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**Resolution on Restoring National Sovereignty, Achieving Decolonization
and Building Economic Sovereignty**

The delegates at this Conference representing Indigenous Peoples from North, Central, and South America, the Arctic, Caribbean and the Pacific, adopt by consensus the following resolution to defend the Rights of Indigenous Peoples:

1. IITC calls on the United Nations General Assembly to uphold the language regarding the status and participation of Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions as contained in the Alta Outcome Document from the Indigenous Peoples Global Preparatory meeting for the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples in Alta Norway, June 2013:

"Pursuant to the universal application of the right of self determination for all Peoples, recommends that the UN recognize Indigenous Peoples and Nations based on our original free existence, inherent sovereignty and the right of self determination in international law. We call for, at a minimum, permanent observer status within the UN system enabling our direct participation through our own governments and parliaments. Our own governments include inter alia our traditional councils and authorities;"

2. IITC further commits to advocate for enhanced status of Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions including "Permanent Observer Status" within the United Nations to ensure full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples in decision-making processes that affect them as affirmed in Article 18 of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;

3. IITC affirms that Economic Sovereignty is an essential element for restoring National Sovereignty and achieving decolonization. IITC will continue to support initiatives for building economic sovereignty between and amongst Indigenous Peoples. Whenever possible IITC will seek to organize and/or co-sponsor meetings or workshops on this theme, which would also include a focus on Indigenous youth;

4. IITC calls on United Nations bodies such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Working Group on Business and Human Rights to include in their conference dialogues action-oriented commitments for transformation of economic systems to be just and sustainable based on a framework that respects and upholds human rights including the rights of Indigenous Peoples;

5. Whereas the International Monetary Fund¹ and other bodies have acknowledged that neoliberalist economic operating systems:

- a. are based on flawed ideology; and

¹ "Neoliberalism: Oversold?" (June 2016) <http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/fandd/2016/06/pdf/ostry.pdf>.

- b. have been instrumental in the delivery of inequitable wealth distribution outcomes in the world;

IITC calls upon appropriate United Nations processes to produce a comprehensive report on the root causes of inequitable wealth distribution, including findings and action-oriented recommendations for implementing just, sustainable, transformative economic strategies that would support progressive realization of Indigenous Peoples' economic sovereignty, including such matters as:

- a. Taxation (including tax havens);
- b. Regulation of financial institutions;
- c. Alternate and local currencies (including "Crypto currencies" i.e. Bitcoin, 'Aloha coin');
- d. Corporate personhood;
- e. Democratizing the workplace (e.g. co-ops)
- f. Living wage;
- g. Indigenous to Indigenous Trade; and
- h. Just markets for Indigenous Peoples' products

***Adopted by consensus September 11th 2016,
Waimanalo, Hawaii***