ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
July 15, 16, & 17, 2008, Quebec City, QC

Resolution no. 27/2008

SUBJECT:	Assessment of Environmental Impacts of the Assembly of First Nations
MOVED BY:	Chief Shining Turtle, Whitefish River First Nation, ON
SECONDED BY:	Vera Pawis-Tabobundung, Proxy, Aundek-Omni-Kaning, ON
DECISION:	Carried by consensus.

WHEREAS:

A. The health and well-being of all life depends upon maintaining clean air, water, earth and vibrant ecosystems;

B. First Nations people have long been stewards of this land;

C. The quality of our living, working, recreational and natural environments are a key health determinant for First Nations peoples in Canada and for all other people throughout the world;

D. Governments, the business community and the general population of Canada is becoming increasingly aware of the importance of adopting sustainable business practices, lifestyles and “carbon-neutral” or “zero footprint” policies;

E. Carbon neutral / zero footprint, environmentally-responsible business practice is an emergent field in which “best-practice” examples are currently being defined and are paving a path forward for all business;

F. The Assembly of First Nations can set an example for governments, businesses and the general population of Canada by being a leader in sustainable environmental practice, demonstrating how best to achieve carbon-neutral operational status; and

G. An opportunity exists for First Nations to lead Canada as a whole in identification and uptake of green technology, sustainable business practices and environmentally responsible lifestyles.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby mandate the AFN to assess and evaluate the current environmental impacts of AFN operations.
2. The Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AFN to develop a Plan for a Zero Footprint, which will include recommendations for responding to the findings of the above assessment.
3. The Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AFN Executive Committee to review the impacts assessment and Plan for a Zero Footprint and to implement all sound and feasible recommendations.
4. The Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AFN to seek the necessary funding to implement all sound and feasible recommendations put forth in the assessment and Plan for a Zero Footprint.

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