General Council of the Moselle, and will then meet the initiator of this unique project, Philippe Leroy, President and Senator of the General Council of the Moselle. He will also meet with Pénélope Fillon, wife of French Prime Minister François Fillon, with whom he will meet with journalists at a press conference before the inauguration of the garden OHTEHRA, Voyagez en Territoire Amérindien ! On June 12, in Paris, Chief Picard will meet representatives of Amnesty International France and the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs.

In all, Ghislain Picard will spend three days in France, namely in Metz and Paris, where he will be available for interviews.

**About the AFNQL:**

The AFNQL is a regional organization that brings together the 43 Chiefs of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador. More information may be found on its Web site at: [www.apnql-afnql.com](http://www.apnql-afnql.com)

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