

It is not anticipated that this procedure will be used extensively since few countries have submitted Declarations. However, the submission of the Declaration symbolizes the commitment shared by the federal and provincial governments to strive to promote respect for human rights. It is particularly significant because it represents a willingness to open to international scrutiny Canada's performance in fulfilling its obligations under the Covenant.

The Declaration was submitted by the Canadian Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador William H. Barton.