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QUEBEC NATIVE WOMEN INC.

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Government of Canada reaches agreement with families: Quebec Native Women has high expectations

Kahnawake, March 8, 2022 — Quebec Native Women (QNW) welcomes the announcement by the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), Ms. Patty Hajdu, that she plans to introduce legislation by the summer of 2022 to address the residual inequities of the registration of section 6 of the Indian Act.

This is an active struggle that Indigenous women and girls have been waging for over 50 years. Many Indigenous women and families have been affected by the government's failure to act on their right to registration. Indigenous women have always been discriminated against on the basis of gender and continue to be discriminated against today. Since the first legislative amendments in 1985, many promises have been made, but to no avail. QNW will follow up on these promises so that once and for all, this bill will be applied in a concrete manner.

"Our organization receives a large number of requests from Indigenous women with Indian status who are trying to have their children registered. In previous meetings with Minister Miller and Minister Hajdu, we informed them of the long and cumbersome process that has not yet produced any concrete results, with the result that the children of Indigenous women are still not registered. We will therefore continue to follow this bill very closely which, by the way, should finally be able to meet the expectations of First Nations women in Quebec," said Marjolaine Étienne, President of QNW.

About QNW

Founded in 1974, Quebec Native Women is a non-profit organization that represents First Nations women in Quebec as well as urban Indigenous women.

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