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Simulation

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- ✓ Role cards (federal, provincial, municipal & non-governmental)
- ✓ Role name cards
- ✓ Copy of UNDRIP & Calls to Action for each group
- ✓ Access to computers (if possible)

Objective

- This activity places participants in a scenario where they must use critical thinking, negotiation, and constructive communication to build consensus on how to respond to the directives

Activity (60 – 80 min)

Students will represent one of the Ministers of the federal government or their respective provinces, the municipal government, or a provincial or national civil-society organization.

Divide students into groups accordingly (each group should have 2 people minimum; not all roles need to be represented). Distribute the **role cards*** to each group

Governments: Each group has a certain number of Calls to Action recommendations that fall under their jurisdiction: *How are they going to implement the recommendations of their section as part of their portfolio?*

Students don't need to focus on all the recommendations that apply to their role, they can choose 2-3 to focus on (depending on time); they will only write an Action Plan for 1

Prompt students by asking:

- Which Calls to Action fall under your Department's jurisdiction?
- Who will they need to collaborate with?
- What resources would they need?
- What will the benefits be & what barriers do they expect?
- How can you implement these recommendations while respecting the rights set out in UNDRIP? How can UNDRIP help you shape your action plans?

Each group will write an action plan that outlines how their government will respond to 1 of the Calls to Action in their portfolio (if time allows, they can write a plan for more).

Governments must consult the civil-society organizations to learn about their work and ensure that their Action Plans respond to the organization's priorities.

Organizations: Each fictional civil-society organization works toward implementing the Calls to Action and advocating for Indigenous rights in a different sector.

Prompt students by asking:

- What Calls to Action does your organization work toward implementing? Which ones are connected to your work?
- Which government level/department should you work with to implement your recommendations? Which action plans do you most want to influence?
- What resources do you need to support your work?
- What partnerships can you create with other NGOs?

Organization groups are responsible for writing recommendations to the government groups concerning what priorities they should focus on.

Students don't need to focus on all the recommendations that apply to their role, they can choose 2-3 to focus on (depending on time); they will only write recommendations for 1

Students will present their recommendations and action plans to the rest of the groups and participate in a question period. Groups can use their **Role name cards** to indicate when they want to speak.

A facilitator will act as a mediator, taking questions and allowing the presenting groups to respond.

At the end of the activity, the facilitators will collect the recommendations and Action Plans.

*** The provincial role cards are available as a separate document**

Federal Government Role Cards

The Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada

- The prime minister of Canada is head of the executive branch of the Canadian federal government. The Canadian prime minister provides leadership and direction to the government with the support of a cabinet, the prime minister's office, and the Privy Council office.

The Honourable Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations

- You accelerate the work to renew the nation-to-nation, Inuit-Crown, and government-to-government relationship between Canada and Indigenous Peoples
- You modernize our institutional structure and governance so that First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples can build capacity that supports implementation of self-determination
- Work with National Indigenous Organizations to make progress on shared priorities and on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

The Honourable Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

- Your overarching goal will be to ensure our legislation meets the highest standards of equity, fairness and respect for the rule of law
- You ensure that initiatives respect the Constitution of Canada and that the rights of Canadians are protected

The Honourable Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

- Your goal is to increase Canadians' economic and social security; all Canadian children deserve a real and fair chance to succeed, and all Canadians should be able to live with dignity
- You work in collaboration with provinces and municipalities as they play a leadership role in these areas.

The Honourable Minister of Health

- Your overarching goal is to strengthen our publicly-funded, universal health care system and ensure that it adapts to new challenges

- You work with provincial and territorial governments to support them in their efforts to make home care more available, prescription drugs more affordable, and mental health care more accessible.

The Honourable Minister of Canadian Heritage and Multiculturalism

- Your goals are to implement and build on our government's plan to strengthen and promote our cultural and creative industries as well as celebrate Canada's diversity and foster greater inclusion
- You work to protect our important national institutions, promote the industries that reflect our unique identity as Canadians, and provide good middle class jobs and economic opportunities in our cultural and creative sectors.

