On 29 February 1996 a complaint was submitted to the United Nations Human Rights Committee under the Optional Protocol to the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* on behalf of Arieh Waldman. The complaint alleged that Canada was violating articles 2, 18(1), 18(4), 26 and 27 of the Covenant. The violations were said to be a consequence of the public funding in the province of Ontario of schools of only one religious denomination, Roman Catholics. The following documents are related to the initial submission of the complaint.

Communication to:

The Human Rights Committee  
c/o Centre for Human Rights  
United Nations Office  
8-14 avenue de la Paix  
1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland

submitted for consideration under the Optional Protocol to the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*.

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I. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE AUTHOR OF THE COMMUNICATION

Name: Arieh Hollis Waldman
Nationality: Canadian
Profession: Coordinator of finances and administration for the Ontario Public Health Association
Date & place of birth: May 9, 1952 at Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, Canada
Present address: [Address]

Submitting the communication as the victim of the violations set forth below.

II. STATE CONCERNED/ARTICLES VIOLATED/DOMESTIC REMEDIES

Name of the state party (country) to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights against which the communication is directed:
Canada

Articles of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights allegedly violated:
The author alleges violation of articles 2, 18(1), 18(4), 26 and 27 of the Covenant.

Domestic remedies
See paragraphs 62-75

III. OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURES

Has the same matter been submitted for examination under another procedure of international investigation or settlement (e.g. the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the European Commission on Human Rights)?
No