AFN Special Chiefs Assembly
December 9-11, 2008 Ottawa, ON

Resolution no. 70/2008

SUBJECT:	SUPPORT FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS TO BE INVITED AS AN EQUAL PARTNER AT THE FIRST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE ON THE ECONOMY
MOVED BY:	Grand Chief Doug Kelly, Proxy, Shxw'ow'hamel First Nation, BC
SECONDED BY:	Chief Jaret Cardinal, Sucker Creek First Nation , AB
DECISION:	Carried by consensus

WHEREAS:

A. First Nations have been and continue to be significant contributors to the economic prosperity of Canada;

B. First Nation communities and citizens have a right to equal opportunities to participate in the Canadian economy;

C. First Nations governments, on behalf of their citizens, have a right to resource revenue sharing and government-to-government funding arrangements;

D. First Nations want to be more involved in decisions affecting the economy and creating opportunities for our youth;

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F. The Assembly of First Nations represents the first people of Canada and our legal interest in the land as protected under Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution 1982 and re-affirmed by the 1997 Supreme Court decision *Delgamuukw*.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Chiefs-in-Assembly unequivocally support the Assembly of First Nations attending the First Ministers' Conference on the Economy.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 11th day of December, 2008 in Ottawa, ON

PHIL FONTAINE, NATIONAL CHIEF