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

Resolution no.70/2011

TITLE:	Improving the Additions to Reserve Policy and Process
SUBJECT:	Claims & Land Rights
MOVED BY:	Chief Joe Miskokomon, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, ON
SECONDED BY:	Chief Joe Knockwood, Fort Folly First Nation, NB
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. In Resolutions No. 09/2010 and 14/2011, the Chiefs-in-Assembly confirmed the need for improvements to the current Additions to Reserve (ATR) policy and process.

B. The endorsement by Canada of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) includes several provisions to affirm the need for effective mechanisms in regard to redress relating to the dispossession of lands (e.g., Articles 8 and 28).

C. The Canada-First Nations Joint Action Plan commits Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to engage in meaningful dialogue on “improvements to the additions to reserve policy”.

D. AANDC and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) established a joint technical working group to review the ATR policy and process, and to make joint recommendations in this regard.

E. AFN has concluded six regional dialogue sessions to gather input from regional experts relating to ATR on the ground, and is in the process of carrying our a series of case studies that will inform any recommendations that may arise with respect to improving the ATR process.

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F. First Nations communities (will) face increasing socio/economic, residential, program and service pressures resulting from the McIvor decision.

G. This work will not impede or frustrate ATR proposals currently being advanced by First Nations.

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to review all policy, legislative and operational options with respect to improving the Additions to Reserve process with a view to bringing comprehensive recommendations for reform to the Chiefs-in-Assembly at the next Assembly.

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