The Honourable Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities

- Ensure that the Canadian sport system provides all Canadians the chance to get involved in sport at all levels and in all forms of participation.
- Lead work in co-operation with the Minister of Indigenous Services to leverage investments in Indigenous youth and sport and ensure the promotion of culturally relevant sport as an important means to strengthen Indigenous identity and cultural pride.

Municipal government

The municipal government is responsible for creating a safe, inclusive, and accessible city for all residents. The government leads economic, social and environmental action in the city, and provides services to residents. You work toward implementing UNDRIP at the municipal level and responding to the TRC recommendations that call for municipal involvement.

Non-Government advocacy organizations

Non-government (NGO), non-profit, and civil society organizations all refer to organizations that “operate independently of any government, typically one whose purpose is to address a social or political issue” (Oxford Dictionary).

Child welfare:

Your organization advocates for the rights of Indigenous children in care. You work to ensure that the rights set out in UNDRIP that protect child welfare are upheld and that Indigenous children are kept within their communities.

Language:

You represent a group of Indigenous-run organizations all working toward preserving and revitalizing Indigenous languages. You offer language training to Indigenous and non-Indigenous people across Canada, and lobby the government to create an Aboriginal Languages Act that further protects the language rights of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

Justice:

You are a NGO that works to decrease the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in Canadian correctional facilities. You offer resources to rehabilitate offenders and advocate at the provincial and federal level for alternatives to imprisonment for Indigenous offenders.

Health care:

You are a group of Indigenous health care providers who provide cultural sensitivity training to non-Indigenous health care providers. You advocate for

your training module to be adopted by medical and nursing schools in your province so all medical/nursing students receive mandatory training.

Education:

You are a NGO that publishes resources for teachers covering Indigenous culture, history, and applying Indigenous knowledge to all levels of learning. You advocate for increased government funding to be allocated toward developing culturally appropriate curricula in elementary schools and high schools in your province.

Culture:

You are an Indigenous-run artist collective that provides grants to young Indigenous artists and delivers art and culture workshops in schools across the province. Since the publication of the Calls to Action, you have advocated to have a memorial to residential school survivors built in your city.

Reconciliation:

You are a national NGO that educates Canadians about the legacy of residential schools and facilitates dialogue between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people about reconciliation. You encourage all Canadians to advocate for the adoption and implementation of UNDRIP and the TRC recommendations.

Provincial Government Role Cards

British Columbia

The Honourable Premier

Your major responsibilities include:

- Developing and implementing policies and priorities for the province
- Ensuring provincial laws and policies are carried out
- Fully adopting and implementing UNDRIP and the Calls to Action. As Premier, you are responsible for moving forward on the Calls to Action and reviewing policies, programs, and legislation to determine how to bring the principles of the declaration into action in British Columbia.

The Honourable Minister of Children and Family Development

- Enhance and improve child-protection services to ensure that all children grow up in safe and nurturing environments.
- Invest in child protection to hire additional social workers and staff to support social workers, and to implement incentives to attract social workers to rural and underserved regions.
- Work to provide better supports to keep Aboriginal children at home and out of care.
- Make reducing the number of Aboriginal children entering the care system a priority.

The Honourable Attorney General

- Re-establish the Human Rights Commission.
- Work with First Nations to set targets and take action to reduce the numbers of incarcerated Aboriginal people and those involved in the justice system

The Honourable Minister of Education

- Implement the new First Nations history curriculum, develop full-course offerings in Aboriginal languages and implement the educational Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The Honourable Minister of Health

- Work to implement UNDRIP and the Calls to Action that fall into your portfolio
- Improve rural health services and expand the medical travel allowance for those who must travel for care.

The Honourable Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

- Work collaboratively and respectfully with First Nations to establish a clear, cross-government vision of reconciliation to guide the adoption UNDRIP, the TRC Calls to Action, and the Tsilhqot'in Supreme Court decision.
- In partnership with First Nations, transform the treaty process so it respects case law and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Support Indigenous communities seeking to revitalize connections to their languages.
- Provide reliable, dedicated funding and support for Friendship Centres.

