Statement

Minister Sheutiapik marks the anniversary of National Inquiry report into MMIWG

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The Honourable Elisapee Sheutiapik, Minister of Family Services, today released the following statement:

“This week marks the one-year anniversary of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Final Report and Calls for Justice. That report highlighted for all Canadians the painful experiences of violence and racism against Indigenous women, girls, and LGBTQ and two-spirit people.

The Government of Nunavut continues to work with our Inuit, provincial, territorial, and federal partners to take steps to address the important issues identified in the MMIWG Final Report and Calls for Justice. There is always more that can be done, and it is important that we recognize that. It is also important that we speak up about the injustices we experience and witness around us. We must do better.

We need to recognize the pain, trauma and grief that communities experience when faced with systemic racism and discrimination. We must speak boldly and with courage, with a collaborative voice to support resilience, and advocacy to supporting inclusion, diversity and equity. These values are explicitly highlighted in Inuit Societal Values and those principles help us honour all people.

If you need support, reach out – speak to your local social worker to see what resources are available. Together we can make a difference.”

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