
/TITLE: United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples 10 year Anniversary

SUBJECT: UN Declaration

MOVED BY: Chief Lyndon Musqua, Keeseekoose First Nation, SK

SECONDED BY: Chief Lynn Acoose, Sakimay Nation, SK

DECISION Carried; 1 objection; 20 abstentions

WHEREAS:

- A. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration) was adopted for implementation by the United Nations General Assembly on September 13, 2007.
- B. The UN Declaration is the most comprehensive international human rights instrument to specifically address economic, environmental, social, cultural, political, civil, spiritual and inherent rights, and sets out the minimum standards necessary for the dignity, survival and well-being of Indigenous Peoples.
- C. The UN Declaration will achieve its ten year anniversary on September 13, 2017.
- D. The Assembly of First Nations Chiefs are of the firm belief and opinion that Canada has reversed its No vote and will adopt, implement and enforce the UN Declaration without qualification and in accordance with Indigenous Peoples' expectations.
- E. The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has adopted the UN Declaration for implementation and is of the firm belief and conviction that the UN Declaration, as presently stated, represents the minimum standard and cannot be defined or altered and made to fit non-Indigenous constitutions, legislation and law processes.
- F. Canadian, Provincial, Territorial and Municipal Constitutions must be reformed to accommodate and be in compliance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

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

1. Instruct the AFN Executive to implement the following in full and meaningful participation with Canada, including, but not limited to the following:
 - a. Formal adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration) without qualifications or subsection to Canadian Constitution and Laws.
 - b. That Canada will adopt and pass legislation that will incorporate and reflect the UN Declaration before the Anniversary date of September 13, 2017 without qualifications or alterations to the UN Declaration.
 - c. That Canada will reform its Constitution and all policies to reflect the adoption of the UNDRIP by the Anniversary date of September 13, 2017.
 - d. That a World Conference of Indigenous Nations be convened and sponsored by Canada in 2017.
 - e. That preparatory conferences occur across Canada to gain the Indigenous Peoples' input to the outcome document(s) of the World Conference of Indigenous Nations.
 - f. That the proposed outcome document will instruct Canada and its provinces on methodologies and processes necessary to gain a just and equitable relationship with the Indigenous Peoples.
 - g. That Canada and its provinces and territories must cease all efforts and processes of legal and political importance that adversely affects, impacts, alters, denies or breaches Indigenous Peoples rights or the Treaties.
 - h. That Indigenous Peoples possess permanent sovereignty over natural resources and that this inherent and time immemorial belief and principle supersedes and transcends non-Indigenous colonial doctrines.
 - i. That redress, reparation, restitution, compensation and recourse are necessary interrelated, interdependent and indivisible principles to address our survival and well-being and are to be included in all developments and agreements going forward.
 - j. That the Treaty principles of free, prior and informed consent together with the right to participate in decision making shall at all times be referenced and utilized to guide all interrelations with other governments.
 - k. That general public education occur and that educational material be designed and developed with Indigenous Peoples rights experts concerning the UN Declaration.

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- l. That non-Indigenous governmental and departmental representatives and staff receive critical training on the UN Declaration and other international instruments and standards from Indigenous Peoples rights experts.
- m. That local education boards, leaders, teachers and administration staff receive training on the UN Declaration and other international instruments and standards from Indigenous Peoples rights experts.
- n. That training on the UN Declaration and other international instruments and standards be provided to Indigenous Nations beginning immediately by Indigenous Peoples rights experts.
- o. That an appropriate national action plan of strategies and other concrete measures including adequate monetary considerations to achieve the promotion and celebration of the Indigenous Peoples ten year anniversary be developed in conjunction with Indigenous Nations or their representative institution(s).
- p. That the Government of Canada will uphold its commitment to implement the 94 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Canada's unqualified endorsement of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- q. That all provinces and territories in Canada will uphold the Government of Canada's unqualified endorsement of the Declaration and similarly commit to the full implementation of the 94 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
- r. That the Assembly of First Nations is directed to call on the provincial and territorial governments to undertake action in response to the TRC's final report and Calls to Action.

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