



Speaking Notes

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Thank you, Chair.

Canada commends the Special Rapporteur for calling our attention to the grave impact of the pandemic on the health, wellbeing, and livelihoods of Indigenous peoples.

The pandemic has exacerbated the inequality, systemic discrimination, and marginalization experienced by Indigenous peoples around the world. This is especially the case for Indigenous women, girls, and Two-spirit LGBTQQIA+ people. We must redouble our efforts to ensure that every Indigenous person can live with dignity and feel safe.

Nous accueillons favorablement ses recommandations en vue d'une relance inclusive après la pandémie. Au Canada, nous nous engageons pleinement à collaborer avec les communautés des Premières Nations, inuites et métisses alors que nous luttons à court terme contre la COVID-19 et que nous élaborons des solutions à long terme fondées sur la culture, la langue et le savoir traditionnel autochtones.

Canada was pleased to have contributed towards EMRIP's forthcoming study on the rights of the Indigenous child and the report on self-determination.

The Government of Canada is committed to advancing meaningful reconciliation and accelerating the renewal of the Crown's relationship with Indigenous peoples based on an affirmation of rights, respect, co-operation, and partnership.

Le Canada reconnaît que la Déclaration des Nations Unies sur les droits des peuples autochtones est un élément fondamental de la réconciliation et du rééquilibre des relations entre l'État et les peuples autochtones. Nous demeurons déterminés à adopter une loi rédigée en collaboration visant à mettre en œuvre la Déclaration.

At the international level, we are keen to exchange best practices and learn from each other's experience to ensure that our pandemic responses meaningfully engage and involve Indigenous peoples.

Given your work with member states, are there best practices you could share on how best to engage during a pandemic?

Thank you.