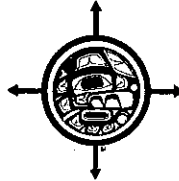


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Prime Minister Stephen Harper
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Sent Via FAX: (613) 941-6900

August 30, 2007

Re: Support United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People

Dear Prime Minister Harper:

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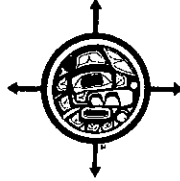
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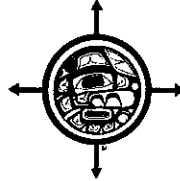
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