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**Recognition of Kosovo by Canada
« A Position which is Inconsistent with the Non-recognition of the
Rights of Aboriginal Peoples »**

- Ghislain Picard, Chief of the AFNQL

Wendake, March 19 2008 – The Chief of the Assembly of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador denounces the « double standards » of the Harper government, on international issues. « Canada cannot really play the card of advocate for human rights, after it brought discredit upon itself on this subject, by voting against the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Aboriginal Peoples », stated today, Ghislain Picard.

It should be noted that, on September 13 2007, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the International Declaration on the Rights of Aboriginal Peoples, an exceptional progress in the area of human rights. Only four countries objected to its adoption, including Canada. « It is irresponsible for a government, which lauds itself on a world-wide scale, of being an advocate for human rights, to vote against the fundamental rights of aboriginal peoples. It is high time that the government takes stock of itself, in the hope that it will incite it to analyze thoroughly its relation with the Aboriginal Peoples », stated Mr. Picard.

The Assembly of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador is the regional organization which regroups the Chiefs of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador

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