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Dear Committee Member:

I am writing to demonstrate my support to both the delegation of Indigenous youth ambassadors from Canada travelling to Geneva this week, and to their request that a Special Rapporteur be appointed to address ongoing human rights violations against Indigenous children in Canada based on discriminatory state practices.

Canada is one of the richest countries in the world, and therefore has greater capacity to live up to its human rights obligations, but is failing with regard to the human rights of Indigenous children. Our Peoples are chronically underfunded by the Government of Canada and our children suffer disproportionately as a result. Overall our children receive a lesser level of service for health, welfare and education than their non-Indigenous peers. Canada has not demonstrated a commitment to addressing these inequities and therefore we must appeal to international monitoring bodies to assist us in achieving justice for our children. Please find attached to this correspondence, a letter of request that was sent to the UN Human Rights Council on this matter.

In addition, and for the same reasons outlined in the attached letter, I would ask that the Committee put forth a recommendation to conduct a special study on Canada's implementation of the UNCRC with respect to the rights of Indigenous children pursuant to section 45 (c). Thank you in advance for your consideration of these matters. I wish you successful and productive meetings this coming week.

Respectfully,

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Angus Toulouse  
Ontario Regional Chief