

# WHAT IS UNDRIP?

The “United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People” defines the rights that Indigenous peoples around the world deserve. UNDRIP is not a law, but it tells the Government of Canada how to make sure its laws do not harm Indigenous peoples and do protect their rights.

UNDRIP has 46 articles that define Indigenous rights. They include the right to:

Be free and equal to everyone else.



Live in a safe and appropriate house.



Access services for your health.



Live a life that is safe and without violence.



Practice and protect your culture.



Stay in your community and on your land.



Have a spiritual connection to your traditional lands and waters.



Have your voice heard in decisions that may affect your rights.



# UNDRIP AND INUIT WOMEN AND GIRLS



**UNDRIP and the UN Declaration Act are legal tools that must be used to help:**

- Address injustices.
- End all forms of violence against Inuit women and girls.
  - » This includes violence and unfair treatment in policing, health care, child welfare, and social services.
- Protect Inuit culture.
- Keep families together in their communities and on their lands.

All Indigenous peoples, including Inuit women, girls and gender-diverse individuals, have these rights.



**In the UNDRIP Action Plan, the Government of Canada will work with Inuit communities to improve and support the rights of Inuit to:**

- Make decisions about their own communities.
- Choose who they want to represent them in social and political conversations.
- Live a life free from violence and inequality.
- Have access to health services that meet the needs of all community members, including midwifery services.
- Live in safe and appropriate housing.
- Have access to good quality buildings, roads, internet, and other essential infrastructure needed to make a community accessible.
- Be healthy and live their life in whatever way they want to.



## Beyond UNDRIP

While there is hope that UNDRIP will bring positive changes, it will not be able to undo all of the harm that Canada has done, and still does to Indigenous peoples. It will also take time to make these changes. It is important to remember that you don't need laws to tell you that you deserve to live a life that is safe, healing, and grounded in culture. Gender-diverse Inuit and Inuit women are vibrant and strong.

