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THE MMIWG2S+ URBAN INDIGENOUS ACTION GROUP (UIAG) CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE FEDERAL ACTION AND INVESTMENT IN URBAN INDIGENOUS SAFETY, JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Anishinaabe and Algonquin Territory: Today marks the 7th anniversary of the release of the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and the fifth anniversary of the National Action Plan.

Five years after the launch of the National Action Plan, Indigenous women and girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people continue to experience disproportionate violence, trafficking, and loss across Canada. The MMIWG2S+ Urban Indigenous Action Group recognizes the strength, leadership and resilience of survivors, families and advocates who continue to demand accountability and transformative change.

“Five years after the National Action Plan was announced, Canada cannot continue to measure progress through announcements and engagement processes alone,” said Diane Redsky. “Communities are still waiting for safety, justice, equitable funding, and implementation of the Calls for Justice. Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people deserve action, not delays”

The MMIWG2S+ UIAG is calling the federal government to move beyond symbolic commitments and immediately invest in Indigenous-led solutions that address violence prevention, accountability, community wellness and systemic inequities.

As part of our 2026 Pre-Budget Recommendations, the UIAG calls the federal government for:

- A National Indigenous and Human Rights Ombudsperson Office and Tribunal: an independent Indigenous-led accountability mechanism and must be given sufficient resources to fulfill their mandates and must be permanent.
- Indigenous-led Gender-based Analysis Plus (GBA+) Framework: Mandatory Indigenous-led safety and socio-economic assessments connected to major resource and infrastructure projects to address violence impacts on Indigenous women, girls and 2S+ communities.
- Dedicated Indigenous Anti-Human Trafficking Investments: long-term funding for urban Indigenous organizations providing prevention, outreach, survivor supports, and culturally safe anti human trafficking services.

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The [MMIWG2S+ Urban Indigenous Action Group](#) advocates for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis People living in urban centres across Canada, regardless of residency.

The Action Group envisions transformative change and a world where Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ people are free from violence and return to power and place.

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