

## **Press Statement**

### **Congress of Aboriginal Peoples 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly**

November 5, 2021 (OTTAWA)—

Indigenous People from coast to coast are gathered today to commence the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP) 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly (AGA).

This year's AGA will give delegates the opportunity to celebrate a long and proud history of successfully fighting for the rights of off-reserve and non-status peoples. For 50 years, CAP fought the government for better protection of their rights. Some of its greatest achievements included having Metis included in the Constitution Act of Canada, the landmark CAP-Daniels decision that afforded Metis and non-Status Indians the same rights and protections as status Indians under the Constitution Act and many other rights achievements. CAP has been a tireless defender of the rights of its constituents and continues to work toward a better life for all Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

For this year's Annual General Assembly, CAP extended the invitation to all federal party leaders to join in our celebration, and the Leader of the Official Opposition, Honourable Erin O'Toole, accepted our invitation and addressed the delegation. Honourable O'Toole's words of inclusion resonated with our delegation across the country.

CAP is proud of their achievements over the last 50 years, and is committed to the next 50 years of fighting to protect the recognition and rights of all Indigenous Peoples in Canada, regardless of where they live.

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*The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples is the national voice representing the interests of Métis, status and non-status Indians, and Southern Inuit Indigenous People living off-reserve. Today, over 70% of Indigenous people live off-reserve.*

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