

**Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples  
Sixteenth Session, 17 - 21 July 2023**

**Item 10: Intersessional activities and follow-up to thematic studies and advice**

**Wednesday, 19 July 2023**

**Joint Statement of the Coalition for the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Canada):**

Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) Cree Nation Government; Amnistie Internationale Canada Francophone; British Columbia Treaty Commission; Canadian Friends Service Committee (Quakers); First Nations Summit; KAIROS (Canada); Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs; Cheryl Knockwood, Chair, Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission; Ellen Gabriel, Kanehsatake Land Defender; Hup-Wil-Lax-A, Kirby Muldoe, Grassroots Human Rights Defender; Lea Nicholas-MacKenzie; Dr. Willie Littlechild, KC, IPC (International Chief for Treaties 6,7and 8)

We thank EMRIP for your 2018 study on *Free, Prior and Informed Consent: a human-rights based approach*, which was adopted by the Human Rights Council at its 39th session.

We would like to follow-up this report with a recommendation:

- That EMRIP remind States of the meaning of FPIC in international law, and reiterate State responsibilities when resource development is being proposed in or affecting the lands and territories of Indigenous Peoples.
- That EMRIP further articulate the conclusions from its FPIC study in this regard.

For further context and information please see the 2019 joint statement of the Coalition for the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Canada): <https://www.declarationcoalition.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Coalition-statement-to-EMRIP-on-FPIC-July-15-2019.pdf>