SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
DECEMBER 6, 7 & 8, 2011, OTTAWA, ON

Resolution no.51/2011

TITLE:	Design and Minting of Canadian Circulation Coins to Commemorate the Treaties between the Crown and the First Nations of Canada
SUBJECT:	Treaties
MOVED BY:	Chief Michael Yellowback, Manto Sipi Cree Nation, Manitoba
SECONDED BY:	Chief Perry Bellegarde, Little Black Bear First Nation, Saskatchewan
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

1. Since the commencement of operations in 1908, the Royal Canadian Mint has designed and minted numerous commemorative coins and commemorative sets of coins which celebrate themes deemed by Government of Canada or the Royal Canadian Mint to be relevant to Canada including the federal and provincial coats of arms, wildlife, the boreal forest, Aboriginal art, and more recently, the 2010 Olympics and Paralympics and the Winnipeg Jets hockey team.
2. Despite the central significance of the Treaties between the Crown and the First Nations of Canada to the establishment of Canada, the Treaties have not been the subject of a commemorative coin or of a commemorative series of coins produced by the Royal Canadian Mint.
3. The Chiefs-in-Assembly of the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) have proposed that the Royal Canadian Mint collaborate with the Treaty First Nations to design and produce a commemorative series of coins to commemorate the numbered Treaties 1 to 11 and which coins should be Canadian circulation five-dollar coins to commemorate the five dollar annual annuity paid by the Crown to the citizens of the Treaty First Nations.
4. The production of Canadian circulation coins to commemorate the Treaties will serve as a positive reinforcement of the significance of the Treaties to all Canadians and will reinforce the Treaty relationship between the Crown and First Nations and between First Nations and all Canadians.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Call upon the Royal Canadian Mint to collaborate with the Treaty First Nations to design and produce a commemorative series of Canadian circulation coins to commemorate the Treaties between the Crown and the First Nations of Canada beginning with a commemorative set of five-dollar Canadian circulation coins to commemorate the numbered Treaties 1 to 11.
2. Direct the National Chief to meet with the Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Communities, the Minister of State (Transport), the Chair of the Royal Canadian Mint and the Master of the Mint to further action on the creation of a commemorative series of coins to commemorate the Treaties, beginning with a commemorative set of five-dollar Canadian circulation coins to commemorate the numbered Treaties 1 to 11.

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