

NCWC Statement on the United Nations World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

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The National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) reaffirms its strong commitment to combat human trafficking, a serious violation of human rights that overwhelmingly affects women and girls, along with Indigenous, migrant, racialized, and 2SLGBTQI+ and other vulnerable groups disproportionately impacted by this crime.

Canada has shown leadership by ratifying the UN Palermo Protocol and implementing a National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking based on prevention, protection, prosecution, partnerships, and empowerment—a victim-centered approach we wholeheartedly support.

We call on all levels of government to rigorously enforce existing laws, hold traffickers accountable, and provide survivors with culturally appropriate support. This includes strengthening the justice system, investing in survivor services, and fostering collaborative partnerships with Indigenous governments and civil society.

On this UN World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, NCWC urges renewed action to end trafficking and uphold the dignity and rights of all, especially the women and girls most affected by this scourge.

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