TITLE:	Support for Implementation of a Gender Balanced Analysis Framework
SUBJECT:	Women
MOVED BY:	Chief Candice Paul, Maliseet Nation, Saint Mary's, NB
SECONDED BY:	Chief Lisa Shaver , Penelakut Tribe, BC
DECISION:	Passed provisionally by AFN Executive Committee on September 10, 2009

WHEREAS:

A. The AFN Charter states that the equality of men and women has always been a guiding principle and that both men and women must be involved in the advancement of an equitable society; and that building and strengthening partnerships among women and men will become an integral part in all decision-making for the AFN.

B. AFN resolution no. 16/2001 established a "Council of Women" (AFN Women's Council) as a 'principal organ' within the structure of the Assembly of First Nations and reiterated the importance of building and strengthening partnerships between men and women in order to achieve an equitable society.

C. AFN Renewal recommendation #19 speaks to "Including women's perspectives in AFN decision-making" in undertaking a review of policies and procedures to identify and remove barriers to the effective participation of First Nations women in the AFN; reviewing and approving the gender analysis framework document prepared by the AFN Women's Council prior to confirming AFN policies and positions; and ensuring issues raised by the Women's Council are a regular part of meeting agendas and discussions.

D. Resolutions nos. 10/1998, 19/1999, 4/2001, 16/2001, 12/2006 and 2/2007 affirm the commitment of First Nations leaders to obtain a gender balanced, equitable society and affirm support for, and eventual implementation of, a Gender Balanced framework to guide the work of the AFN.

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E. The February 12-14, 2007, Forum for First Nations Women Chiefs endorsed the AFN Women's Council Gender Balanced Analysis (GBA) framework, and the Women's Council convened a strategic planning session to advance strategic initiatives on the GBA that were presented to the AFN National Executive Committee; and in May 2007, the AFN Chiefs-in-Assembly endorsed the AFN Women's Council (GBA) framework.

F. Canada is attempting to meet its commitments under the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and a National Policy Forum on Women and Family Violence was convened in Ottawa on March 27- 28, 2006, for this purpose.

G. World leaders came together in 2008 for a high-level event convened by the UN Secretary-General and the President of the UN General Assembly to renew commitments to achieving the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDG) by 2015 and to set out concrete plans and practical steps for action including MDG# 3: Promote gender equality and empower women.

H. Article 22 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples states that (1) Particular attention shall be paid to the rights and special needs of indigenous elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities in the implementation of this Declaration; and (2) States shall take measures, in conjunction with indigenous peoples, to ensure that indigenous women and children enjoy the full protection and guarantees against all forms of violence and discrimination.

I. In March 2009, the AFN Women's Council developed an enhanced Sex and Gender Balanced Analysis (SGBA) framework, training manual and tool kit, and will receive SGBA training in July in Calgary, Alberta.

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

1. Support the enhanced AFN Women's Council Sex and Gender Balanced Analysis (SGBA) framework and promote special budgeting considerations where ever possible for gender, children and youth for the purpose of implementing and mainstreaming the AFN Women's Council SGBA framework.

2. Support training and the seeking of necessary capacity and resources to mainstream the AFN Women's Council's culturally relevant SGBA framework within the Assembly of First Nations, First Nations Provincial and Territorial Organizations, (PTOs) and wide spread distribution and application to federal government agencies and institutions.

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