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RCMP Conduct must be included in the National Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls

Coast Salish Territory/Vancouver – Leaders of the First Nations Summit are calling on the Commissioners of the National Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) to commit to including RCMP conduct within the parameters of the Inquiry.

“Given the magnitude of internal sexual misconduct within the ranks of the RCMP, it is absolutely essential that that the conduct of the RCMP also be included in the lens of the National Inquiry into MMIWG”, stated Cheryl Casimer of the First Nations Summit Political Executive.

“The apology by senior RCMP officials as well as the compensation package to address the large number of victims that came forward to participate in two class action lawsuits clearly show the deep and serious nature of these shocking offenses within the RCMP. It is incumbent for the National Inquiry into MMIWG to examine whether or not this misconduct also filtered outside of the RCMP ranks or had any influence whatsoever on RCMP investigations into any cases involving missing and murdered indigenous women or girls”, added Ms. Casimer.

The First Nations Summit has a longstanding record of calling for investigations as well as the inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous women and girls and is of the belief that no stone should remain unturned when looking to address the systemic failures of the law enforcement and justice system toward Indigenous people in Canada.

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The First Nations Summit speaks on behalf of First Nations involved in treaty negotiations in British Columbia. The Summit is also a NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Further background information on the Summit may be found at www.fns.bc.ca.

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