



The Anishinabek Declaration - 1980

These principles we have agreed upon and our minds are united.



1. We are Nations. We have always been Nations.
2. As Nations, we have inherent rights which have never been given up.
3. We have the right to our own forms of government.
4. We have the right to determine our own citizens.
5. We have the right of self-determination.
6. We, through our governments, shall have full control of our land. "Land" includes water, air, minerals, timber and wildlife.
7. We wish to remain within Canada, but within a revised constitutional framework.
8. The negotiations to revise the Canadian Constitution shall have full and equal Indian involvement at all levels and stages of negotiations.
9. The rights of Indian Nations as Nations must be entrenched and protected in the Canadian Constitution. These rights include aboriginal rights.
10. In the Treaties, our Nations placed themselves under the protection of the Crown. While, in establishing this protectorate relationship, they share some of their powers, they did not give up or surrender their sovereignty.
11. Our Treaty rights must be entrenched and protected in the Canadian Constitution.
12. We seek to end our economic dependence on others. To this, we need enough land and resources to provide an economic base for the present and the future.
13. Our governments have the right to share in all the revenues from this and its resources. A sound financial base is required for the full operation of any government.
14. Neither the federal government of Canada nor any provincial government shall unilaterally affect the rights of our Nations or our Citizens.