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**This Release includes updates to the law in the following important areas:**

**Major change to organization of the federal government.** This release reflects the changes to the former Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, which has been split into two departments: the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs, and the Department of Indigenous Services. The resulting legislative and administrative changes are noted throughout the text. See especially paragraphs **3§490** to **3§540**, and **19§100**.

**British Columbia — implementation of UNDRIP.** British Columbia became the first jurisdiction in the world to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as part of domestic law. See paragraphs **1§2415**, **2§1089** and **4§135**.

**Formal assumption of federal responsibility for Métis.** The 2019 legislative changes mark the first time the Canada has formally assumed responsibility for Métis peoples. See paragraph **1§270**.

**Indigenous Languages Act.** Canada has enacted the Indigenous Languages Act, which states that section 35 rights

include "rights related to Indigenous languages". See paragraph **5§2530**.