

Chief **Simon Bird** on behalf of the **Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations** -

We wish to make a recommendation related to draft legislation that is introduced into legislatures on our rights and our Treaties. Our recommendation is that legislation that affects our treaties and our peoples should be sent to the High Commissioner on Human Rights office for review. Indigenous Peoples with Treaties need to have an external oversight of the actions by states who want to undermine our rights. We have inherent rights that cannot be overridden by domestic legislation. If the Treaty Study talks about conflict prevention then we need to have an external mechanism at the United Nations to assist us. Our Peoples are expecting it - we made treaties as Nations - hai hai