ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JULY 20, 21 & 22, 2010, WINNIPEG, MB

Resolution no. 31/2010

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| TITLE: | Removal of AFN as a Member of the National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO) |
| SUBJECT: | Health |
| MOVED BY: | Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation, BC |
| SECONDED BY: | Richard Powless, Proxy, Six Nations, ON |
| DECISION: | Carried by Consensus |

WHEREAS:

A. The governance structure of the National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO) has never been supported by the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) due to its pan-Aboriginal approach.

B. The Chiefs-in-Assembly have passed Resolution no. 104 in December 2004 mandating the AFN to no participate in pan-Aboriginal initiatives.

C. The Chiefs-in-Assembly have passed Resolution no. 45 in December 2009 mandating the AFN to no longer support or participate in NAHO activities until such a time when the ongoing governance issues/concerns are sufficiently addressed to respect a distinctions-based approach to meet First Nations health information and research needs.

D. The aforementioned condition has not been met.

E. That the Chiefs Committee on Health (CCOH) passed a motion in April 2010 recommending to the Executive Committee that the AFN no longer support NAHO given the current funding cuts to other programs which better serve First Nations. It is the position of the CCOH that the ongoing governance issues will not be addressed appropriately.

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

1. Mandate the AFN to no longer participate as a member organization in NAHO and that notification letter be sent to NAHO as well as the Minister of Health.
2. Recommend that, effective immediately, the appropriate proportion of NAHO corporate resources are retained for distinctions-based First Nations processes such as the First Nations Information Governance Centre.
3. Further recommend that the National Chief discuss this issue with the Minister of Health to establish a viable solution for First Nations.

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