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Aamjiwnaang First Nation is part of the Anishinabek Nation, and Three Fires Confederacy. Our Nation represents more than 2400 members who are governed by our own constitution, Chi'Naaknigewin.

Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council, supported by its membership, affirm our collective solidarity with our Mi'kmaq brothers and sisters in asserting their Indigenous Sovereignty. We also support the brave individuals fighting to assert their Treaty Rights and earn a moderate livelihood from fishing. Aamjiwnaang condemns the actions of local fisherman in blatant acts of racism through intimidation and violence against the Mi'kmaw people.

The Supreme Court of Canada has stressed time and again that a fundamental purpose of the recognition of Aboriginal title within the Canadian legal system is reconciliation. True reconciliation requires the Canadian legal system to not only recognize and affirm Indigenous nations as rule-governed legal orders but to step in when these orders are challenged and threatened by Canadian citizens in an unlawful manner.

We call on the Governments of Canada and Nova Scotia to immediately assist the Mi'kmaw people in asserting their Treaty Rights and to seek a peaceful resolution to the current crisis.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Plain', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chief Chris Plain

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