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QNW delegates and members support Joyce's Principle

Kahnawake, March 3, 2021 - At the annual gathering of Quebec Native Women (QNW) held on February 20th, the representatives of the nations and members present tabled a resolution for the adoption of Joyce's Principle and thus gave their support to the Atikamekw Nation in all their procedures.

The Atikamekw Council of Manawan and the Atikamekw Nation Council are still asking for the Joyce Principle to be adopted and implemented by the Quebec National Assembly and the House of Commons. The federal government has provided \$2 million in funding to advance this principle and even announced last January their intention to draft a bill to ensure that the Joyce Principle is respected. However, the Government of Quebec has yet to signal its support.

That said, all the representatives of the nations intend to collectively sign a letter addressed to the Premier of Quebec and the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs to continue and increase the pressure for the recognition of systemic racism. It is essential to support the women of the Atikamekw Nation as well as all Aboriginal women, and for the memory of Joyce, to continue to be seen and heard so that real changes can take place.

'QNW has never been afraid to use the terms that determine the exact causes of the discrimination experienced by those concerned, including many women, which leads us to develop our own Action Plan on Indigenous Women and Systemic Racism in partnership with the INRS and the Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse.' - Viviane Michel, President of QNW.

Therefore, QNW continues its efforts to ensure that the death of Joyce Echaquan is not forgotten.

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