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News Release on Proposed Joint Agenda for  
First Ministers' Conference, March 15-16, 1983

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# Communiqué News Release

The Honourable Mark MacGuigan, Chairman of the Ministerial Consultations for the First Ministers' Conference obtained at the end of today's sessions unanimous agreement to the following agenda jointly proposed by the Assembly of First Nations, the Native Council of Canada and the Inuit Committee on National Issues to be recommended to First Ministers for their March 15-16, 1983 Conference

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1. Charter of Rights of the Aboriginal Peoples (expanded Part II)
  - Preamble
  - Removal of "existing", and expansion of section 35 to include recognition of modern treaties, treaties signed outside Canada and before Confederation, and specific mention of "aboriginal title" including the rights of aboriginal peoples of Canada to a land base
  - Statement of the particular rights of aboriginal peoples
  - Statement of Principles
  - Equality
  - Enforcement
  - Interpretation
2. Amending formula revisions, including:
  - Amendments on aboriginal matters not to be subject to provincial opting out (section 42)
  - Consent clause
3. Self-Government
4. Repeal of section 42(1)(e) and (f)
5. Amendments to Part III, including:
  - Equalization )
  - Cost-sharing )      Resourcing of Aboriginal
  - Service Delivery)      Governments
6. Ongoing Process, including further FMC's and the entrenchment of necessary mechanisms to implement rights.