[TRANSLATION]

INQUIRY COMMITTEE OF THE CANADIAN JUDICIAL COUNCIL REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THE HONOURABLE MICHEL GIROUARD

DECISION OF CHIEF JUSTICE DRAPEAU IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR RECUSAL BASED ON NON-INSTITUTIONAL GROUNDS

Considering the applicable criteria (see *Wewaykum Indian Band* v. *Canada*, [2003] 2 SCR 259), of the contents and object of the report issued by the Review Panel in respect of the <u>first</u> inquiry, of the presumption of impartiality and the oath of office I have sworn, and considering the representations of Mr Tremblay and Mr Gravel, I am of the view that the Request for my recusal, based on non-institutional grounds, is without merit in the context of the <u>current</u> inquiry. It is my duty to continue to serve as a member of the Inquiry Committee.

For the above reasons, the Request seeking my recusal on non-institutional grounds is REJECTED.

Signed this 31 January 2017

[signed]

The Honourable J. Ernest Drapeau