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## **MNA President Audrey Poitras to Comment on Report of the Minister Special Representative on Métis Section 35 Rights**

Métis Nation of Alberta President Audrey Poitras will be providing comments on the to-be-released final report of Canada's Ministerial Special Representative Report on Métis Section 35 Rights tomorrow.

In June 2015, Mr. Thomas Isaac (a Calgary-based lawyer with expertise on Aboriginal legal issues) was appointed as Ministerial Special Representative on Métis Section 35 Rights. In August 2015, Mr. Isaac met with the Métis Nation of Alberta's leadership as part of the process of preparing his report.

President Poitras said, "We look forward to this long awaited report. We believe that Mr. Isaac will provide helpful insights as we move forward on advancing our nation-to-nation relationship with the Government of Canada and making progress on advancing the reconciliation with the Métis Nation called for by Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*."

President Poitras will be available for comments and interviews tomorrow. These can be arranged in advance by contacting: Sonia Millman at (780) 455-2200 ext. 281, or by email at [smillman@metis.org](mailto:smillman@metis.org)