



RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-04690**

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Response by the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations

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Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

SUBJECT

Aboriginal Affairs

ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

Gender equality is a fundamental human right and Bill S-3 eliminates sex-based discrimination from the *Indian Act*.

Sex-based discrimination dating back to the creation of the modern registry in 1951 was remedied when Bill S-3 passed in December of 2017.

Over the past year, consultations were held with Indigenous partners on how best to bring the remaining provisions of Bill S-3 into force, and we are now moving forward with an implementation plan based on those consultations which will support communities and individuals throughout this process. With the remaining provisions of Bill S-3 now in force, sex-based discrimination in *Indian Act* registration has been eliminated all the way back to 1869.

Bringing these remaining provisions of Bill S-3 into force also implements a key component of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' Calls for Justice 1.2.v, and provides justice to the women and their descendants who have been fighting for these changes for decades.

It is also in line with the January 2019 decision of the United Nations Human Rights Committee in the *Mclvor* case.