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MKO Grand Chief Garrison Settee Statement on the Recommendations of the Special Report of the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth

PRESS RELEASE

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New York, New York. Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) Grand Chief Garrison Settee is at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City as part of the Manitoba delegation to the 63rd Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. The Manitoba delegation, including our Manager for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Liaison Unit, Hilda Anderson – Pyrz and her Assistant, Jenny Lay, are also participating in events at the 63rd Session.

“The Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc is honoured to be represented at the 63rd Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women. The Manitoba delegation is involved in side events that call for action for services, supports, and the recognition of the rights of our Indigenous women and girls across MKO territory and in all locations where MKO women and girls live and work.

The release of Tina’s story is felt by all First Nations and Canadians in attendance at the UN this week, and we will highlight her story and the report to the international community while here in New York,” stated Grand Chief Settee.

“All of the Advocate’s recommendation are important, and I agree with the Advocate that while this system is culpable, it was not only the Child Welfare system to blame for Tina’s death.

It is time for institutions to reflect on services provided and how policies and systematic barriers are gateways to missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

“We look forward to working with all stakeholders on the implementation of these recommendations, and to finally achieving justice for Tina, her family and her community of Sagkeeng First Nation,” concluded Grand Chief Settee.