The Honourable Minister of State for Child Care

- Work with all levels of government, child-care providers, the private and not-for-profit sectors to implement a universal child-care plan that provides affordable, accessible and high-quality care and early learning to every child whose family wants or needs it.
- Accelerate the creation of new child-care spaces in communities across the province.

The Honourable Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture

- Integrate the tourism sector with the vibrant arts, culture and sport sectors; you are responsible for promoting tourism resources, arts and cultures, multiculturalism and anti-racism, and sport.

Ontario

The Honourable Premier

Your responsibilities as premier include:

- Developing and implementing policies and priorities for the province.
- Preparing legislation to be introduced in the legislative assembly.
- Ensuring provincial laws and policies are carried out.

The Honourable Attorney General

- Create a fair and accessible justice system for all Ontarians.
- Work to modernize the justice system and provide services that are more accessible, responsive and easy to use; build safe and prosperous communities across the province by increasing access to justice and responding to the evolving needs of Ontario.

The Honourable Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

- Oversee the delivery of child protection services for children who have been, or are at risk of being, abused or neglected.
- Work with First Nations, Inuit, Métis and urban Indigenous communities to support the healthy development of their children and youth; help prevent high-risk youth from coming into conflict with the law, improve their outcomes, and reduce re-offending.
- Collaborate with Indigenous communities on healing, health and wellness programs and services for Indigenous people. Supports the advancement of women's equality and safety.

The Honourable Ministry of Education

- Develop policy and programs to support child care and early years programs for children and families. Make sure child care settings are safe and follow the law by funding, licensing and inspecting licensed child care providers.
- Fund and oversee publicly funded elementary and secondary school education. Develop and publish curriculum documents and teaching resources for Kindergarten to Grade 12. Provide funding to build new schools and expand, retrofit or repair existing schools.

The Honourable Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

- Provide faster access to care and better coordinated care in the community
- Educate patients to make the right decisions about their health and promote better relationships with health care partners

The Honourable Ministry of Indigenous Affairs

- Promote collaboration and coordination across ministries on Indigenous policy and programs in partnership with First Nations, Métis and Inuit.
- Enhance government awareness of Indigenous people, issues and best practices for consulting and engaging with Indigenous people.
- Work with the federal government to find ways to make the most of federal funding.
- Reform the land claims process to help address historical grievances.

The Honourable Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services

- Establish, maintain, operate and monitor Ontario's adult correctional institutions and probation and parole offices.
- Provide programs and facilities to help rehabilitate offenders.
- Ensure the safety of individuals placed in the correctional system while safeguarding their human rights.

The Honourable Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

- Protecting cultural heritage resources.
- Promoting the arts and the creative economy.
- Supporting community projects and engagement.
- Promoting active lifestyles and participation in sport, recreation and physical activity.

Quebec

The Honourable Premier

Les principales responsabilités du premier ministre et du cabinet provincial sont les suivantes:

- Élaborer et mettre en œuvre des politiques et des priorités pour la province;
- Préparer la législation à présenter à l'assemblée législative;
- Soumettre le budget de dépenses du gouvernement à l'assemblée législative pour approbation;
- S'assurer que les lois et les politiques provinciales sont appliquées.

Major responsibilities of the premier and provincial cabinet include:

- *Developing and implementing policies and priorities for the province.*
- *Preparing legislation to be introduced in the legislative assembly.*
- *Submitting government spending budget to the legislative assembly for approval.*
- *Ensuring provincial laws and policies are carried out.*

The Honourable Minister of Education

- Promouvoir l'éducation, l'enseignement supérieur, la recherche, les loisirs et les sports.

