CHECK THE FACTS

before believing these **5 misconceptions**

Addressing "DIS-INFORMATION" about the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management*

LEGEND - **M : Misconception** / **T : Truth** / **∗: Sections of the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management***

M1: *It capitalizes on First Nations Lands and Resources, turning them into municipalities.*

T: NO! The Framework Agreement and its ratifying legislation make no allowances for using land as capital.

Existing *Indian Act* provisions concerning taxation, seizure, or garnishement continue under the Framework Agreement. (*See section 15)

It is not possible for First Nations to become municipalities under the Framework Agreement. **None of the over 120 First Nations who have approved the Framework Agreement through their land codes, have become municipalities.**

M2: *Fate of First Nations tied to the Market (supply and demand) Economy*

T: NO! The Framework Agreement recognizes the inherent right of First Nations to govern their Lands, Environment and Natural Resources. It does not, in any way, rely on the Market Economy for this recognition.

All economic development is in some way tied to changes in the Market Economy. This applies to First Nation investments and intiatives whether they are Self-Governing or under the *Indian Act*. The Framework Agreement does not change this relationship.

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M3: *Release of the Crown's Fiduciary obligations for Reserve Land in Future.*

T: NO! The Framework Agreement states that the special relationship with Canada continues and land remains lands reserved for Indians.

Canada is still responsible for issues created before a land code comes into force. First Nations are responsible for decisions made after the land code comes into force.

Funding has been available to First Nations for resolving land management issues that occurred under the *Indian Act*, before the land code took effect.

(*See sections 1.4, 2.3, 4 and 50.3)

M4: *Negative Reputation as a "sell-out" of inherent rights – just another form of delegated authority.*

T: NO! None of the over 210 First Nations who have signed the Framework Agreement or implemented their land codes have been reputed to be or are "sell-outs." Many of these First Nations have more than 20 years of experience governing their lands according to their community-developed and approved land codes.

The protection of reserve lands, treaties, and inherent rights continues after a First Nation passes its land code.

The Framework Agreement recognizes a First Nation's authority to govern its lands and resources. This is First Nation Self-Governance, not delegated authority or control by the Canadian Government.

M5: *Taxation is Inevitable*

T: NO! Reserve lands continue to be tax exempt under the Framework Agreement. (*See section 15.4)