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National Inquiry to Present Final Report to Governments at Closing Ceremony in Gatineau, QC

Vancouver, April 10, 2019 --- The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls today announced it will formally present its Final Report to the federal, provincial and territorial governments at a public closing ceremony in Gatineau, Quebec on June 3, 2019.

The Commissioners have completed their report after a process of invaluable validation with the National Family Advisory Circle, Grandmother Advisors, and the Métis, Inuit, Québec and 2SLGBTQQIA Advisory Committees. Due to an obligation to achieve the highest quality of translation, the Government of Canada has agreed to amend the delivery date.

The Final Report will comprise the sacred truths of 1484 family members and survivors of violence and 83 knowledge-keepers, experts and officials who provided testimony at 24 hearings and statement gathering events held from coast-to-coast-to-coast in 2017 and 2018, as well as 819 people who shared their truths through artistic expressions.

Marking a nationally-significant milestone, the closing ceremony and presentation of the Final Report will signal the dawn of a new day and honour missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, foster the healing of families, survivors and First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities, and build a safer future for all women, girls and youth, and 2SLGBTQQIA people.

The event program will feature ceremonial elements from First Nations, Métis and Inuit traditions led by Elders from the Territory and supported by Elders from across Canada. The entire event will be live-streamed on the National Inquiry's website and simultaneously translated into a number of Indigenous languages in addition to English and French.

Immediately following the closing ceremony, Commissioners will participate in a question-and-answer session to discuss the Final Report's findings with members of the media. The National Inquiry will release complete event details, including media registration information, closer to the date.

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