Background

We declare that, to truly celebrate the 150th anniversary of Canada in 2017,

Constitution Act, 1982

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² At the time of the drawing up of the Canadian constitution 1982 and of the TRC report, the general term used was 'Aboriginal'; however, in keeping with current shifts in terminology, this text uses the term 'Indigenous', the exception being the term 'Aboriginal rights.' Otherwise, the term 'Indigenous' refers to those peoples as affirmed as 'Aboriginal' in the Constitution: First Nations, Metis and Inuit, and is inclusive of both on- and off-reserve communities as well as status and non-status.