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BILATERAL PROCESS AGREEMENT

Between

**THE GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN
as Represented by the Premier of Saskatchewan
on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan
("Saskatchewan")**

and

**THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN INC.
as represented by the President
on behalf of the Metis Society of Saskatchewan Inc.
(the "Society")**

WHEREAS the Parties to this Bilateral Process Agreement wish to foster and maintain a constructive relationship;

WHEREAS the parties wish to address matters which are not appropriately addressed through the Tripartite Process Framework Agreement with Canada, Saskatchewan and the Society;

WHEREAS the parties wish to use a bilateral process to clarify federal jurisdiction for Metis people;

AND WHEREAS the Parties agree this Agreement is without prejudice to their respective positions on any future constitutional or other matters pertaining to Metis people;

NOW THEREFORE the parties agree to formally enter into a process which will enable them to jointly address policy and planning issues of mutual concern through the structures and terms of references set out below:

STRUCTURE:

The structure of the bilateral process shall be comprised of a leaders' forum and a tier one and tier two committee structure.

1) Leaders Forum:

Composition and Frequency of Meetings: The Premier of Saskatchewan and the President of the Metis Society of Saskatchewan shall meet regularly.

2) **Tier One Committee Structure:**

Composition and Frequency of Meetings: A Cabinet Committee and the Metis Society of Saskatchewan Executive shall meet quarterly.

The Cabinet Tier One Committee shall be composed of the following:

- Premier (ex officio)
- Minister responsible for Indian and Metis Affairs (co-chair)
- Provincial Secretary (responsible for federal/provincial relations)
- Minister or Associate Minister of Finance
- Minister of Economic Development
- Other Ministers as required

The Metis Society Tier One Committee shall be composed of the following:

- President (ex officio)
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Twelve Area Directors
- Metis Senator
- Metis Women of Saskatchewan Representative
- Metis Youth Representative

Terms of Reference-Tier One Committee:

The bilateral process shall provide a forum for the parties to:

- (a) consult on relationship and process issues;
- (b) develop joint strategies to clarify federal jurisdiction for Metis people and to maximize federal responsibility and funding;
- (c) address policy and sector program issues including those that could not be resolved at the tripartite level;
- (d) provide direction to the Tier Two Committee.

Commitments on financial matters **will not** be decided upon in this forum but referred to the normal decision making processes of government.

3) **Tier Two Committee Structure:**

Composition and Frequency of Meetings: The leaders' meetings and the Tier One Committee will be supported by a standing technical committee, the Tier Two Committee, which will meet as required.

The Provincial Tier Two Committee will be composed of the following:

- Deputy or Associate Deputy Minister to the Premier
- Deputy Minister, Indian and Metis Affairs
- Secretariat (co-chair)
- Deputy Minister, Provincial Secretary
- Deputy Minister, Justice
- Deputy Minister, Finance
- Deputy Minister, Economic Development
- (Other Deputies will attend on an ad hoc basis)

The Metis Society Tier Two Committee will be composed of officials and technical staff of the Metis Society and Metis institutions including:

- Metis Society of Saskatchewan (Executive Offices)
- Gabriel Dumont Institute
- Sasknative Economic Development Corporation
- Provincial Metis Housing Corporation
- Metis Women of Saskatchewan
- Metis Pathways Secretariat
- Others to be determined by the Metis Society of Saskatchewan

The Provincial and the Metis Society Tier Two Committees may establish working groups and ad hoc committees of technicians as required.

Terms of Reference-Tier Two Committee:

The Tier Two Committee Is designed to provide a forum for Provincial and Metis Society officials to:

- (a) consult with one another on technical policy and program matters of mutual concern;
- (b) provide technical and professional advice to the Tier One Committee; and
- (c) to resolve program and policy issues raised at the Tier One Committee meetings.

4. Link to Tripartite Processes:

- Where the parties concur, policy or technical matters arising from the Tier I and Tier II committees may be referred to the Tripartite process for attention.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties, in good faith and with a commitment to successful resolution of all items in this Bilateral Agreement, set their hands on the 24th day of June, 1993.

Original signed by Roy Romanow
Premier Roy Romanow
on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan

Original signed by Gerald J. Morin
Gerald J. Morin
President of the Metis Society of Saskatchewan Inc.