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Iroquois Caucus signs Trade and Commerce Protocol Agreement

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(Kahnawake – 24 Onerahtókha/April 2025) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) is pleased to announce the signing of a Nation-to-Nation Trade and Commerce Protocol Agreement during the Iroquois Caucus General Assembly, held on April 23–24, 2025, in Akwesasne Mohawk Territory.

The agreement was signed by representatives from all six participating Iroquois Caucus communities: the Six Nations Council, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, the Mohawk Council of Kanehsatà:ke, the Mohawk Council of Tyendinaga, the Oneida Council, and the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke. Together, they represent over 75,000 people and include three of the most populous Haudenosaunee territories in Canada.

Grounded in the inherent right of Haudenosaunee people to freely cross the Canada–U.S. border and maintain trade and cultural ties across their Territories, the agreement seeks to revitalize traditional trade relationships and promote cooperation based on shared values of peace, power, and a good mind.

As part of the agreement, the Iroquois Caucus Trade Alliance is established to guide joint economic development. Composed of representatives from each signatory governing body, the mandate of the Alliance includes identifying trade opportunities, developing infrastructure and logistics, supporting business partnerships, and facilitating fair and sustainable economic growth.

The agreement also emphasizes community development and mutual support in areas such as education, health, language, governance, and environmental stewardship. It includes clear processes for future amendments, the inclusion of additional Nations, and withdrawal procedures. The Caucus has also committed to exploring broader trade opportunities—both within Indigenous territories and internationally—to advance Indigenous economic sovereignty and prosperity.

The Trade and Commerce Protocol Agreement will be available for viewing tomorrow at www.kahnawake.com.

The Iroquois Caucus typically holds a General Assembly once per quarter. For more information, please contact Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaiehs Cody Diabo at 450-632-7500.