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DCFN Leadership Assembly  
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**RESOLUTION 96 OCT-LA #06**  
**Re. Oil & Gas Industry on Deh Cho Lands**

**WHEREAS** the Deh Cho peoples have occupied and used their traditional lands since time immemorial,

**AND WHEREAS** there is a need to develop a process of economic development while protecting and caring for our land,

**AND WHEREAS** DIAND officials continue to pressure communities to accept government and industry resource development plans —

**THEREFORE, by our inherent right to govern,** the Deh Cho Leadership directs the DCFN Working group on Sustainable Self-Reliance:

- (1) to draft a Memorandum of Understanding or Protocol to list principles and conditions for governments and resource developers coming onto our lands based on previous discussions by Elders and Leaders
- (2) to circulate the approved final MOU or Protocol as widely as possible
- (3) to visit our communities and discuss concerns about oil and gas
- (4) to develop and establish cultural training programs for our youth with an emphasis on learning from Elders how to care for our lands
- (5) to develop pro-active strategies for resource development negotiations, such as
  - (a) setting up a corporation, and
  - (b) protecting our lands from future development (perhaps through parks)

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