Item VII: The Content and the Delivery of the Curriculum

It is our view that the inclusion of the histories, culture and traditions of Indigenous peoples and minorities in the general compulsory curriculum is very important and essential to bring better awareness and consequently improve relations among Treaty partners. Treaties and Agreements are a basis of good relationships and strengthened partnerships (Wîtaskêwin – Cree Word). Unfortunately students in all levels of education do not know about Indigenous Treaties with other Nations.

Therefore we respectfully urge you to recommend the inclusion of studies on Treaties as Nation to Nation agreements in the general compulsory curriculum, especial in relevant States of the world where Treaties exist. We argue that awareness of Treaties will bring about better understanding among students and result in better relationships among all people.

Thank you for your consideration on all these matters. Nothing in this submission should be interpreted nor construed as Indigenous Peoples agreeing to be considered as minorities. As you know these are two distinct and separate identities and have their own mechanism and Declarations.