

Item 5 (d). Human rights dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

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The Native Council of Nova Scotia is the self-governing authority for the large community of Mi'kmaq/Aboriginal Peoples residing off-Reserve in Nova Scotia throughout traditional Mi'kmaq territory. The objects of the association are: 1. to aid and assist Native Indian People in Nova Scotia to form local organizations for the purpose of advancing their general living conditions; 2. to work with all levels of government, public and private agencies and private industry to improve social, educational, and employment opportunities for Native Aboriginal People of Nova Scotia, and to promote, advance, and foster Aboriginal and Treaty Rights for the benefit of all Native Mi'kmaq Indian People of Nova Scotia, and to promote, advance and foster Mi'kmaq Aboriginal Title for the benefit of all Mi'kmaq Indian People of Nova Scotia; 3. to foster and strengthen cultural identity and pride among Native Indian People of Nova Scotia; 4. to inform the general public of the special needs of the Native Indian People of Nova Scotia and their efforts to achieve full participation in the economic, social and political life of the Province; 5. to co-operate with all other native organizations whose aims are similar to those of this Association.