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# STATEMENT

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## **AFN Yukon Regional Chief calls on Canadians to stop, reflect, listen and stand with Indigenous Families as the National Inquiry into MMIWG issues its Final Report**

**Whitehorse, Yukon** – (Whitehorse, Yukon) On the day that the Commissioners of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) released their final report to federal, provincial and territorial governments, AFN Yukon Regional Chief Kluane Aagé Adamek had a direct message for Canadians:

“On this very important day, we call on Canadians to stop, to reflect, and to take a very serious look at the systemic failures and lack of leadership demonstrated that has led to the preventable murders and abductions of our women and girls. These unnecessary lost lives are very real to us and the grieving continues. These women and girls were our daughters. Our nieces. Our sisters. Our granddaughters. They were our mothers and grandmothers. And the violence against our women is still happening today. In an era of #MeToo, this is quite simply unacceptable.”

The Final Report leads with evidence that concludes that the cases of Indigenous women and girls murdered and whom have gone missing as investigated by the National Inquiry were victims of a ‘*Canadian Genocide*’. The Final Report reflects the painful suffering of the victims and their families. It speaks directly to how terribly this country has systemically failed them.

The inquiry could not make a final determination of the number of women and girls who have been murdered or gone missing due to the lack of timely action from Canada to respond to this crisis. The report calls on Canadians to stand up and call out racism and violence against Indigenous Peoples, to learn the truth about Canadian history, and to read this report in full.

Chief Adamek concluded “The results of the National Inquiry clearly show that the best way forward is for First Nations to reassert their inherent rights and our jurisdiction. This means taking back control of our own governance systems, such as restorative justice, our own healing mechanisms for impacted families and women affected by violence, the development of our own child and family services laws and systems, improved access to life-long education that is culturally relevant, increased access to Indigenous-led addictions and treatment programming, and the transfer of health care for delivery by First Nations.”

The Final Report comprises “the sacred truths of 1484 family members and survivors of violence and 83 knowledge-keepers, experts and officials who provided testimony at 24 hearings and statement gathering events held from coast-to-coast-to-coast in 2017 and 2018, as well as 819 people who shared their truths through artistic expressions”.

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