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DECISIONS

Communication No. R.19/78

Submitted by: Alexander Denny

Alleged victims: the people of the Mi'kmaq tribal society

State party concerned: Canada

Date of communication: 30 September 1980

Documentation references: Prior decisions - none

Date of present decision: 29 October 1980

The Human Rights Committee decides:

1. That the author's attention be drawn to articles 1 and 2 of the Optional Protocol, under which communications may be received by the Human Rights Committee only from individuals who claim to be victims of violations of the Covenant. The author is therefore asked to clarify his standing to submit the communication to the Committee and in particular to explain:

- (a) whether he himself claims to be a victim of any violation of the Covenant and on what grounds;
- (b) whether he has been specifically authorized to act on behalf of individuals who claim to be victims of such violations;
- (c) whether there is any other basis on which he claims to have the necessary standing to submit the communication to the Committee under the Optional Protocol;

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2. That the author be requested to clarify whether he contends that besides article 1 of the Covenant articles 23 and 27 or any other articles have allegedly been violated;

3. That the author be requested to furnish his clarifications or observations to the Human Rights Committee, in care of the Division of Human Rights, United Nations Office at Geneva, within two months of the transmittal of this decision to him;

4. That this decision be communicated to the author of the communication.