- contribuer à élever le niveau de réussite scientifique, culturelle et professionnelle ainsi que le niveau de participation aux activités de loisirs et sportives de la population québécoise et de ses citoyens.
- Promouvoir l'accès aux formes d'apprentissage les plus avancées pour toute personne désireuse de poursuivre cette activité.
- *Promoting education, higher education, research, recreation and sports.*
- *Contributing to raising the level of scientific, cultural and professional achievement and the level of participation in recreation and sports activities of the Québec population and its individual citizens.*
- *Promoting access to the highest forms of learning for anyone with the desire for this pursuit.*

The Honourable Minister of Families

Le Ministère propose des services dans les domaines touchant la famille ainsi que l'aide aux organismes communautaires et à divers partenaires nationaux, régionaux et municipaux. Ces services portent sur :

- l'aide financière aux familles;
- aux organismes dont les responsabilités touchent la famille et les services de garde;
- aux municipalités et aux municipalités régionales de comté;
- l'organisation et le soutien de l'offre de services de garde éducatifs

The Department provides services in family-related areas and assistance to community organizations and national, regional and municipal partners.

These services cover:

- *financial aid for families*
- *for organizations who deal with families and childcare services*
- *for municipalities and regional county municipalities*
- *planning and supporting educational childcare services*

The Honourable Minister of Indigenous Affairs

Le Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones est l'organisme qui a la responsabilité première d'assurer le lien entre les Autochtones et le gouvernement du Québec.

- travaille avec les organismes Autochtones afin de leur faciliter l'accès aux divers programmes gouvernementaux et, dans certains cas, d'adapter les activités gouvernementales à leurs besoins.
- la négociation d'ententes, la diffusion d'information appropriée et par un appui au développement social, économique et culturel des Amérindiens et des Inuits.

This Department's primary responsibility is ensuring the link between the Aboriginal people and the Government of Quebec:

- *Facilitate Indigenous access to various government programs and, in some cases, to adapt government activities to their needs;*
- *Negotiation of agreements, dissemination of appropriate information and support for the social, economic and cultural development of Indigenous peoples.*

The Honourable Minister of Justice

Le ministère a pour mission de favoriser la confiance des citoyens et le respect des droits individuels et collectifs par le maintien au Québec :

- d'un système de justice qui soit à la fois accessible et intègre;
- de la primauté du droit.

Le département vise à soutenir la transformation de la justice afin de la rendre plus accessible et plus performante.

The mission of Minister is to enhance citizen trust and respect for individual and collective rights in Québec by:

- *Maintaining the accessibility and integrity of the justice system;*
- *Upholding the rule of law.*

The Departments aims to transform the justice system to be more accessible and responsive.

The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services

Le ministère a pour mission de maintenir, d'améliorer et de restaurer la santé et le bien-être de la population québécoise en rendant accessibles un ensemble de services de santé et de services sociaux, intégrés et de qualité, contribuant ainsi au développement social et économique du Québec.

- Coordonner les services, le matériel et les fonctions nationales de santé publique

The mission of the Ministry of Health and Social Services (MSSS) is to maintain, improve and restore the health and well-being of the Québec population by making accessible an integrated set of health and social services, thus contributing to the social and economic development of Quebec.

- *Coordinate services, materials, and exercises national public health functions*

The Honourable Minister of Economy and Innovation

Le ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation a pour mission de soutenir la croissance des entreprises, l'entrepreneuriat, la science, l'innovation ainsi que l'exportation et l'investissement. Il est responsable de la promotion de la création d'emplois, la prospérité économique et le développement durable.

The Ministry of Economy and Innovation's mission is to support business growth, entrepreneurship, science, innovation, and export and investment. It is responsible for promoting job creation, economic prosperity, and sustainable development.

The Honourable Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity

Le ministère contribue au développement social et à la prospérité économique du Québec

- en privilégiant l'inclusion économique et sociale des personnes les plus vulnérables;

- en soutenant l'action communautaire et bénévole

The Ministry contributes to the social development and economic prosperity of Québec. Among other responsibilities it:

- *promotes the economic and social inclusion of the most vulnerable members of society*
- *supports community action and volunteering*

The Honourable Minister of Culture and Communications

Le ministère est responsable des domaines de la culture, des communications et de la langue française. Il favorise l'accessibilité et le développement de nombreux services, notamment les arts visuels et les arts de la scène, le cinéma, les médias et la publicité, le patrimoine et les télécommunications.

The Department is responsible for the fields of culture, communications and the French language. It promotes accessibility and development of many services, including visual and scenic arts, cinema, media and advertising, heritage, and telecommunications.