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**THE AFNQL COUNCIL OF WOMEN ELECTED CALLS FOR EACH AND EVERYONE TO PUT AN END TO THE INTOLERABLE VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR GIRLS AND WOMEN.**

**Wendake, AUGUST 14, 2024** — the AFNQL Council of Women Elected (CWE) is devastated and shocked by yet another violent event, one too many, in which the victim this time is Ève Chachai from the Atikamekw community of Opitciwan. The CWE stands in support of the Opitciwan community and its Council, which must confront this completely unacceptable situation.

"In urban areas as well as in our communities, none of our women or girls can consider themselves safe from violence in all its forms, of which they can be victims at any moment. Who can our girls and women rely on to put an end to this scandal? On themselves?" exclaims Councillor Nadia Robertson, spokesperson for the AFNQL Council of Women Elected.

The CWE issues a call to First Nations governments as well as to the Government of Canada and Quebec, to public institutions, and especially to police services, to enhance vigilance against any situation likely to escalate into violence and to enforce zero tolerance.

No, First Nations girls and women cannot bear the responsibility for their own protection alone. Such a responsibility belongs to society as a whole.

However, the CWE urges all girls and women to no longer tolerate situations in their daily lives where violence, contempt, and intimidation—two common examples—take root, and to report them.

"Our women and girls should never hesitate to seek help and use the existing resources, both in communities and urban areas, that can assist them. They are not alone. Never!" adds the spokesperson for the Council, who reminds that this collective of elected women from First Nations governments continues its mission towards essential lateral kindness, the key to the development of any society.

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