



**44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Treaty Conference  
Mato Paha (Bear Butte), South Dakota  
Oceti Sakowin Treaty Territory  
JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Resolution on Cultural Rights, Sacred Sites and Repatriation**

The participants at this Conference representing Indigenous Peoples from the Americas, Arctic, Caribbean and the Pacific adopt the following resolution to defend the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. IITC acknowledges that the issues raised in this resolution are cross-cutting to all of IITC resolutions and areas of work based on our foundational relationships to our spiritual identities, traditional cultures and sacred ways of life.

1. We reaffirm the IITC Resolution on the Protection of Cultural Rights, Sacred Sites, and Repatriation adopted by consensus at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary International Treaty Conference in Pu'uhonua Village, Waimanalo, Oahu, Hawaii, in 2016.
2. IITC rejects and will oppose any attempts by States, businesses, corporations or international processes to control, desecrate, develop or take possession of Indigenous Peoples' traditional knowledge, cultural heritage, sacred places or ways of knowing without their Free Prior and Informed Consent.
3. In light of our cultural and traditional ways of life and our responsibilities with the Natural World and coming generations as affirmed in Article 25 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, IITC will monitor and/or participate in negotiations on the development of the United Nations Treaty on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.
4. Recalling paragraph 7 of the 2016 IITC Waimanalo Resolution, and articles 11 and 12 of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, IITC will continue to work with United Nations processes, such as UNESCO, to further the creation of an international legal environment to assist Indigenous Peoples in the repatriation of their sacred objects and human remains and the assertion of their traditional laws and inherent rights in this regard.
5. The perpetuation of our ways of life depends upon sharing our knowledge with the coming generations. We urge all Indigenous Peoples to renew and recommit efforts to reach those



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future generations by engaging and involving today's youth to give them the tools they need to meet their sacred duties to all of creation.

We commit to continue singing our songs, dancing our dances, speaking our languages, defending our sacred places and telling our stories to the youth so that they and others seeking and needing knowledge will know where they come from and where they are going and protecting those generations yet to come. We urge all Indigenous Peoples to join us in carrying out these sacred responsibilities so that our ways of life and knowing will continue.

***Adopted by consensus on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018***