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Dear Honourable Members,

The Progressive Conservative Association of Women for Cornwall and Area would like to make the following submission. That although we do not disagree with patriation of the Constitution, We pledge our support to our Canadian Natives and desire that their Culture and Language Rights be entrenched. Our Canadian Natives should have representation as equal participating members in the formulation of a new Canadian Constitution. In the present draft, we have taken note, that there is no mention to Women's Rights. We, the Tory women, find it most unjust, that Our Canadian Native Women have suffered suppression and labelled non-status for 100 years, under an Indian Act, that the Canadian Government failed to Amend. We would like to see within a Democratic Canada, our Canadian Natives represented in the Provincial and in the Federal Legislature, as they are part of the History of Canada, and, the original FIRST CANADIANS. May we remind, the Honourable Members of this Historical Committee, in respect to our Natives, That The Art of Good Government is Justice and Honesty.

Sincerely  
P.C. Women's Assoc of  
Cornwall & Area  
Secretary

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