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**ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JULY 11, 12, & 13, 2023; HALIFAX, NS**

Resolution no. 35/2023

TITLE: Chiefs' Committee on Charter Renewal- Engagement on Charter Report

SUBJECT: AFN Chiefs' Committee on Charter Renewal

MOVED BY: Chairperson Khelsilem, Squamish Nation, BC

SECONDED BY: Chief Dean Sayers, Batchewana First Nation, ON

DECISION Carried; 1 opposition; 1 abstention

WHEREAS:

- A. The Chiefs' Committee on Charter Renewal was formed by Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Resolution 05/2017, Chiefs Committee on AFN Charter Renewal, at the July 2017 Annual General Assembly.
- B. Based on resolutions passed by First Nations-in-Assembly and the Terms of Reference that were adopted by the AFN Executive Committee in September of 2019, the mandate of the Chiefs' Committee on Charter Renewal is to:
- i. Lead efforts to renew the AFN Charter by providing recommendations for amendments to the AFN Charter to the AFN Executive Committee and the First Nations-in-Assembly that will assist the AFN in achieving its purpose.
 - ii. Bring forward recommendations for Charter reforms based on past work, current work, and future reviews through reports for consideration by the AFN Executive Committee and the First Nations-in-Assembly that will consider amendments to the AFN Charter, policies and procedures as part of this renewal process.
- C. The Chiefs Committee on Charter Renewal is in the process of developing potential Charter amendments further to its mandate (i.e., an AFN Charter Report).

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- D. The Chiefs' Committee on Charter Renewal wishes to engage with the AFN, leadership and First Nations citizens, the AFN Executive Committee, the AFN Secretariat, AFN Regions, First Nations leaders, staff, and advisors, on the development of an AFN Charter Report.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the First Nations-in-Assembly:

1. Supports the Chiefs' Committee on Charter Renewal to engage the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), First Nations leadership, citizens, including the AFN Executive Committee, AFN Secretariat, AFN Regions, First Nations leaders, staff, and advisors on the development of the AFN Charter Report.
2. Direct the period of engagement to commence forthwith and end prior to the December 2023 Special Chiefs' Assembly.
3. Direct the Chiefs' Committee on Charter Renewal to incorporate the feedback received into a final AFN Charter Report, a copy of which is to be provided to the AFN Executive Committee and presented for consideration at a future Special Chiefs' Assembly.
4. Direct the AFN Secretariat to seek adequate resources for the Chiefs' Committee on Charter Renewal to facilitate the necessary engagement.

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