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Canadian Indians are demanding more input into legislation which directly affects them. Efforts by John Munro to make revisions to the Indian Act in that country are not being greeted with great enthusiasm. The National Indian Brotherhood is asking for such efforts to cease because they do not meet the seven principles laid down by the Brotherhood: 1. Indians shall determine who Indians are 2. Indian developed and supported position papers will be the starting point of any discussions, cabinet documents or bills on Indian Act revisions 3. The time frame for Indian Act revisions shall be an Indian time frame 4. Indian governments shall be the primary decision makers 5. Indian people demand direct access and total participation at all stages and levels of the legislative change process 6. Indians shall be responsible for Indian to Indian consultations 7. There will be an acceptance of the diversity that exists among Indian people in Canada.

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