

MEDIA ADVISORY:

PRESS CONFERENCE RESPONDING TO UNITED NATIONS RULING ON SEX DISCRIMINATION IN THE *INDIAN ACT*

WHAT: The United Nations Human Rights Committee has ruled that *Indian Act* sex discrimination violates Canada's international treaty obligations, and Canada must end the discrimination. The UN ruling comes as a result of years of advocacy led by Sharon Mclvor, in Canadian courts and at the international level, to secure the right to equal status under the *Indian Act* for First Nations women and their descendants.

DATE: Thursday January 17, 2019

TIME: 9:00 AM PDT/ 12PM EST

LOCATION: Union of BC Indian Chiefs- 312 Main Street, Vancouver (entrance on Cordova)
Live webcast: <https://www.facebook.com/UBCIC/>

SPEAKERS:

Sharon Mclvor, Petitioner in *Mclvor v. Canada*

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President UBCIC

Dr. Pamela Palmater, Chair in Indigenous Governance, Ryerson University

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