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## AFN Yukon Regional Chief Kluane Adamek Statement on the Federal Cabinet Announcement

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**[Whitehorse, Yukon – November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019]** – AFN Yukon Regional Chief Kluane Adamek released the following statement on yesterday’s Federal Cabinet Announcement.

“I applaud Prime Minister Trudeau’s commitment to diversity, inclusion and gender parity in this Cabinet. We congratulate newly appointment Minister Marc Miller in his role as Minister of Indigenous Services and returning Minister Carolyn Bennett, Crown and Indigenous Relations. I would also like to congratulate Minister Dan Vandal, Northern Affairs, and Minister Jonathan Wilkinson, Environment and Climate Change on their appointments to these important portfolios. On behalf of the AFN Yukon Region, I look forward to working with this new government and will continue to press for First Nation communities’ issues and solutions to be prioritized in the mandates for this new Cabinet.

The AFN Yukon Region is committed to building collaborative relationships with both returning and new Cabinet Ministers and Members of Parliament. We will continue to advance Yukon First Nations rights and interests and work together to advance joint priorities and build upon the momentum over the past 4 years. It is critical we move forward with advancing and advocating for change with respect to Climate Action at all levels, that we honour the spirit and intent of Modern Treaties and that we advance the Calls for Justice identified in the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Nationally, it is critical we work diligently and collaboratively with all Ministers and, in particular, Indigenous Services Canada, Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs, to advocate for the unique priorities of Yukon First Nations. As AFN National Chair and Co-Chair for the critical focus areas of Modern Treaty Implementation, Climate Change and Health, I will be approaching Ministers to set up initial meetings to discuss shared priorities and identify joint actions. “

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