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Mohawk Nation at Kahnawà:ke responds to 60 Minutes segment

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The Mohawk Nation at Kahnawà:ke offer greetings and thanksgiving. On November 30th, the well known news journal *60 Minutes* aired an investigative report on a cheating scandal involving two online gaming websites that are now owned by a local community member and licensed by the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission.

During this segment, Grand Chief Mike Delisle of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke was quoted as saying, "*We are not Canadians. We are members of the Haudenosaunee Five Nation Confederacy.*"

At this time, the Mohawk Nation at Kahnawà:ke feels it necessary to address the serious implications made through Mr. Delisle's statement, as we are concerned that viewers of this segment may be now misinformed as to the position of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy on this issue.

As a political institution, the term Haudenosaunee is synonymous with a historic confederation of Indigenous nations that was formed more than 1000 years ago. Through the perseverance of its constitutional government and its historic international relationships made with other nations, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy has the only legitimate and inherent claim to sovereignty.

Oppositely, the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke remains an extension of the Indian Act of Canada, which has no political relationship with the Haudenosaunee Confederacy nor any claim to its sovereign status.

Therefore as the custodians of Haudenosaunee policy and sovereignty within the territory of Kahnawà:ke, the Mohawk Nation at Kahnawà:ke would like to affirm that it has never sanctioned the creation of the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission or Mohawk Internet Technologies. Nor has it lent its support to any license holders of the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission.

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In peace and friendship,

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