

MEDIA ADVISORY

Community and Advocacy Groups Respond to Missing Women Commission of Inquiry's Final Report

A coalition of more than twenty-five community and advocacy groups has prepared a statement responding to the release of the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry's final report. The statement expresses support for the families, calls for a national inquiry into the hundreds of missing and murdered women and girls, reiterates support for the investigation previously announced by the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and calls for a systemic analysis of the underlying conditions of sexism, racism, poverty, and colonialism.

In Vancouver, the majority of the organizations will be releasing their statement at a press conference on Monday, December 17 at 2:30 p.m. at the Morris J Wosk Centre for Dialogue, 580 West Hastings Street (Room 470).

In Prince George, the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council and the Carrier Sekani Family Services will hold a press conference on Monday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m., in the Carrier Sekani Family Services boardroom, 987 Fourth Avenue.

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The following organizations are signatory:

- Aboriginal Front Door Society
- Amnesty International Canada
- Asian Women Coalition Ending Prostitution
- Assembly of First Nations
- Atira Women's Resource Society
- B.C. Assembly of First Nations
- B.C. Civil Liberties Association
- Battered Women's Support Services
- Butterflies in Spirit
- Canadian Association of Sexual Assault Centres/Association Canadienne des Centres Contre les Aggressions a Caractere Sexuel
- Carrier Sekani Tribal Council
- Downtown Eastside Sex Workers United Against Violence Society
- Downtown Eastside Women's Centre
- Ending Violence Association British Columbia
- EVE, formerly Exploited Voices Now Educating
- Justice for Girls
- February 14th Women's Memorial March Committee
- First Nations Summit
- National Congress of Black Women's Foundation
- Native Women's Association of Canada
- PACE: Providing Alternatives Counselling & Education Society
- PHS Community Services Society
- Pivot Legal Society
- Poverty and Human Rights Centre
- Provincial Council of Women of British Columbia
- Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs
- Union Gospel Mission
- Vancouver Rape Relief & Women's Shelter
- West Coast LEAF
- WISH Drop-in Centre Society
- Women's Equality and Security Coalition