ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JULY 12, 13 & 14, 2011, MONCTON, NB

Resolution no. 12/2011

TITLE:	Support for Lands Rights Over $150M
SUBJECT:	Land Rights
MOVED BY:	Valerie Whyte, Proxy, Matthias Colomb First Nation, MB
SECONDED BY:	Chief Harry St-Denis, Wolf Lake First Nation, QC
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus – 1 abstention

WHEREAS:

A. The spirit and intent of the relationship between Indigenous peoples and Canada was aimed at a sharing of the lands in Canada and not a transfer of title to the Crown.

B. Article 26 of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP) recognizes the land rights of Indigenous peoples, including the right to own, use, develop and control their lands, territories and resources.

C. Many First Nations with land rights valued over $150M do not have access to a clear, fair or timely process to address their land rights (wrongly referred to as "claims"), and Canada has attempted to play First Nations against each other.

D. Existing processes for dealing with land rights valued over $150M are totally inadequate and unacceptable for a variety of reasons, including the continuation of a policy of extinguishment and the absence of the option for return of lands to First Nations.

E. Canada has ceased to meaningfully engage with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) on this matter.

F. A Parliamentary Committee may carry out a study that will, among other things, examine the Federal process that is supposed to address land rights valued over $150M.

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

1. Call on Canada to support First Nations with land rights valued over $150M to access a clear, fair and timely process to address their land rights.
2. Call on the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs to honour the 2007 Political Agreement with the Assembly of First Nations with respect to land rights valued over $150M.
3. Call on Canada to work cooperatively, collaboratively and in a true partnership with First Nations that have land rights valued over $150M to put in place a clear, fair and timely process (with no preconceived criteria) to address these issues, coordinated by a committee of First Nations with these land rights.
4. Call on the Federal Parliamentary Standing Committee to proceed with the study that had been scheduled prior to the last election and to call on all First Nations with large-valued land rights grievances to testify.
5. Confirm the intentions of First Nations with land rights valued over $150M to form a voluntary committee to develop strategies with respect to:
    a. Appearing before the Parliamentary Committee if a study is to be completed; and
    b. Concluding an agreement with Canada as soon as possible.

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