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## **Commissioner Audette met with European Parliament's Human Rights Committee**

**Ottawa, ON** – Today Commissioner Michèle Audette met in Ottawa with representatives from the European Parliament Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI) to discuss the staggering rates of violence against Indigenous women and girls in Canada.

“The world is watching how Canada will act to address the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls,” stated Commissioner Audette. “The interest of European leaders sends a strong message to Canada that Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA people have allies worldwide.”

The DROI's main responsibilities include matters relating to human rights, the protection of minorities and the promotion of democratic values, with a mandate beyond the European Union.

“The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and my Commissioner colleagues are committed to raising awareness of the injustices our women and girls face, and honouring those who have been taken from us, and I look forward to a very important discussion our colleagues from Europe,” concluded Commissioner Audette.

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