

PETITION ADDRESSED TO THE PARLIAMENT OF CANADA CONCERNING THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLES

CONSIDERING THAT, on September 13 2007, under the Conservative government of Stephen Harper, Canada was part of the only four countries to vote against the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Aboriginal Peoples;

CONSIDERING THAT the Declaration was adopted by 143 votes by the General Assembly of the United Nations;

CONSIDERING THAT, by its adoption, the Declaration constitutes a major step towards the end of colonialism, of which the First Nations are the victims;

CONSIDERING THAT the Assembly of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador made and reiterated several demands with the Canadian Parliament to formally support the Declaration;

CONSIDERING THAT the Canadian government refuses to take action on these demands;

We, the undersigned, acknowledging that:

- The Aboriginal Peoples of Quebec and Canada are victim of discrimination and violations towards their most fundamental human rights, in a disproportionate manner;
- Based on studies, the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada would be rated at the 63rd rank in accordance with the human development index, while Canada is rated at the 4th world rank;
- Canada is part of the only four countries which, so far, have not yet endorsed the Declaration;
- By refusing to sign the Declaration, Canada does not recognize fully « the minimum standards for the survival, the dignity, the wellbeing and the rights of the Aboriginal Peoples »,

are asking the government of Canada to :

- Endorse the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Aboriginal Peoples, in order to ensure the respect of the most fundamental human rights of the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada.

Signatures

(Sign your name. Do not write in block letters.)

Addresses

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Please return the petition with the original signatures as soon as possible to:
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Wendake (Québec) G0A 4V0 NO LATER THAN MARCH 10 2009

Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador AND Amnesty International

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