

**UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Twelfth Session**

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**Recommendations of the North American Indigenous Peoples' Caucus to the Twelfth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on Agenda Item 7(b) Human Rights: Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples**

Honorable Chairperson, members of the Permanent Forum, Indigenous Brothers and Sisters—we would like to thank the outgoing Chair Chief Ed John for all of his work in support of Indigenous Peoples and congratulate the representative from Africa on his appointment as Chair for this session of the Permanent Forum.

The North American Indigenous Peoples' Caucus has made the following recommendations:

1. NAIPC recommends that the UNPFII create a task force to investigate and report on the impacts on Indigenous Nations in the North American Region who are directly affected by the states' maintenance of "recognized" and "unrecognized", and/or "status" and "non-status" categories of Indigenous Peoples. We further recommend the UNPFII reminds member States of the North American region that the right to self-determination includes the ability of Indigenous Peoples and Nations to identify themselves, without settler-created definitions and processes.
2. NAIPC reaffirms its commitment to the Border Crossing Issue expressed in its Report for the 11th Session of the UNPFII where Delegates expressed their concern that Canada is not implementing the UNDRIP. Border services are interfering with families and causing hardships on Haudenosaunee citizens by imposing Canada's citizenship act on Indigenous Peoples. The NAIPC recommends that Canada's immigration act be amended to comply with Articles 9, 33, and 36 of the UNDRIP and to acknowledge the inherent right of the Haudenosaunee to establish their own residency standards for Haudenosaunee citizens.

In conclusion, we thank the Permanent Forum for your consideration of full implementation of these recommendations.