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**BCAFN 8TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 24, 2011 WESTIN WALL CENTRE**

RESOLUTION 06(f)/2011

SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ALL-CHIEFS' TASK FORCE

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

DECISION: Carried by consensus as part of omnibus Resolution 06/2011

WHEREAS:

- A. At an All-Chiefs' Assembly held in August 2009, an All-Chiefs' Task Force comprised of volunteer First Nation leaders from across the province, was struck to build upon the outcomes of that gathering and to better organize ourselves internally as First Nations in British Columbia, and work together on issues of common concern;
- B. The All-Chiefs' Task Force focused their work in three areas, each led by its own Working Group: the Coordinated Action Working Group, the Operational-Technical Working Group, and the Political-Legal Working Group;
- C. At an All-Chiefs' Assembly on May 18-20, 2010, the All-Chiefs' Task Force reported on their work to date, and presented their recommendations for the period ending in November 2010, and received approval from the Chiefs-in-Assembly to carry forward their work into phase two, which concludes at an All-Chiefs' Assembly in November, 2010;
- D. By their respective resolutions, the BCAFN, FNS, and UBCIC considered the draft Action Plan developed from the All-Chiefs' Assembly on May 18-20, 2010, which formally supports and endorses the work of the All-Chiefs' Task Force, the *Leadership Accord* and the continued work of the First Nations Leadership Council as a collaborative working political partnership and process between the BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN), the First Nations Summit (FNS), and the Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC); and,

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- E. At an All-Chiefs' Assembly on November 30th to December 1st, 2010, the All-Chiefs' Task Force presented their final recommendations to the Chiefs-in-Assembly for review and endorsement, and implementation by the First Nations Leadership Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Chiefs in Assembly recognize that the All-Chiefs' Task Force has undertaken work of immense importance to First Nations in British Columbia and seek to ensure that the outcomes of this work are brought forward;
2. The Chiefs in Assembly hereby acknowledge and endorse the attached recommendations from the All-Chiefs' Task Force; and,
3. The Chiefs in Assembly direct the BC Assembly of First Nations, First Nations Summit, and Union of BC Indian Chiefs to continue their collaborative work as the First Nations Leadership Council and implement the attached recommendations made by the All-Chiefs' Task Force.

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British Columbia All Chiefs' Task Force

All-Chiefs' Task Force Final Recommendations

November, 2010

The Coordinated Action Working Group recommends:

1. That the First Nations Leadership Council engages in a high-level analysis of the current political context to identify and strategize a response to the most pressing issues facing First Nations in BC regarding Aboriginal Title and Rights and Treaty Rights, and Social Justice Issues, including Canada's "qualified" endorsement of the UN DRIP; and,
2. That the First Nations Leadership Council develops a comprehensive communications and action plan to implement the strategies identified in the high-level analysis of the current political context, making use of the tactics identified by the All-Chiefs' Task Force Coordinated Action Working Group.

The Operational-Technical Working Group recommends:

1. Each year the FNLC made up of the three organizations puts forward an implementation strategy to the Chiefs of B.C. that sets out goals and workplan on collective issues as identified by leadership along with the use of resources to meet goals.
2. The FNLC finalize a formal process for All Chiefs' Forum that includes the contributions, financial and otherwise that supports the Chiefs coming together once a year to dialogue and strategize.

The Political-Legal Working Group recommends:

1. Develop a unified Framework/Plan for action on key priorities for the political organizations (BCAFN, FNS, UBCIC)
 - Political and advocacy efforts
 - Research requirements
 - Collaboration and linkages with other organizations
 - Potential resourcing required for implementation
2. Develop framework/plan for a First Nations Thinktank / Centre for Policy / Legal Defence
 - First step undertake preliminary research into existing policy and legal institutes worldwide
3. Develop an implementation plan for existing key court decisions
 - Host a second 2 day legal workshop at Westbank