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Government Actions Needed to Stop Daily Anti-Asian Hate Crime

Statistics Canada's "A comprehensive portrait of police-reported crime in 2021" provides an unassailable public data source showing an increase of 355% in hate crimes targeting East and Southeast Asian communities from 2019 to 2021. The Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice (CCNC-SJ) calls out the federal government to immediately put into action effective measures to address anti-Asian hate and racism.

Up to now, there has been no sustained public condemnation or concrete measures from governments to address anti-Asian hate. The Statistics Canada's report serves as yet another reminder to the federal government that actions are needed now.

In response, CCNC-SJ is calling for the following:

1. As part of its deliberations of the National Anti-Racism Strategy, the federal government should include measurable and concrete actions to address anti-Asian hate.
2. As well, a National Anti-Racism Act should be enacted that will provide an accountability framework to mandate comprehensive government anti-racism actions to be informed by the collection and utilization of disaggregated data that reflects the experiences of diverse communities based on race and intersectional identities such as gender, gender identities, sexual orientation, religion, disabilities, and others.
3. Dedicated efforts including funding and other supports are needed from the governments to facilitate the reporting of hate incidents and victims of hate, including victims who may choose to not report to police.
4. Finally, communities are still waiting for federal government legislation and actions to combat the proliferation of hate through social media, as well as the strengthening of the *Employment Equity Act*.

"Hate crimes against members of our communities are likely happening at the rate of more than one per day. We simply cannot afford further delay in actions to stop anti-Asian hate and racism," said Amy Go, President, Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice.

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