

Terminology

Throughout the report the Committee has used the term *Indian First Nations* to describe the entities that would be exercising self-government. Although the terms of reference refer to "Indian self-government", the majority of witnesses referred to themselves as members of First Nations. In order to familiarize the general public with the term, the Committee decided to use *Indian First Nations* in this report. In the following chapter, the Committee examines the historical background of this term.