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

Resolution no. 33/2009

TITLE:	Early Commitments for Aboriginal Economic Development Framework Programming
SUBJECT:	Human Resource Development
MOVED BY:	Chief Shane Gottfriedson, Kamloops Indian Band, British Columbia
SECONDED BY:	Chief Isadore Day, Serpent River First Nation, Ontario
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. The federal government, through the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), has designed a Federal Framework for Aboriginal Economic Development (Framework) intended to serve First Nation and Aboriginal economies, communities and businesses.

B. The federal government's Framework proposes to enhance and further invest into its pilot project titled the Loan Loss Reserve fund.

C. $200 million in new funding was announced for the Framework over four years, of which a significant portion is expected to be retained for its Loan Loss Reserve fund.

D. First Nation leadership, economic planners, capital corporations and other key technical advisors have not been adequately included in the planning for implementation of the new Framework, and concern over the Framework has been raised.

E. The federal government has committed to invest $200 million in Aboriginal Skills and Training through Canada's Economic Action Plan.

F. INAC is expected to work closely with stakeholders, including AFN on the planning required for the successful investment in First Nations economies, including the development, design, coordination and implementation of the Aboriginal Economic Development Framework.

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G. Past resolutions mandate a central role in the development, design, coordination and implementation of the Framework for the AFN Chief's Committee on Economic Development (CCED).

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

1. Direct the AFN National Chief, Regional Chief portfolio holders and/or the Chief's Committee on Economic Development (CCED) to assert our role and right to engage in development of the Aboriginal Economic Development Framework.
2. Urge the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs to reconsider preliminary framework processes, including resource delivery mechanisms and the loan loss reserve program.

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