



Consejo Internacional de Tratados Indios
CONFERENCIA 47TH ANIVERSARIO



Conference Resolution Reaffirming Elders' Voices in the Guidance of IITC's Work to Defend Indigenous Rights

Delegates representing 61 Indigenous Peoples and Nations from North, Central and South America, the Arctic and the Caribbean participating in International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) 47th Anniversary Conference in the sacred place called Lake Atitlán, Panajachel, Sololá, Guatemala, after thoughtful deliberations, adopted by consensus the following resolution to defend the inherent rights and ways of life of Indigenous Peoples and support the continuity of life for our future generations:

1. IITC reaffirms its Guiding Principles, one of which states *"The IITC will continue to seek the advice of our traditional elders and spiritual leaders, and will make efforts to increase the participation and develop the leadership of Indigenous youth."*
2. IITC affirms that Indigenous elders are the keepers of our science, technologies, knowledge and wisdom for our protecting and preserving our languages and systems of life.
3. IITC recognizes that our elders carry knowledge about our Peoples' medicines and ways of healing from historical and intergenerational trauma.
4. IITC affirms the need to ensure continuing formal processes for guidance by elders in the International Indian Treaty Council's work to advance human rights, environmental health, Treaties, and food sovereignty.

Adopted by consensus in Paxil Kayala, Ixim Ulew (Panajachel, Sololá) Guatemala, on March 3, 2022.