



**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 Women and Children's rights including  
combating Environmental Violence**

*The participants at this conference representing Indigenous Peoples from the Americas, Arctic, Caribbean and Pacific adopt the following resolution to defend the Rights of Indigenous Peoples:*

1. IITC reaffirms its call for protection of the most sacred of all sites and environments, the woman's womb, as the first home of all humanity and our future generations.
2. IITC reaffirms the IITC Conference Resolution on "Environmental Health, Climate Change and Impacts on Indigenous Women and Children" adopted by consensus at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Treaty Conference in Pu'uhonua Village, Waimanalo, Oahu, Hawaii.
3. IITC endorses and adopts the "3<sup>rd</sup> Declaration for Health, Life and Defense of our Land, Rights and Future Generations" from the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Indigenous Women Symposium on Environmental and Reproductive Health: Advancing Research and Assessing Impacts of Environmental Violence on Indigenous Women and Girls which took place April 14-15, 2018, at Columbia University in New York City.
4. IITC will continue providing and expanding its Capacity Building Trainings and workshops for Indigenous Peoples and communities, including on how to identify issues and gather testimonies at the local level to present to UN bodies and mechanisms.
5. IITC will pursue the subtitling in Spanish of the Documentary "Circle of Poison" and promote its distribution for greater awareness on the human rights and health impacts of the international trafficking of banned pesticides. IITC will also make available the documentary "Huicholes and Pesticides".
6. IITC renews its commitment to support and will disseminate the results of the legal and human rights review of the UN Rotterdam Convention which permits the import and export of banned pesticides, by UN Special Rapporteur on the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances. IITC will also advocate for and stress the importance of Special Rapporteurs' visits to Indigenous communities during their country visits, rather than limiting them to the places and locations chosen by the States and non-Indigenous NGO's.
7. IITC will continue to use the media (Radio, Video, Public Service Announcements, Social Media etc.) as well as other forms of information dissemination to provide information on these issues and their impacts to Indigenous Peoples and communities as well as the general public. IITC



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recognizes the “digital divide” in Indigenous communities and will also seek ways to provide information for those who do not have access to the internet.

8. IITC commits to focus greater attention on work with the Committee on the Rights of the Child. In addition to other efforts, IITC will facilitate letters by Indigenous children expressing their concerns about environmental toxics on children’s health to the Chairperson and members on the Committee on the Rights of the Child and other UN procedures modeled on the letters sent to the CRC by Yaqui school children in Rio Yaqui Sonora in 2016.
9. All Indigenous Nations around the world recognize the sacredness of our children. We will continue to express our profound concern that Indigenous Children around the world are disproportionately removed from their homes and placed in non-Indigenous homes in violation of articles 7, 8, 14 and 22, *inter alia*, of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
10. IITC will provide Capacity Building Trainings specifically for Indigenous youth on Environmental and Reproductive Health issues; and
11. IITC will work to build awareness about Indigenous Missing and Murdered Women, Girls and all Indigenous Children, and will support calls for consistent, thorough investigation and effective access to justice in such cases. IITC will also continue work to halt sexual violence, trafficking and exploitation associated with extractive industries operating in and around Indigenous Peoples’ territories around the world.

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