



An Act to implement the

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Whereas, Indigenous Peoples in Canada are worthy of not only respect but a concentrated effort to be bound by and implement international law concerning their rights ;

And Whereas, Canada is a signatory to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP);

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the *UNDRIP Act*

Interpretation

2. These definitions apply to the Act:

“Minister” means the Minister of Indigenous Affairs;

Purpose of Act

3. The purpose of this Act is to adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the framework for reconciliation.

Implementation

4. Nothing in this Act is to be construed so as to diminish or extinguish existing aboriginal or treaty rights of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada that are recognized and affirmed in section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.
5. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples that was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations as General Assembly Resolution September 13, 2007, and that is set out in the schedule, is hereby affirmed as a universal international human rights instrument with application in Canadian law.
6. The Government of Canada, in consultation and cooperation with indigenous peoples in Canada, must take all measures necessary to ensure that the laws of Canada are consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Duties of the Minister

7. The Minister must, within 10 days after the first day of August of every year, submit a report to each House of Parliament on the implementation of the measures referred to in section 5 and the plan referred to in section 6 for the relevant period.

Schedule

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