SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
DECEMBER 4, 5 & 6, 2012, GATINEAU, QC

Resolution no. 62/2012

TITLE:	World Conference on Indigenous Peoples
SUBJECT:	United Nations - Indigenous Peoples and Rights
MOVED BY:	Cliff Atleo, Proxy, Kyuquot/Checleseht First Nation, BC
SECONDED BY:	Ava Hill, Proxy, Six Nations of the Grand River, ON
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. Indigenous Peoples played a critical role in the development of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and UN Treaty Study completed in 1999, as well as the establishment of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples which recognize, uphold, defend and protect the inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples and Nations in Canada and around the world.

B. The United Nations General Assembly approved a resolution to convene a high level plenary session to be known as the UN World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (WCIP), now planned to take place in September 2014 in New York.

C. The WCIP will provide important opportunities for Indigenous Peoples and Nations to dialogue with States, present their concerns and advance the full and effective implementation of Indigenous Peoples' rights including the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

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

1. Encourage Indigenous Nations' leaders and their representatives to become informed about this process and opportunities to participate in the preparatory activities and the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (WCIP) in 2014.

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2. Urge Indigenous Nations' leaders and their representatives to actively participate in the process towards the WCIP to promote and advocate for an action-oriented and substantive outcome of the World Conference, with the aim of achieving full and effective implementation of the rights of Indigenous Peoples and Nations.
3. Instruct the Assembly of First Nations to assist in the dissemination of information about the WCIP to its members.
4. Urge the National Chief and National Executive to work with other Indigenous Nations' governments and their representatives and non-governmental organizations within the North American Region to facilitate preparatory discussions to develop a strong and effective coordinated message and approach to the WCIP.
5. Urge Canada and all member States of the United Nations to present reports on what measures they have taken to effectively implement the rights of Indigenous Peoples and Nations including those included in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at the WCIP.
6. Urge Canada and all member States to facilitate the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples and Nations' leaders and their representatives in all UN and other international processes and meetings.
7. Call upon the United Nations system and all UN member States to ensure and advance the full and effective implementation of international standards that recognize, uphold, defend and protect the Rights of Indigenous Peoples including the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples promoting the right to participate in decision-making.

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