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

Resolution no.78/2011

TITLE:	Second International Indigenous Border Security Summit
SUBJECT:	Border Crossing Rights
MOVED BY:	Wendall Nicholas, Proxy, Madawaska Maliseet First Nation, NB
SECONDED BY:	Grand Chief Michael Kanentakeron Mitchell, Akwesasne Mohawk Nation, ON
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. Article 36 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples states that:

1. Indigenous peoples, in particular those divided by international borders, have the right to maintain and develop contacts, relations and cooperation, including activities for spiritual, cultural, political, economic and social purposes, with their own members as well as other peoples across borders.

2. States, in consultation and cooperation with indigenous peoples, shall take effective measures to facilitate the exercise and ensure the implementation of this right.

B. The First International Indigenous Cross Border Security summit was held March 17-18 2006 to create a dialogue between Indigenous Nations, Canada and the United States to work on ways to improve the relationship between our Nations.

C. The Summit created a clearer understanding of Indigenous border crossing rights and the impediments created by enhanced security requirements at the border.

D. Canada and the United States of America, on December 7, 2011, announced a new perimeter security and trade agreement which did not include any consultations with Indigenous Governments in North America.

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

1. Direct the National Chief to seek resources to convene the 2nd International Indigenous Border Summit in Akwesasne during the first week of June 2012, and host said meeting when resources are secured.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 8th day of December, 2011 in Ottawa, Ontario

SHAWN A-IN-CHUT ATLEO, NATIONAL CHIEF