

UN SPECIAL RAPPOREUR ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ITS CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES IN CANADA

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Recommendations:

1. That the needs of Women and Girls to reconnect to cultural practise that is rooted in the land be paramount be implemented immediately.
2. That traditional birthing practises from Indigenous doula support and midwives be implemented immediately so that children may be born in their communities among family, community and culture.
3. That programs that support the sovereignty of families, such as Family Group Conferencing, become a benchmark practise for re-integrating families.
4. That Indigenous Women and girls be given adequate support to become entrepreneurs and business owners.
5. That all governments: Indigenous, municipal, provincial and federal review their systems of government to ensure that their processes respect and honor Indigenous women and the knowledge they hold to advocate for themselves and their families.
6. That systems that are meant to provide recourse for Indigenous women such as the Human Rights Commissions, Police Complaints Commission and other legal frameworks be encouraged to review their mechanisms to ensure that it is bias-free.
7. That in cases that come before the courts where Indigenous women are victims, that courts appoint special counsel for the victim to ensure that their rights are protected.
8. with respect to the National Inquiry on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls be encouraged to immediately put the needs of those that have presented their truth, be support with cultural based aftercare in place.