

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Board of Directors Meeting



Date: March 31, 2021
Location: Videoconference

Resolution #: B21-03-11
Resolution Title: Bill C-15 An Act respecting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Moved by: Pita Aatami
Seconded by: Aluki Kotierk

WHEREAS the Government of Canada tabled Bill C-15 *An Act respecting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*; and

WHEREAS the ITK Board of Directors supports the inclusion of an independent oversight and enforcement mechanism in relation to the implementation of the rights affirmed by the U.N. Declaration; and

WHEREAS the ITK Board of Directors, in order to further improve the legislation, supports the passage of Bill C-15; and

AND WHEREAS the ITK Board of Directors supports the advancement of proposed amendments as follows:

Establishment of an Indigenous Human Rights Commission

The Minister shall, in accordance with this section, in consultation and collaboration with Indigenous Peoples, develop a Federal Strategy to Establish an Indigenous Human Rights Commission, where Commissioners are appointed on a distinctions-basis, with First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples represented on the Commission, and by approval of the Governor in Council, seek consequential amendments to another Act.

Content

The strategy must include:

- (a) the mandate, powers, duties and functions of an Indigenous Human Rights Commission, and
- (b) the provision of resources required to establish an independent Indigenous Human Rights Commission, and
- (c) determination of the place of an established office of an Indigenous Human Rights Commission, and

(d) the required procedure and time frame to establish the Indigenous Human Rights Commission.

Time Limit

The consultation, preparation and completion of the strategy must be completed as soon as practicable, but no later than three years after the day on which this section comes into force.

Advisory Committee

The Minister must establish a distinctions-based advisory committee, with First Nations, Inuit, and Metis representatives, to provide advice on appointments to the Indigenous Human Rights Commission.

Appointment of Commissioners

On the recommendation of the Minister made after consultation with Indigenous governments and other Indigenous governing bodies and organizations, the Governor in Council is to establish an Indigenous Human Rights Commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ITK Board of Directors supports the passage of Bill C-15;

AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ITK Board of Directors supports the advancement of proposed amendments herein to further improve the legislation.

In Favor: All

Against:

Abstentions:

Carried: X

Defeated: