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Land Claims Agreements Coalition Urges All Political Parties to Support Federal Legislation Introduced to Create Commissioner for Modern Treaty Implementation

February 6, 2026 – Ottawa, Ontario *– The Land Claims Agreements Coalition ("LCAC") urges all political parties to support Bill C-10, which will establish a Commissioner for Modern Treaty Implementation. Bill C-10 was introduced in the House of Commons on September 25, 2025, and is currently stalled at second reading. We hope that all parties will work together to bring second reading to a close and see Bill C-10 referred to committee and passed without delay.*

Bill C-10 is more than just another government bill – it was co-developed with Indigenous Modern Treaty Partners. In fact, for over two decades, LCAC has been advocating for the establishment of an independent office that would report directly to Parliament on Canada's effectiveness in implementing Modern Treaties and meeting its Modern Treaty obligations. Bill C-10 meets that objective.

Importantly, Bill C-10 does not advance a partisan agenda. Modern Treaties are constitutionally protected agreements, part of the constitutional framework within which the Crown governs land, resources, and relationships with Indigenous peoples. Despite this, the implementation of Modern Treaties continues to be inconsistent, delayed and in some cases disregarded entirely. There is currently no single point of accountability, and Parliament lacks a mechanism to oversee whole-of-government performance and implementation. Bill C-10 will help fill this gap.

Modern Treaties cover about 45% of Canada's land and sea mass, 80% of the North's land mass, and well over two thirds of Canada's coastline including adjacent marine shipping routes. Modern Treaties benefit all Canadians by creating certainty over land and resources, fostering economic growth, and fulfilling constitutional commitments. When Modern Treaties are implemented inconsistently, the consequences are real and predictable: increased disputes, litigation, unnecessary public expenses, and reduced certainty for long-term planning and investment. But, when commitments are met predictably and transparently, the result is better governance outcomes for Canadians, stability and stronger confidence in public administration.

The Commissioner will provide the necessary focus and expertise, to ensure that Parliament remains accountable to the promises made in these constitutional agreements. LCAC asks that all parties support concluding second reading in the House of Commons at the earliest opportunity and work together to ensure that Bill C-10 is promptly referred to committee for review and passage without delay.

"The accountability within the federal government that Bill C-10 will provide has been missing for far too long" said Eva Clayton, President of the Nisga'a Nation and Co-Chair of LCAC. "This is not a partisan issue, and every party should want to know whether Canada is fulfilling its constitutional obligations".

"Bill C-10 represents an important step toward stronger relationships, clearer accountability, and better outcomes for all Canadians. When Modern Treaties are implemented properly, everyone benefits. We look forward to working with all parties to ensure this landmark legislation is advanced quickly," added Paul Irngaut, President of Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and Co-Chair of LCAC.

LCAC asks all parties to give Bill C-10 the support it deserves.

Event Details:

What: Land Claims Agreements Coalition (LCAC) Press Conference

When: February 9, 2026, 11:00am EST

Where: 135-B Press Conference Room, West Block, Parliament Hill, 111 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario

Who: Land Claims Agreements Coalition (LCAC). LCAC works to ensure that comprehensive land claims (modern treaties) and associated self-government agreements are respected, honoured and fully implemented. Formed in 2003, LCAC membership includes post-effective date modern treaty holders in Canada. Modern Treaties cover about 45% of Canada's land and sea mass, 80% of the North's land mass, and well over two thirds of Canada's coastline including adjacent marine shipping routes.

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