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Statement: Canada must respect Indigenous Peoples' rights

The Norwegian Sami Association (NSR) asks Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Canadian government to respect Indigenous Peoples' rights, and to halt the violence against Wet'suwet'en protestors blocking the construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline in British Columbia.

The Norwegian Sami Association is deeply concerned about the Canadian government's use of force against our indigenous brothers and sisters of the Wet'suwet'en people. Pictures of armed police tearing down blockades and arresting peaceful First Nation land defenders resemble a time before human rights and reconciliation, a time we had hoped would stay in the past.

We appeal to the Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Canadian Government, to respect the civil rights of the Wet'suwet'en activists, and the rights of the Wet'suwet'en people to self-determination and free, prior and informed consent.