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**CONFEDERACY OF NATIONS**  
**December 9, 10 & 11, 2003, Ottawa, Ontario**

**Resolution no. 51 /2003**

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**SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION  
ABORIGINAL AND TREATY RIGHT OBLIGATIONS**

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**MOVED BY: Chief Gail Shawbonquit, Whitefish Lake First Nation, ON**

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**SECONDED BY: Chief Ralph Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash First Nation, ON**

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**DECISION: Carried by consensus**

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**WHEREAS** the Assembly of First Nations supported resolution 103/99 "First Nation Participation in Shaping the Preferred Approach to Long-term Nuclear Fuel Waste Management; and

**WHEREAS** the *Nuclear Waste Management Organization* (NWMO) was established under the recently NFWC and every nuclear energy corporation is a member and shareholder in order to initially present disposal options to the Government of Canada and then implement and maintain the long-term management of nuclear fuel waste; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly encourage the Assembly of First Nations to develop a draft Nuclear Waste Management Strategy that would protect the long-term social, environmental, legal and cultural interests of First Nations; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that this does not preclude the need for the NWMO to independently consult with First Nations in a full and meaningful manner.

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**Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003 in Ottawa, Ontario.**

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**Phil Fontaine, National Chief**

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