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## Statement

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## **UBCIC Demands Justice for Chantel Moore, Two Years after Police Murder**

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The Inquest provides further evidence that police violence and systemic racism against Indigenous peoples are fundamentally enshrined in Canadian institutions and continue to end in genocidal bloodshed. The UBCIC stands with Chantel's family, her mother and her children, and the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation in their pursuit of justice and calls for a full, independent, Indigenous-led inquiry into systemic racism in the murder of Chantel. We call for sweeping justice reform, a robust National Indigenous Justice Strategy and full implementation of the <a href="Calls for Justice">Calls for Justice</a> to put a stop to systemic racism and the disproportionate violence that has been enacted upon Indigenous women at all levels of the justice system since its imposition on these lands.

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