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DCFN Leadership Assembly
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RESOLUTION 96 OCT-LA #08

Re. Government of Canada's Rejection of Principles in the UN Draft Universal Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

WHEREAS the United Nations established a Working Group on Indigenous Peoples (WGIP) within the Commission on Human Rights and directed WGIP to draft a universal standard on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and, within eight years, WGIP drafted a Universal Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,

AND WHEREAS the Deh Cho Dene are Indigenous Peoples resident in the state of Canada,

AND WHEREAS the Deh Cho Dene support the WGIP Draft Universal Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as drafted by WGIP and submitted to the Commission on Human Rights,

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has supported the creation of the Inter-Sessional Working Group charged with redrafting a declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples with little direct participation of Indigenous Peoples,

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has been critical of principles and rights in the WGIP Draft Universal Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which was developed through the direct participation of hundreds of Indigenous Peoples including representatives from Canada —

THEREFORE, by our inherent right to govern, the Deh Cho First Nations Leadership formally voices our peoples' serious disapproval of this diplomatic action by the Government of Canada, and voices and affirms our strongest possible support for the Draft Universal Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as developed by the Working Group on Indigenous Peoples and submitted to the Commission on Human Rights.

MOVED BY Chief Herb Norwegian, Lidli Koe
SECONDED BY Chief Tim Lennie, Pehdzeh Ki

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS