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

Resolution no. 59/2012

TITLE:	United Opposition to Bill C-45
SUBJECT:	Treaty and Inherent Rights
MOVED BY:	Okimaw Wallace Fox, Onion Lake Cree Nation, SK
SECONDED BY:	Chief Isadore Day, Serpent River First Nation, ON
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. First Nations have Inherent and Treaty Rights and responsibilities to their peoples and their territories.

B. These rights are recognized through international norms and standards. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which Canada endorsed in November 2010, recognizes in article 19: "that States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free, prior and informed consent before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measures that may affect them".

C. These rights are also recognized and affirmed through section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

D. The Government of Canada is bringing forward a unilateral legislative and policy agenda that does not uphold these standards, nor fulfill the terms of Treaties.

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

1. Reject Bill C-45 and any and all legislation that impacts on the Inherent and Treaty Rights of First Nations and fails to uphold the Honour of the Crown and meet the standards of free, prior and informed consent.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 6th day of December, 2012 in Gatineau, Quebec

SHAWN A-IN-CHUT ATLEO, NATIONAL CHIEF