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DATE: June 16, 2010
TO: Chiefs & Councils, Grand Chiefs, PTO's and Tribal Councils
FROM: Angus Toulouse, Ontario Regional Chief
RE: **BULLETIN – HARMONIZED SALES TAX**

First Nation representatives met with federal and provincial government officials yesterday in Ottawa in an ongoing effort to ensure the First Nations point of sale exemption continues following the implementation of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST).

Following weekend meetings between federal and provincial officials, it is clear that there has been significant and positive progress, however, several details still need to be worked out. Discussion will continue over the next two days on a way forward that is consistent with the Memorandum of Agreement entered into by First Nations and the Ontario Government on May 3, 2010.

An announcement is anticipated on Friday June 18th or earlier if possible on the outcome of the discussions.