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SAFETY OF INDIGENOUS WOMEN: QUEBEC NATIVE WOMEN WELCOMES AN INITIAL POLITICAL COMMITMENT AND CALLS FOR IT TO BE MADE A PRIORITY FOR THE NEXT GOVERNMENT

Wendake, September 5, 2026 – On the occasion of the International Day of Indigenous Women and Girls, Quebec Native Women (QNW) welcomes the commitments publicly announced today by Québec solidaire to implement the Quebec-specific Calls for Justice arising from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls: Calls for Justice No. 5, No. 8 and No. 11.

This commitment echoes the demands put forward by QNW during the provincial election campaign in support of the implementation of these Calls for Justice. The concrete actions being called for include the formal participation of Indigenous women's organizations in decisions affecting their safety, the establishment of a specialized multidisciplinary provincial unit, mandatory and ongoing training developed with Indigenous organizations, increased support for Indigenous police services, as well as a standardized data collection system whose governance includes First Nations and Indigenous women's organizations.

Commitments that respond to demands put forward by Indigenous women

These positions come at a time when the violence experienced by Indigenous women continues to demand a strong, coordinated and lasting political response. In recent weeks, QNW has intensified its efforts with political parties to ensure that the safety of Indigenous women and girls becomes a genuine government priority, supported by concrete, measurable, adequately funded commitments developed through co-decision-making with Indigenous women's organizations.

"We welcome the fact that the demands put forward by Quebec Native Women are being echoed today by Québec solidaire. These commitments send an important political signal, but they must become a collective priority embraced by all political parties and, above all, translate into concrete, lasting and measurable commitments. We expect the next government to work in genuine co-decision-making with Indigenous women and to give them a full and meaningful place in decisions concerning their safety, their rights and their future." — Marjolaine Étienne, President of Quebec Native Women

As the Quebec election approaches, QNW now calls on all political parties to turn these commitments into formal election priorities and to specify the measures, resources and timelines that will enable their implementation.

About QNW

Quebec Native Women is a non-profit organization that has represented and defended the rights and interests of First Nations women and girls in Quebec for more than 50 years.

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