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MP BEVINGTON SUPPORTS U.N. DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

YELLOWKNIFE – Western Arctic MP Dennis Bevington supports the Dene Nation in today's rally on the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. On July 10, 2007, Bevington and NDP MPs Jean Crowder (Nanaimo-Cowichan) and Alexa McDonough (Halifax) signed a copy of the declaration during the Assembly of First Nations meeting in Halifax.

"This declaration outlines the minimum human rights standards necessary for the dignity, survival and well-being of the world's indigenous peoples. It has been under discussion at the United Nations for more than two decades," said Bevington.

"It's time for us to support all Indigenous People around the world, and work towards eradicating poverty, violence and all other injustices," said Bevington.

The Declaration is scheduled for a vote during the 61st United Nations Assembly in New York on September 13th.

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