



Native Women's
Association of Canada

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L'Association des  
femmes autochtones  
du Canada

## CANADA – NATIVE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF CANADA ACCORD

This Accord is effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2019.

### **BETWEEN:**

*Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada as represented by  
the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations (“Canada”)*

*-and-*

*The Native Women's Association of Canada (“NWAC”)*

**WHEREAS** the Native Women's Association of Canada (“NWAC”) comprises grassroots Indigenous women across Canada; who are life holders and water carriers; NWAC represents women of many Indigenous nations;

**AND WHEREAS** NWAC represents First Nation, Métis, Inuit, and non-status women, girls and gender diverse people, who are holders of Aboriginal and treaty rights, including Métis rights, the inherent right to self-government and self-determination, and of human rights including gender-based rights;

**AND WHEREAS** the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (“UNDRIP”) requires particular attention to the rights and special needs of Indigenous Elders, women, youth, children, and persons with disabilities in the implementation of the declaration<sup>1</sup>;

**AND WHEREAS** NWAC's mandate is to be a National representative body for Indigenous women, girls and gender-diverse peoples at the regional, provincial, territorial, national and international levels;

**AND WHEREAS** NWAC has a unique long-standing relationship with Canada, and wishes to collaborate in the work that is being undertaken by Canada to renew its Nation-to-Nation relationship with Indigenous peoples;

**AND WHEREAS** the role of women as equal stakeholders and decision-makers is fundamental to many Indigenous legal systems and Canada's democratic institutions;

**AND WHEREAS** the Prime Minister of Canada has confirmed the importance of ensuring that the voices of Indigenous women are heard and committed in January 2017 to meeting with NWAC on an annual basis to discuss shared interests and priorities;

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<sup>1</sup> *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People*, GA Res 61/295 (Annex), UN GAOR, 61st Sess., Supp. No 49, UN Doc A/61/49 (2008) Article 22.