

# SELF-DETERMINATION or SELF-TERMINATION

## FIRST NATIONS SOVEREIGNTY

CREATOR

ABORIGINAL TITLE  
ABORIGINAL RIGHTS

### SOVEREIGN FIRST NATIONS

*Distinct Peoples*  
(History, Language, Culture)

*Distinct Territories*

*Distinct Organizations*  
(Political, Social, Economic)

INHERENT RIGHT OF SELF DETERMINATION  
INHERENT OWNERSHIP AND JURISDICTION

### FIRST NATIONS GOVERNMENTS

Constitutions  
Inherent Authorities  
Structures  
Institutions

INHERENT JURISDICTION AND  
LAW-MAKING POWERS  
RESPECTING FIRST NATION  
PEOPLES AND TERRITORIES

ENVIRONMENT  
ECONOMY  
RESOURCES  
PEACEKEEPING  
CITIZENSHIP  
SELF-DEFENCE

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

INHERENT  
TREATY-MAKING POWERS

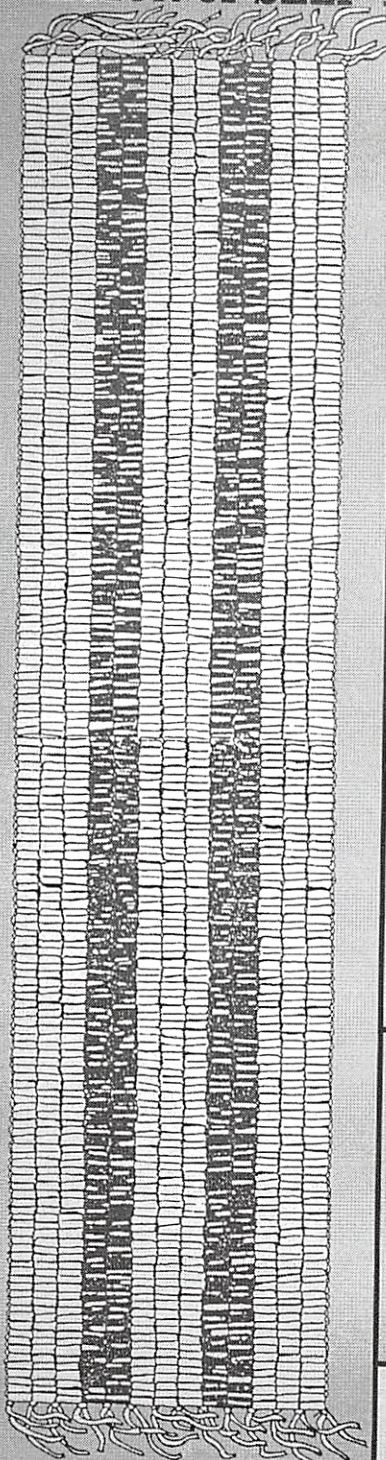
### NATION-TO-NATION TREATY AGREEMENTS AND PROTOCOLS

INTER-TRIBAL TREATIES  
AND PROTOCOLS

FIRST NATION  
CROWN TREATIES

"Fundamental Charters"

## SELF DETERMINATION



## EXPLORATION & COLONIZATION IN NORTH AMERICA

SOVEREIGN CROWN

GREAT BRITAIN

TREATIES BETWEEN GREAT  
BRITAIN AND FIRST NATIONS  
*Military, Economic, Political Alliances*

### ROYAL PROCLAMATION OF 1763

Doctrine of Consent;  
First Nation Sovereignty;  
Treaty-making Crown policy

## TREATY-MAKING POWERS PASS FROM BRITISH CROWN TO CROWN IN RIGHT OF CANADA

CANADA

B.N.A. ACT, 1867  
Sec. 91(24): "Indians and lands  
reserved for Indians"

### CONSTITUTION ACT, 1982

SECTION 35: Recognizes and affirms  
"existing aboriginal and treaty rights."

## COLONIALISM

### INDIAN ACT 1876 - Present

DE-TRIBALIZATION,  
ASSIMILATION, TERMINATION

### DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

PROGRAMS, SERVICE,  
MONEY CONTROL

## NEO-COLONIALISM

BAND  
COUNCILS:  
1884 - Present

TRIBAL  
COUNCILS:  
1980 - Present

Extinguishment land claims policy:  
"Comprehensive Claims Agreements",  
"Modern Treaty-Making"

Indian Act amendments - Devolution.  
Legislated "community self-government"

Alternative legislation:  
"Chartered Land Act", "Monies Act", etc.  
"Tri-partite agreements"  
B.C. Treaty Commission

SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF POVERTY

## SELF TERMINATION

IROQUOIS TWO ROW WAMPUM - GUSWENTHA (1613)

*"The Grandfather of Treaties"*

"We will not be like father and son, but like brothers. These two rows will symbolize canoes, travelling down the same river together. One will be for the Original People, their laws, their customs, and the other for the European people and their laws and customs. We will each travel the river together, but each in our own boat. And neither of us will try to steer the other's canoe."

Reading of Two Row Wampum from Akwesasne Notes

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