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July 9, 10, 11, 2024, Montreal, QC

Resolution no. 18/2024

TITLE: Call for Acceleration of MMIWG2S+ National Action Plan and Calls for Justice Implementation

SUBJECT: MMIWG2S+

MOVED BY: Chief Roderick Gould Jr., Abegweit First Nation, PEI

SECONDED BY: Chief Joanne Miles, Flat Bay Mi'kmaq Band, NL

DECISION Carried; 6 Abstentions

WHEREAS:

- A. The *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UN Declaration) states:
- i. Article 2: Indigenous peoples and individuals are free and equal to all other peoples and individuals and have the right to be free from any kind of discrimination, in the exercise of their rights, in particular that based on their indigenous origin or identity.
 - ii. Article 3: Indigenous peoples have the right to self-determination. By virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.
 - iii. Article 7(1): Indigenous individuals have the rights to life, physical and mental integrity, liberty and security of person.
 - iv. Article 22(2): States shall take measures, in conjunction with indigenous peoples, to ensure that indigenous women and children enjoy the full protection and guarantees against all forms of violence and discrimination.
- B. On September 1, 2016, the Government of Canada launched the independent National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (National Inquiry).
- C. On June 3, 2019, the National Inquiry released its Final Report entitled *Reclaiming Power and Place*, which explores the many intersectional issues that contribute to the national tragedy of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ peoples.

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- D. In response to the National Inquiry's 2019 Final Report and Call for Justice 1.1, a core working group made up of representatives from the federal government, provincial/territorial governments, distinctions-based National Indigenous Organizations, the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community, and urban Indigenous Peoples released the *2021 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People National Action Plan* (MMIWG2S+ NAP).
- E. On June 3, 2021, the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) released its First Nations Chapter of the MMIWG2S+ NAP, a First Nations-led report called, *Breathing Life into the Calls for Justice: An Action Plan to End Violence Against First Nations Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People*, highlighting priority areas identified by survivors and families to immediately address violence against First Nations women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ peoples.
- F. On June 3, 2024, the AFN released a progress report on Calls for Justice implementation, which examined Canada's progress over the past 5-years to address the 231 Calls for Justice, finding that over half of the main Calls for Justice and 2SLGBTQQIA+ specific Calls for Justice have made no progress.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the First Nations-in-Assembly:

1. Call upon the Government of Canada to provide stronger leadership and act as an intervenor with the provinces and territories for coordinated action and commitments to advancing the Calls for Justice.
2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to continue monitoring activities in implementing the Calls for Justice and co-draft a National First Nations-Canada Workplan to accelerate implementation.
3. Direct the AFN to seek funding to support research and data collection to help identify the resources needed to support the National Framework Strategies outlined in the report *Breathing Life into the Calls for Justice*.

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