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Dear Mr. Goodwin:

RE: Canadian Autonomy

I have reviewed your letter of May 14, 2004 setting out your views regarding the process leading to Canadian autonomy guaranteed by Article XIV, Section 1 of the Constitution.

In response I can tell you that the Canadian Locals view this article as having created significant rights for our members.

Since the adoption of Article XIV, Section 1, into the International Constitution, all members of our Canadian Locals understood that their ability to establish their own autonomous national union was an option that they could exercise if circumstances warranted it. Further, those rights would be exercised on the basis of democratic and majoritarian principles.

The Canadian Locals therefore intend to pursue the option of Canadian autonomy and will be taking the necessary steps to ascertain the wishes of our members.

In Solidarity,

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