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

Resolution no. 87/2010

TITLE:	Support for Landless Bands
SUBJECT:	Aboriginal Rights
MOVED BY:	Chief Andrew Colomb, Marcel Colomb First Nation, Manitoba
SECONDED BY:	Grand Chief Stan Beardy, Proxy, Muskrat Dam First Nation, Ontario
DECISION:	Resolution was referred to AFN executive by Chiefs-in-Assembly on December 16, 2010. Passed by the AFN Executive at a duly convened meeting on January 20, 2011

WHEREAS:

A. A federal report from 1997 confirmed that there were at least 63 so-called "landless" bands in Canada.

B. Landless bands include bands without a recognized reserve land base, as well as First Nations not formally recognized as bands (sometimes referred to as "bandless" bands).

C. Canada's landless band policy applies only to bands already recognized as such, and the process of acquiring land falls under the federal Additions to Reserve (ATR) policy / process.

D. So-called bandless bands must acquire band status prior to coming under the ATR policy / process.

E. The current ATR policy / process has long been held to take too long, cost too much, and generally be ineffective.

F. Many issues pertaining to landless / bandless bands remain to be addressed since resolution 48/2005 entitled "Mandate and Direction to address Bandless-Landless Issues" was passed in 2005.

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

1. Call on the federal Minister of Indian Affairs to resolve the many outstanding landless / bandless issues in Canada.

2. Call on the National Chief and Executive to advance an advocacy strategy to support landless / bandless bands in Canada.

3. Call on the Assembly of First Nations to take whatever steps possible to advance a resolution of landless / bandless issues, under the auspices of the Chiefs Committee on Claims (CCoC).

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