

Parties and Preamble

THIS LAND CLAIMS AGREEMENT

BETWEEN:

The Inuit of Labrador as represented by Labrador Inuit Association

AND:

Her Majesty the Queen in right of Newfoundland and Labrador

AND:

Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada

WITNESSES THAT WHEREAS:

1. Inuit claim aboriginal rights in and to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Area based on their traditional and current use and occupancy of the lands, waters and sea ice of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Area in accordance with their own customs and traditions;
2. Inuit are an aboriginal people of Canada;
3. Inuit have never entered into a treaty or land claims agreement with the Crown;
4. The *Constitution Act, 1982* recognizes and affirms the existing aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada, and “treaty rights” includes rights that may be acquired by way of land claims agreements; and
5. The Agreement sets out principles for the establishment of a free and democratic government for Inuit;

NOW THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS: