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**SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY  
DECEMBER 8, 9, & 10, 2015; GATINEAU, QC**

**Resolution no. 75/2015**

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**TITLE:** Support the Economic, Social and Cultural, Spiritual, Civil and Political Rights of Indigenous Persons with Disabilities

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**SUBJECT:** Disabilities

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**MOVED BY:** Patricia Saulis, Proxy, Saint Mary's First Nation, NB

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**SECONDED BY:** Chief Wayne Christian, Spallumcheen Indian Band (Splatsin), BC

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**DECISION** Carried by Consensus

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**WHEREAS:**

- A. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Convention) includes Indigenous persons with disabilities.
- B. Minister Qualtrough, as the federal Minister of Sports and Disabilities, is responsible for engagement on the Convention.
- C. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration) also applies to Indigenous persons with disabilities.
- D. Minister Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, is responsible for engagement on the UN Declaration.
- E. Both international mechanisms require urgent and dedicated work on the status, engagement, implementation, alternate forms of communication, awareness and monitoring of the economic, social and cultural, spiritual, civil and political rights of Indigenous persons with disabilities.

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

- 1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Executive to seek resources from the federal government with the aim of engaging a representative of Indigenous persons with disabilities to be mandated to work on the status,

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engagement, implementation, alternate forms of communication, awareness and monitoring of the economic, social and cultural, spiritual, civil and political rights of Indigenous persons with disabilities.

2. The AFN Executive will consider and decide on the appointment of the representative based on names submitted by respective regions.
3. The representative will undertake this work this respective of Article 4 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Convention) that addresses General Obligations on implementation and consultation.
4. The representative will undertake this work respective of Article 33 of the Convention that addresses implementation, monitoring and the involvement of civil society in the monitoring process.
5. The Representative will undertake this work respective of Articles 21, 22 and 23 of United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration).
6. As determined by the AFN Executive, these activities would include the creation of annual report on the federal government's responsiveness to the needs of Indigenous persons with disabilities under the international mechanisms, including the Convention and the UN Declaration.
7. Direct the representative undertake a process to establish a Council of Indigenous Persons with Disabilities based on names appointed by Regional Chiefs.

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