



INDIGENOUS BORDER MOBILITY – POTENTIAL SCOPE OF INTERIM MEASURES

Objective

- Interim measures to **help certain Indigenous persons reunite with family members who already have a right of entry to Canada**
- Interim measures **in place until permanent solution implemented**
- **Potential conditions** applicants would need to meet:
 - Born in the United States or United States citizen
 - Being a member of specified Indigenous group – US Federally Recognized Tribe or Manitoba Métis Federation (cases identified)
 - With anchor family member who is Canadian citizen, permanent resident or person registered under *Indian Act*
- **Options for temporary resident status include:**
 - Work, study or visit, exempt from fees and medical exams
 - Extend or restore temporary resident status
 - Resolve minor admissibility issues such as overstays

How might this work

- Apply from inside or outside Canada
- New webpage for details
- Form(s) available online and could be printed and mailed to IRCC with supporting documents
- Dedicated team for application intake and processing
- If in U.S., would have letter of introduction to take to port of entry for temporary resident documents to be printed
- If in Canada, documents would be mailed

Family Definition

- Looking at previous **definitions of extended family**, whether possible to expand: spouse, common-law partner, same-sex spouse, child, father or mother, sister or brother, grandfather or grandmother, grandchild, uncle or aunt, nephew or niece
- Customary marriages** covered under “common law”

Who is included

- ✓ Respond to cases of Indigenous families separated by Canada’s border, brought to government’s attention
- ✓ Option to add additional groups as more cases identified
- ✓ Potential to expand to Inuit in Greenland

