SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
DECEMBER 14, 15 & 16, 2010, GATINEAU, QC

Resolution no. 51/2010

TITLE:	Opposition to Canada's Inherent Right Policy
SUBJECT:	Self-Government
MOVED BY:	Grand Chief Doug Kelly, Proxy, Soowahlie First Nation, British Columbia
SECONDED BY:	Chief Frederick Blake, Tsiigehtchic First Nation, NWT
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. All First Nations in Canada, including the Gwich'in, have the inherent right of self-government.

B. In 1995, the Government of Canada adopted the Inherent Right of Self Government Policy ("Inherent Right Policy") which forms a fundamental cornerstone of its mandate respecting self-government negotiations in Canada.

C. Canada's Inherent Right Policy has not succeeded in producing a significant number of self-government agreements.

D. Canada's existing Inherent Right Policy is outdated, is inconsistent with Aboriginal and Treaty Rights in s. 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, and fails to meet the minimum standards set out in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as endorsed by Canada on November 12, 2010.

E. Consistent and united national opposition to Canada's Inherent Right Policy is timely.

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

1. Direct the National Chief to support a national strategy to reform the Inherent Right Policy in a manner that meets the minimum standards set out in the UN Declaration.

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2. Direct the National Chief to write to the Prime Minister to convey this policy position on behalf of affected First Nations in Canada.

3. Ask the National Chief to report back at future Assemblies on progress.

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