

## PROPOSED DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR THE THREE CONSULTATION STREAMS

### 1. The removal of the 1951 cut-off from the *Indian Act*

Discussions will focus on the implementation of the delayed coming-into-force clauses in Bill S-3 relating to the removal of the 1951 cut-off. First Nations will be consulted on how best to implement the changes, to identify what resources are required and to ensure any unintended consequences are mitigated.

- a) How will the removal of the 1951 cut-off impact your community?
- b) How can the impacts of the removal of the 1951 cut-off be addressed for your community?
- c) How can the Government of Canada assist in addressing the impacts of the removal of the 1951 cut-off?
- d) How soon would you want to see the removal of the 1951 cut-off implemented?

### 2. Remaining inequities related to Indian registration and band membership under the *Indian Act*

These issues were articulated in Bill S-3 and enhanced by the input received during the co-design phase. This includes issues such as, but not limited to:

- Adoption
  - Second-generation cut-off
  - Unknown/unstated paternity
  - Enfranchisement
  - Voluntary de-registration
  - Categories in Indian registration
  - Cross-border issues
  - Children of same sex parents
  - Non-cisgender identities as it relates to Indian Registration and band membership
- a) Which of these issues do you think is of concern for your community?
  - b) Is there an inequity related to this issue?
  - c) Why do you think that there is an inequity for this issue?
  - d) How can this inequity be addressed or fixed?
  - e) Are there other inequities that need to be discussed? What are they?
  - f) What would you recommend for the next steps going forward?

### **3. First Nations exclusive responsibility for determining membership /citizenship (moving beyond the *Indian Act*)**

Discussions will seek views on the development of options to devolve to First Nations the exclusive responsibility for the determination of the identity of their members or citizens.

- a) Should First Nations take on the exclusive responsibility for determining their membership/ citizenship? Why or why not?
- b) What are the responsibilities, issues and concerns that are part of defining membership/citizenship in your community?
- c) How do you think that your community should take on the responsibility for defining membership and citizenship (if this is not already happening)?
- d) When could First Nation communities begin to take on this responsibility?
- e) What would you recommend as the next steps going forward?