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Toronto, ON - The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls would like to thank the Mississauga Anishinaabe Nation, including the Mississauga of the New Credit First Nation, for hosting the third Knowledge Keeper and Expert Panel Hearings in their traditional treaty territory .

Chief Commissioner Marion Buller and Commissioners Brian Eyolfson and Qajaq Robinson also extend their thanks to the nine witnesses who provided testimony and shared their expertise during the June 11 – 13, 2018 event and to the Elders, Experts, Knowledge Keepers, and Parties with Standing who attended, participated and helped to further contextualize racism and its impact on Indigenous women and girls and the violence they too often experience.

During the hearings, the Commissioners heard powerful testimony about the intersections between racism and 2SLGBTQ issues; racism in the education, health and child welfare systems; and racism in the media, journalism and film. The testimony helped to shed light on some of the systemic causes of violence against Indigenous women and girls and will help inform the recommendations that are under development for the National Inquiry Final Report, which will be released on April 30, 2019.

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The National Inquiry will continue its important fact finding and information gathering work in Regina, Saskatchewan during the week of June 25, 2018 when Commissioners will examine police policies and practices and the role they play in preventing violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQ peoples.

Together we will find the truth, honour the truth, and give life to the truth.

