



Declaration from the Symposium on Racism and Discrimination

For a Quebec Proud of its Relationship with the First Peoples: Anti-Racism Policy and Action Plan

CONSIDERING:

- The Declaration and the Action Plan adopted at the *World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance* (CMCR), which took place in Durban, in 2001;
- *The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, on September 13, 2007;
- The Quebec and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms;
- The 26 fundamental principles of peaceful co-existence of the Assembly of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador, adopted in May 1998;
- The Symposium: *For a Quebec Proud of its Relationship with the First Peoples* which constitutes a triggering element for the adoption of an Anti-racism Policy and Action Plan to combat racism against Aboriginal Peoples,

IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT:

The Assembly of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador, the *Chaire de recherche en immigration, ethnicité et citoyenneté* and its *Observatoire international sur le racisme et les discriminations*, ask the government of Quebec, in consultation with the Aboriginal Peoples to implement a development process for an anti-racism policy and an action plan to combat racism towards the Aboriginal Peoples.

This Policy and Action Plan should take into consideration, amongst others, the following dimensions:

- The indivisibility of rights, more specifically the right to equality and the right of the Aboriginal Peoples to self-determination;
- The historic and systemic causes for racism linked to colonialism, which explain the present-day situation of the Aboriginal Peoples;
- The expressions of racism in the areas of education, work, housing, health, social services, media, judicial system, etc.;
- The repercussions of racism on individuals and the communities;
- The international instruments in place for the protection of Indigenous Peoples;
- The establishment of a First People History Month.

This Declaration was adopted on March 22, 2011 at l'UQAM by :
the members of the Organizing Committee and the Symposium participants.