

STATEMENT OF THE INNU COUCIL OF NITASSINAN
A NGO in consultative status with ECOSOC
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COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination
And Protection of Minorities

Working Group on Indigenous Peoples

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Item 9 - Consideration of the working paper of the Special
Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on indigenous peoples
and their relationship to land.

Madam Chairperson

1. The Innu Council of Nitassinan is an indigenous organization in consultative status with ECOSOC.
2. We support the joint statement made by the International Organization of Indigenous Ressource Development and the Grand Council of the Crees.
3. We agree with your proposal to continue our debate on the land rights' study at the next session of the UN Working group on Indigenous Peoples.
4. The Innu Council of Nitassinan will provide written comments on the issue of extinguishment found on the study of the Special Rapporteur.
5. In Canada and in Quebec, the Innu People, especially the Innu community of Schefferville, have suffered ~~the~~ concept of unilateral extinguishment by federal legislation.
6. The Innu Council of Nitassinan fully supports the work of the Special Rapporteur on the land rights study.

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