

Assembly of First Nations Priority Recommendations to Implement from Canada's
Universal Periodic Review

Recommendations 29/30/31: All Calls to Ratify the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) of the International Labour Organization.

Recommendation 77: Strengthen legislative frameworks to combat structural racial, religious, ethnic, and cultural discrimination, in particular in the work of the police.

Recommendation 79: Continue its efforts to eradicate systemic racism at the issuance of services, within the public service institutions, in order to achieve an equitable and an all-inclusive society.

Recommendation 115: Enhance efforts to address crimes involving violence or threats of violence targeting members of Black, Indigenous, Asian, Jewish, Hindu, Sikh, and Muslim minority groups through independent investigations at the provincial and federal level with a particular focus on preventing arbitrary or unlawful killings by police.

Recommendation 118: Put an end to racial profiling and excessive surveillance by police and security agencies against Indigenous, Black, and other racialized communities.

Recommendation 129: Tackle systemic issues of racial profiling, discrimination against Indigenous persons and address overrepresentation of Indigenous Peoples in the prison system, with particular emphasis on women.

Recommendation 131: Invest in community-based, Indigenous-led policies to disrupt the Indigenous incarceration pipeline and adequately finance Indigenous-operated correctional facilities.

Recommendation 157: Continue efforts to combat human trafficking, with special attention and emphasis on Indigenous women and girls.

Recommendation 160 / 161: Continue efforts to combat poverty and ensure an adequate standard of living, especially for Indigenous Peoples / Ensure that adequate measures are put in place to reduce poverty and inequalities facing people with disabilities and Indigenous Peoples.

Recommendation 164: Develop a national strategy to protect Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities in northern and remote areas whose food security is threatened because of climate change.

Recommendations 166 / 167 / 168: These recommendations call for enhancing the rights of minority communities, migrants, and vulnerable persons, including improving housing access and social support. They could be more robust with specific actionable strategies and best practice examples. There is a need for detailed action plans within these recommendations.

Recommendation 169: Stresses tangible goals and timelines for addressing homelessness, especially among marginalized groups, aligns with Canada's NHS goal to reduce chronic homelessness by 50% by 2027/28.

Recommendations 170 /174: Stress the full implementation of the NHSA, focusing on adequate housing and prioritizing the needs of vulnerable groups, including Indigenous Peoples. This aligns with the goal to close the infrastructure gap for Indigenous communities by 2030.

Recommendation 171: Targets the eradication of housing insecurity among minority groups, including Indigenous women, 2SLGBTQQIA+ persons, and children. This recommendation would benefit from an emphasis on culturally appropriate housing solutions.

Recommendations 172 /173: Urge the strengthening of the NHS with a focus on homelessness and children, needing clearer definitions of 'strengthening' in practical terms.

Recommendation 175: Collaborate further with Indigenous communities and to develop plans for addressing long-term and sustainable water and sanitation solutions.

Recommendation 176: Update existing legislation to provide remote First Nations communities with legally enforceable, sustainable, and safe drinking water protections.

Recommendation 177: Adopt measures to guarantee the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation in the entire territory, especially for Indigenous communities.

Recommendation 178: Continue work to ensure access to clean drinking water in First Nations communities.

Recommendation 181: Advocates a strategy to improve health services and housing access, primarily for Indigenous Peoples and marginalized groups. This recommendation should be more specific about integrating health and housing services.

Recommendation 195: Ensure equal access to quality education and culturally appropriate education for all children with respect to their language and heritage.

Recommendation 201: Take measures to strengthen inclusive education in all provinces and territories of the country, including for Indigenous Peoples.

Recommendation 202/203/204: Enhance measures to ensure inclusive education especially for Indigenous Peoples.

Recommendation 207: Intensify efforts to develop and strengthen the necessary legislative frameworks that address cross-sectoral environmental challenges, including climate change and disaster risk reduction frameworks, with the full, effective, and meaningful participation of persons in marginalized groups and in vulnerable situations, including women, children, persons with disabilities and Indigenous Peoples

Recommendation 217: Take measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and phase out the use of fossil fuels to ensure the protection of the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment and continue to advocate for full promotion of this right at the international and regional levels.

