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Métis Nation–Saskatchewan government welcomes regular conversations with Canada while reiterating the need for progress on self-government legislation

June 1, 2023 – Ottawa, ON – Today, leadership from the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) government participated in the next phase of the Permanent Bilateral Mechanism with the Prime Minister and Cabinet in Ottawa. MN-S was pleased to reconvene with the federal government to discuss important topics, including the ongoing wildfire situation affecting many Métis communities, but also to continue to re-iterate the need for Canada to make continued progress on self-government legislation for the MN-S.

Today's discussions addressed many important priority areas for the Métis nation such as education, language, health, economic development, and a benefits-sharing framework. As wildfires continue to force the evacuation of many Métis communities across the Homeland, emergency preparedness was added to the agenda. It was determined a collaborative, nation-to-nation approach would be developed to ensure emergency response is coordinated and supported in a timely and effective manner for all Métis citizens.

MN–S President Glen McCallum said, "In the past six years, our priority as a Métis government in Saskatchewan has always been to strengthen our Métis families and communities through the preservation and revitalization of our identity, culture, values, and language in which distinction-based focus and planning of programs and services is crucial. The sense around the table today was that of a unified front to achieve outcomes for Métis across the Homeland. As our Métis Self-Government Recognition Agreement is moving through the legislative process, we focused on the need for adequate and sustainable funding to support the responsibilities that will accompany the self-government and self-determination of Métis citizens in Saskatchewan."

Recognizing the achievements of the partnership comes with the realization that there is still much more to be done. Leaving the meeting today, the Government of Canada, the MN–S, MNC and Governing Members have committed not only to meet regularly, including once a year with the Prime Minister, but to monitor



progress on identified priorities and ensure we remain on track and well-positioned for success.

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About Métis Nation–Saskatchewan:

Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) is built on a foundation of Métis identity, culture, values and language. Empowered by the Métis within Saskatchewan, MN–S works to advance Métis rights and strengthen capacity. MN–S represents the political, socioeconomic, cultural and educational interests of the Métis in the province through an elected representative system at local, regional and provincial levels. Social Media Links: [@MNSask](#), [@metisnationsask](#)

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