APPENDIX 6

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

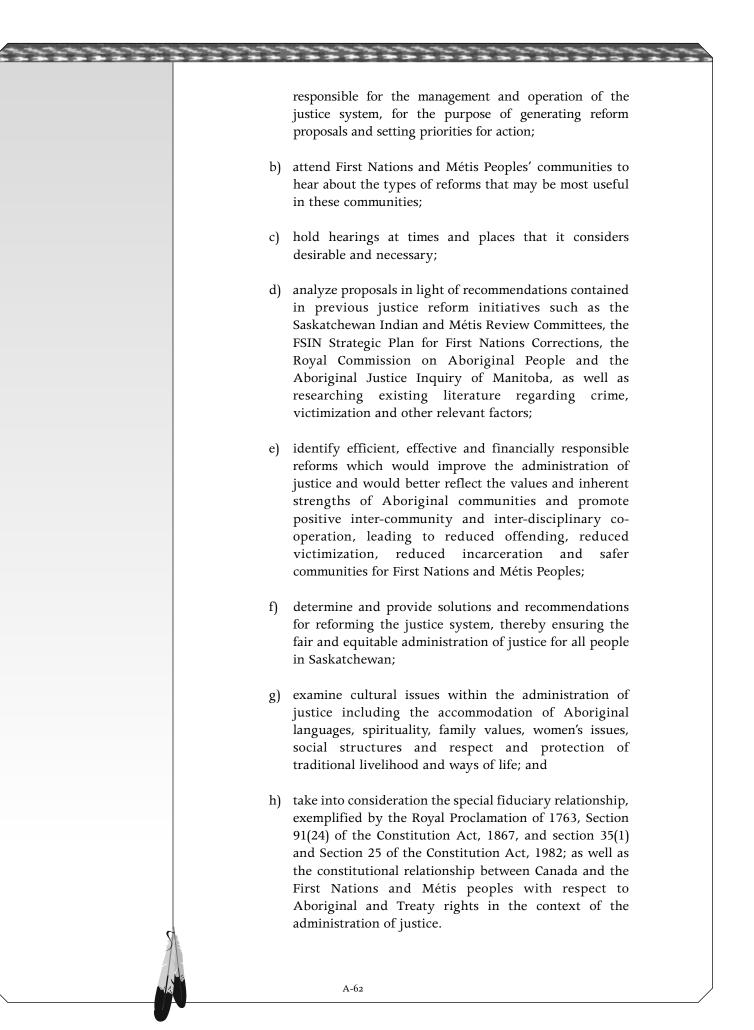
WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest the Commission on First Nations and Métis Peoples and Justice Reform review the justice system with the intent of devising solutions to overcome systemic discriminatory practices and address attitudes based on racial or cultural prejudice;

AND WHEREAS, it is acknowledged this Commission shall not, in any way, be interpreted as an abrogation of Treaty or Aboriginal Rights;

AND WHEREAS, there shall be no negative financial effect arising from the creation of this commission to any existing First Nations and Métis justice programs and initiatives funded by the Government of Saskatchewan;

THEREFORE, the Commission on First Nations and Métis Peoples and Justice Reform is hereby charged to perform its duties and functions in accordance with the following Terms of Reference:

- 1. The Commission on First Nations and Métis Peoples and Justice Reform is mandated to hold hearings regarding reforms to the justice system that will:
  - a) respond to justice-related issues of First Nations and Métis Peoples;
  - b) include in its scope of consideration all components of the criminal justice system including, but not limited to: policing, courts, prosecutions, alternative measures, access to legal counsel, corrections including community corrections, youth justice, community justice processes, and victims services; and
  - c) make reports to the Government of Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan, the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan.
- 2. In the exercise of its mandate, the Commission on First Nations and Métis Peoples and Justice Reform shall:
  - a) communicate with Saskatchewan's people, and particularly with First Nations and Métis Peoples, communities, organizations and governments as well as officials who are



- 3. The Commission on First Nations and Métis Peoples and Justice Reform shall provide interim progress summaries every six months from the date of their appointment to the Government of Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan, the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan.
- 4. The Commission on First Nations and Métis Peoples and Justice Reform shall provide their final report to the Government of Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan, the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan within three years from the date of this order.
- 5. The Commission will recommend short and long-term implementation strategies and identify a vehicle to oversee the implementation of its recommendations.