ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JULY 21, 22, & 23, 2009, CALGARY, AB

Resolution no. 08/2009

TITLE:	Process to support First Nation and Inter-nation Trade Cooperation
SUBJECT:	Economic Policy
MOVED BY:	Chief Keith Matthew, Simpcw First Nation, BC
SECONDED BY:	Chief Shane Gottfriedson, Kamloops Indian Band, BC
DECISION:	Passed provisionally by AFN Executive Committee on September 10, 2009

WHEREAS:

A. AFN Chiefs Committee on Economic Development (CCED) and the secretariat have begun to explore an inter-nation trade cooperation concept.

B. AFN has drafted the early underpinnings to a trade cooperation process with the advice of a small group of indigenous business leaders.

C. Indigenous peoples and business persons from areas such as the Maori in New Zealand, and the Yavapai-Apache in the western United States, have indicated a strong interest to work with the AFN on this initiative.

D. Reseach and development of this concept will be required to determine the practical trade opportunities related to in-the-community business interests, and those elements key to the success of the concept.

E. Support, expertise, involvement from federal, provincial, territorial, and embassy-based stakeholders may be required.

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

1. Direct the AFN to further develop the Trade Cooperation concept and expand on a trade cooperation work plan to be presented to the AFN CCED.
2. Call upon the federal government to provide funding to initiate this activity and establish a three year work plan.
3. Direct the AFN to contact indigenous representative organizations, the federal government and others to participate in the development of this concept.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 10th day of September, 2009 in Gatineau, Quebec

SHAWN A-IN-CHUT ATLEO, NATIONAL CHIEF

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