



MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING Regarding STOPPING VIOLENCE Against ABORIGINAL WOMEN and GIRLS

Between:

THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
(Represented by the Premier of British Columbia and
the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, on behalf of all ministries)

**THE FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT, the UNION OF BC INDIAN CHIEFS, and the
BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS, in collaboration as the FIRST NATIONS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA
(Represented by the President)

The Parties recognize that Aboriginal women and girls suffer disproportionately high levels of violence and that research indicates that the root causes can be linked back to years of colonial policies and practices that sought to exclude Aboriginal people economically and socially, and attempted to destroy their cultures.

The Parties recognize that the legacy of these policies and practices has contributed to social problems that continue to exist in many communities today and may include the expression of trans-generational violent behaviour (e.g. lateral violence), believed to not normally be found in pre-colonial Aboriginal communities; and additionally, that these colonial policies and practices have contributed to racist and sexist beliefs towards Aboriginal people, and females in particular, which are seen manifested as lateral, stranger and societal violence.

By undertaking this MOU, the Parties are seeking to ensure that indigenous women and children enjoy the full protection and guarantees enjoyed by all citizens, against all forms of violence and discrimination and recognize that particular attention should be paid to the rights and special needs of indigenous elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities.

The Parties acknowledge that the *New Relationship Statement of Vision*, the *Transformative Change Accord* and the *Métis Nation Relationship Accord* are all based on shared commitments to reconcile the historical Aboriginal-Crown relationship in British Columbia which has given rise to the present socio-economic disparity between Aboriginal peoples and other British Columbians.

The First Nations Leadership, Métis Nation British Columbia Leadership, and the Provincial Government (The Parties) acknowledge that the Province is developing a coordinated framework to address violence against women and girls and that, while various actions are being undertaken to address the problem, the levels of violence against Aboriginal women and girls remain unacceptable; as such, Parties agree that a focused, collaborative, coordinated approach needs to be taken by all parties to address the disproportionate levels of all types of violence experienced by Aboriginal women and girls:

1. The Parties agree to work together, or through their delegates to identify shared priorities, core relationship and implementation principles, intended outcomes, actions required to achieve the outcomes, targets, indicators of success and accountabilities.
2. The Parties agree that success is a shared responsibility with shared accountabilities and to report on the collective progress in stopping violence against Aboriginal women and girls.
3. The Parties, or their delegates, agree to meet annually or more frequently as required to ensure the agreed upon work is proceeding, that the reporting is on track and to make additions or amendments to the priorities as the work evolves.

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