Toward a legislative framework for implementing the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*

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Amnesty International; Assembly of First Nations; Assemblée des Premières Nations Québec-Labrador; British Columbia Assembly of First Nations; Canadian Friends Service Committee (Quakers); Confederacy of Treaty 6; First Nations Summit; Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee); Indigenous Bar Association; Indigenous World Association; KAIROS; Métis Nation; MIningWatch Canada; Native Women’s Association of Canada; Nunavut Tunngavik; Oxfam Canada; Oxfam-Québec; Autochtones du Québec; Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs

Repudiation of colonialism and colonial doctrines

KEY ELEMENTS OF BILL C-262

Clear public affirmation that the standards set out in the *UN Declaration* have "application in Canadian law."

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Reform of federal legislation to ensure consistency with the minimum standards set out in the *UN Declaration*

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Collaborative development of a national action plan to implement the *UN Declaration*

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Regular reporting to Parliament on progress made in implementing the *UN Declaration*

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"…adopt a legislative framework… including a national action plan, reform of national laws, policies and regulations to bring them into compliance with the Declaration, and annual public reporting."

Concluding Observations, UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination review of Canada, August 2017

NATIONAL ACTION PLAN

"systematic, comprehensive, multisectoral and sustained approach, adequately supported and facilitated by strong institutional mechanisms"