Recommendation 241 / 242: Ensure effective and comprehensive implementation of the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence and to enact necessary accountability mechanisms for sexual- and gender-based violence, including for missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. / Ensure effective and comprehensive implementation of the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence, with special emphasis on Indigenous women and girls, and enact necessary accountability mechanisms for gender-based violence.

Recommendation 249: Report publicly on continued violence against Indigenous women and girls, including killing and missing cases.

Recommendation 250: Adopt measures for prevention, investigation, punishment, and reparation in cases of gender violence with special emphasis on cases of missing or murdered Indigenous women and girls.

Recommendation 251: Ensure that all allegations of forced or coerced sterilization of Indigenous women and girls are investigated impartially and independently, in order to ensure effective accountability and adequate reparation for the victims.

Recommendation 252: Continue efforts to adopt the necessary measures to penalize the forced or coerced sterilization of Indigenous women and girls in all their diversity.

Recommendation 253: Continue efforts to investigate cases of forced sterilizations of women, adolescents, and girls, ensuring their access to judicial remedy and reparation.

Recommendation 254: Ensure the access to justice for all past and recent cases of forced and coerced sterilization including those in the Province of Saskatchewan between 2008–2012.

Recommendation 255: Investigate all cases of gender-based violence, in particular against Indigenous women and girls, hold perpetrators to account, and ensure redress.

Recommendation 266: Ensure that Indigenous children in the child welfare system preserve their identity and strengthen preventive measures aimed at avoiding the removal of children from their family environment by providing appropriate assistance and support to parents and caregivers.

Recommendation 283: Further enhance efforts to protect and promote the rights of Indigenous Peoples, particularly ensuring healthy lives and access to water and sanitation for all.

Recommendation 284: Intensify its efforts to improve Indigenous Peoples' standard of living and health situations as well as prevent cases of enforced disappearances of women in the country.

Recommendation 285: Strengthen current economic, social, and cultural initiatives for Indigenous Peoples, in particular women and girls.

Recommendation 286: Adopt measures to improve the socio-economic conditions of Indigenous Peoples, with a special focus on women and girls.

Recommendation 290 / 291: Fully align federal, provincial, and territorial legislation with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples / Fully align federal, provincial, and territorial legislation with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Recommendation 294: Include the right to free, prior, and informed consent for all Indigenous Peoples in the forthcoming National Action Plan in order to align legislation with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Recommendation 295: Adopt adequate measures to guarantee Indigenous Peoples' right to consultation and free, prior, and informed consent, and their rights to lands, territories, and resources.

Recommendation 296: Continue its consultation efforts to secure the Indigenous Peoples' right to free, prior, and informed consent when proceeding with megaprojects in Indigenous territories.

Recommendation 297: Guarantee Indigenous Peoples' rights—in particular their free, prior, and informed consent. Fully implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, investigate all historical and present cases of violations, take historical responsibilities, and provide due remedy and compensation.

Recommendation 299: Strengthen the protection on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and ensure their full and meaningful participation in decision-making processes, especially in the context of large-scale development and impact on their ancestral lands and the environment.

Recommendation 300: End ongoing militarization of Indigenous lands and the criminalization of Indigenous defenders to protect their original settlement.

Recommendation 304: Implement all recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, as well as the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Recommendations 305: Continue efforts to address deep-set inequalities facing Indigenous Peoples including implementing the recommendations made by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and implementing the 94 Calls to Action issued by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Recommendation 306: Follow up on the visit of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples to measure progress on cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. This includes the appointment of an interlocutor to report to the Assembly of First Nations on the status of the ongoing inquiry into these cases and the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Recommendation 309: Strengthen measures to investigate the killings and disappearances of Indigenous children in residential schools across the country and provide justice to the families of victims and survivors.

Recommendation 315: Develop strategies to address homo, bi and transphobia and the rise of the anti-gender movement in schools.