SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
DECEMBER 8, 9 & 10, 2009, OTTAWA, ON

Resolution no. 53/2009

TITLE:	Support to AMIK (*Mamu Innu Kaikusseth Agency*)
SUBJECT:	Fisheries/ Environment
MOVED BY:	Grand Chief Konrad Sioui, Huron-Wendat Nation, Quebec
SECONDED BY:	Chief Jean-Charles Pietacho, Conseil des Innus de Ekuanitshit, Quebec
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. AMIK (Agence Mamu Innu Kaikusseth - *Mamu Innu Kaikusseth Agency*) is an organization established 5 years ago for the sharing of strategic information, the representation and defence of Innu interests, the development of fishing capacity and environmental knowledge, as well as the protection of coastal habitats for the benefit of its members.

B. AMIK represents eight Quebec Innu communities (Essipit, Betsiamites, Uashat-Maliotenam, Mingan, Natashquan, Pakua Shipi, Unamen Shipu and Mastheuiash).

C. AMIK is known as an Aboriginal Fishers Agency and has experts and scientists working with the DFO managers in decisions concerning sustainable fishing, the establishment of fishing quotas, fishing licenses and ships, scientific data analysis and research protocol in their territory.

D. AMIK is now looking at entering into new areas of marketing at a global scale.

E. First Nations have expressed an interest in seeking out partnerships to develop collaborative approaches that will generate employment, and new revenue opportunities in fisheries management, harvesting, and other related commercial activities.

F. The Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones [*Quebec's Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat* – TRANS.] has asked AMIK to be officially recognized by the Assembly of First Nations as a non-profit native organization

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working for the socioeconomic development of its members.

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

1. Officially recognize AMIK as a non-profit native organization, dedicated to the socioeconomic development of Quebec's eight Innu communities.

2. Support AMIK's successful operation of their fishery and future endeavors.

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