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Re: Urgent follow up needed concerning Calls for Justice in the Final Report of the Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex and asexual people

Dear Government Leaders for Canada, British Columbia and Vancouver:

With respectful acknowledgment and appreciation for the opportunity to live, work and write to you from Treaty One Territory, this letter is from the National Association of Japanese Canadians, based in Winnipeg, Manitoba. We are writing to you at this time because we understand that you will be meeting in Vancouver this weekend with Indigenous leaders from the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver.

We stand with Indigenous communities across Canada who are calling on governments at all levels to deliver timely, effective follow up to the 231 Calls for Justice contained within the 2019 Final Report on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls as well as the National Action Plan of 2021.

We support the Indigenous leaders that you are meeting this weekend, who say there is an urgent need to expedite action on Calls for Justice 1.7 and 1.10. Call for Justice 1.7 refers to the establishment of an independent National Indigenous and Human Rights Ombudsperson, by all governments, in partnership with Indigenous Peoples, with authority in all jurisdictions, along with a National Indigenous and Human Rights Tribunal. Call for Justice 1.10 refers to the establishment of an independent mechanism with oversight responsibility to monitor the progress of response actions to the Calls for Justice.



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As the New Year begins, we stand in solidarity with Indigenous communities prepared to work with all jurisdictions who seek an effective response to their urgent calls.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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