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Mike Mercredi: The definition we have to buy into the objectives of the, of the Métis Nation. Yeah I guess that's okay. It's just that we call ourselves the Métis Nation and the best that I can remember is that Mulroney was one of the first guys that said something about a Métis Nation. I think he was talking about in a, in a speech to Aboriginal people and he mentioned Métis Nation. Well I think that was the first time in, in many, many years that anybody referred to the Métis Nation. Mulroney did. Up until then it was Métis Association of, or Métis Society of Saskatchewan, the Métis Association of Alberta, AMNSIS, the Manitoba Métis Federation and, and all of that. And he comes up with the term Métis Nation, which is good. It's a, it's a beginning step. And the next thing we did was, was change the name from the society to nation. Still under the same non-profit corporations Act, still controlled by the artificial boundaries of each of the provinces and my position has been for the longest time now we need to have one nation, one council, one parliament, if you want to call it that, one card that you have for life like you've got your card here, that you're a Métis no matter where you go.

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