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INTERVENTION 13: Agenda Item 4(f) Education

The Indian Nation's negotiators sought and the negotiators of the Crown agreed to Education as a Right. The Crown Government, upon receipt of direction from and under the authority of the Indian Government, was made responsible for the establishment of the necessary facilities and the required resources. I will refer to three articles from three Treaties among others, and I quote:

Treaty No. 6 - Between the Queen and the Plains and Wood Cree:

" And further, Her Majesty agrees to maintain schools for instruction in such reserves hereby made, as to Her Government of the Dominion of Canada may seem advisable, whenever the Indians of the reserve shall desire it."

Treaty No.7 - Between the Queen and the Blackfeet:

"Further, Her Majesty agrees to pay the salary of such teachers to instruct the children of said Indians as to Her Government of Canada may seem advisable, when said Indians are settled on their Reserves and shall desire teachers."

Treaty No. 8:

"Further, Her Majesty agrees to pay the salaries of such teachers to instruct the children of said Indians as to Her Majesty's Government of Canada may seem advisable."

Treaty Indian People were assured among others:

- (1) Education facilities and financial resources required to preserve Indian life, values and Indian Government authority, would always be provided.
- (2) The Education system would be the way by which the continuation of all Treaty Rights are ensured to future generations.

I raise these matters again, Mr. Chairman, of our Treaty Rights to Education because of blatant and ongoing violations of these Rights. Please note also there are many relevant articles in the I.L.O. Convention 169, the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the proposed O.A.S. Declaration which refer specifically to Education. I, again, respectfully submit; as I did for the Treaty rights to water and health, that this matter of our Treaty Rights to Education be referred for inclusion and consideration by the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education. Thank you.

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