

**Item 9: Future work of the Expert Mechanism,  
including focus of future thematic studies  
Thursday, 18 July 2019**

**Joint Statement:**

US Human Rights Network, National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, National Boarding School, Coordinadora Nacional de Mujeres Indigenas (Mexico), Kgalagadi Youth and Women's Development Network

A si'am Madame Chair,

haʔt̚ sləx̃ il, tsicyaltsa tsi sda. tulʔal čəd dx̣ẉililap. Good afternoon, My name is Deborah Parker. My traditional family name is tsicyaltsa. I am a citizen of the Tualip Tribes located on our ancestral territory near the Coast Salish Sea. I am also a citizen of the United States.

On behalf of indigenous women organizations which presented, *"Towards Beijing 25: Combatting all Forms of Violence Against Indigenous women"*, we recommend a future thematic study focused on the atrocities of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in North America and around the world. Indigenous women and girls have been publicly devalued, ignored and murdered at high rates and this must be studied and understood. This violence must end.

We know that missing and murdered indigenous women and girls is an ongoing act of genocide. The Expert Mechanism must examine the underlying historical, environmental, social, economic, cultural, and institutional causes of abuse that contribute to the pervasive and destructive violence against indigenous nations. This is a crime against humanity.

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The National Native American  
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