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### **First Nation Summit congratulates Tla'amin First Nation**

Coast Salish Territory/ Vancouver, BC – The First Nations Summit congratulates the Tla'amin First Nation leaders, negotiators and members on the signing of their modern day treaty agreement with Canada and British Columbia.

“Following twenty years of hard fought negotiations, the Tla'amin people should be commended for their hard work and determination to reach a final agreement that is appropriate for, and supported by, their people”, said Robert Phillips, a member of the First Nations Summit political executive. “Today marks the start of a new path forward for the Tla'amin as they move forward as a self-governing nation.”

“The signing of this Treaty marks a very significant day for the Tla'amin leaders, elders and citizens. It is a clear signal to all other First Nations sitting at negotiating tables that success is possible in their efforts to maintain their determination to carve out their own path and arrive at agreements that will meet their nations’ needs and desires as the Tla'amin have had the opportunity to do. We encourage the federal and provincial governments to continue to work with other First Nations to find just, equitable and unique treaties,” added Phillips.

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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](http://www.fns.bc.ca).*

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