

Nishnawbe Aski Nation

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RESOLUTION: 07/84 NATIONAL-INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN

WHEREAS the Creator has entrusted the land and its resources to the people of Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) for their survival and it is the responsibility of the people to steward and protect these lands and resources for future generations;

WHEREAS NAN First Nations have the inherent right to govern their lands and resources, in accordance with the spirit and intent of Treaties 9 and 5; and as previously stated in Resolution 04/24 on the Protection of NAN Territory and Traditional and Economic Rights;

WHEREAS the failure to consult with First Nations and seek their consent prior to accessing their lands and resources has been a continuing feature of the operations of government and the private sector;

WHEREAS the Northern Table and NAN Northern Table Chiefs Steering Committee were established by Resolution 07/04, including a mandate to the Chiefs Steering Committee to engage in an interim process of 120 days to achieve certain objectives;

WHEREAS the key issue for NAN in the Northern Table process is whether the government of Ontario will agree that the free, prior, and informed consent by First Nations is required for land and resources access, and to be set out in a government-to-government protocol;

WHEREAS the NAN Northern Table Chiefs Steering Committee has recommended that, in addition to the proposed Northern Table mandates, NAN should embark on a domestic and international advocacy campaign designed to put pressure on the governments of Ontario and Canada to meet NAN's objectives;

WHEREAS the NAN Northern Table Chiefs Steering Committee has recommended that the focus of the advocacy campaign should include the following:

- The governments of Ontario and Canada's failure to live up to Crown Treaty obligations;
- The governments of Ontario and Canada's failure to live up to international commitments, such as:
 - (i) International Declaration of Human Rights,
 - (ii) Convention to End Racial Discrimination,
 - (iii) International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,
 - (iv) Convention on the Rights of the Child, and
 - (v) United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Sending delegations of Chiefs to select European Nations, such as Germany and the Netherlands, to gain support.
- Preparation of detailed statistical profiles of NAN issues (e.g. suicide rates, failure of education system, poverty and rates of unemployment) for use in the advocacy campaign;

- Development of a media strategy to maximize national and international attention to the advocacy campaign.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the NAN Chiefs-In-Assembly, accept the NAN Northern Table Chiefs Steering Committee's recommendations with respect to a national-international advocacy campaign, regardless of the outcome of the more general Northern Table process;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that NAN is mandated to implement the national-international advocacy campaign, subject to available resources;

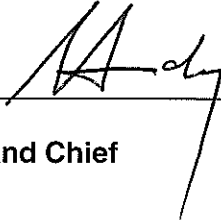
FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED the NAN Northern Table Chiefs Steering Committee be charged with the task of providing support to the advocacy campaign.

DATED AT TIMMINS, ONTARIO THIS 15th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2007.

MOVED BY: Chief Patricia Faries-Akiwenzie, Moose Cree First Nation

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Grand Chief



Deputy Grand Chief