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**Resolution of the Québec National Assembly dated March 20, 1985 on the recognition of existing aboriginal rights and the resolution dated May 30, 1989 recognizing the existence of the Maliseet Nation.**

**RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**THAT this Assembly :**

**RECOGNIZES** the existence of the Abenaki, Algonquin, Attikamek, Cree, Huron, Micmac, Mohawk, Montagnais, Naskapi and Inuit nations in Québec;

**RECONGNIZES** existing aboriginal rights and those set forth in The James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement and The Northeastern Québec Agreement;

**CONSIDERS** these agreements and all future agreements and accords of the same nature to have the same value as treaties;

**SUBSCRIBES** to the process whereby the Government has committed itself with the aboriginal peoples to better identifying and defining their rights - a process which rests upon historical legitimacy and the importance for Québec society to establish harmonious relations with the native peoples, based on mutual trust and a respect for rights;

**URGES** the Government to pursue negotiations with the aboriginal nations based on, but not limited to, the fifteen principles it approved on 9 February 1983, subsequent to proposals submitted to it on 30 November 1982, and to conclude with willing nations, or any of their constituent communities, agreements guaranteeing them the exercise of :

- (a) the right to self-government within Québec;
- (b) the right to their own language, culture and traditions;
- (c) the right to own and control land;
- (d) the right to hunt, fish, trap, harvest and participate in wildlife management;
- (e) the right to participate in, and benefit from, the economic development of Québec,

so as to enable them to develop as distinct nations having their own identity and exercising their rights within Québec;


**DECLARES** that the rights of aboriginal peoples apply equally to men and women;

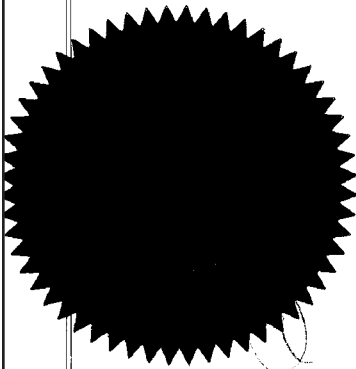
**AFFIRMS** its will to protect, in its fundamental laws, the rights included in the agreements concluded with the aboriginal nations of Québec; and

**AGREES** that a permanent parliamentary forum be established to enable the aboriginal peoples to express their rights, needs and aspirations.

**CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON 20 MARCH 1985.**

Québec, this thirtieth day of March 2001.

  
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**PIERRE DUCHESNE**  
Secretary General of the National Assembly

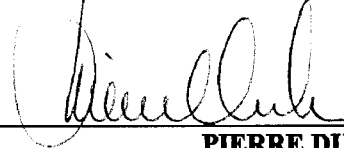


**RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**THAT the National Assembly recognize the existence in Québec of the Maliseet Nation on the same footing as the ten other aboriginal nations already recognized in the National Assembly's resolution of 20 March 1985.**

**CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON 30 MAY 1989.**

**Québec, this thirtieth day of March 2001.**



**PIERRE DUCHESNE**  
**Secretary General of the National Assembly**

