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Resolution #2

Replacement of the FNLMA

WHEREAS the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management* (Framework Agreement) is the fundamental government to government contract that First Nations and Canada sign and are actively implementing

AND WHEREAS the Framework Agreement is the mechanism that recognizes the Inherent Right of Lands and Resources Governance of First Nations

AND WHEREAS First Nations ratify the Framework Agreement by ratification vote of its eligible voting members

AND WHEREAS the sole purpose of the FNLMA was supposed to be Canada's ratification of *Framework Agreement* however additional repetitive language was inserted by Canada

AND WHEREAS this additional language creates an onerous, expensive and time consuming 2 step process for completing amendments to the Framework Agreement

AND WHEREAS the additional, unnecessary content has created confusion and controversy by:

- Using divergent text and language not agreed to by First Nations in the Framework Agreement
- Omitting important parts of the Framework Agreement
- Promoting the erroneous impression that the FNLMA legislation is the guiding document being assented and adhered to by First Nations and Canada

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the LAB and RC are directed to engage with ISC/CIRNA as soon as possible to formally request that:

- 1) Canada develop legislation to replace the FNLMA in consultation with the LAB to ensure that the replacement legislation can be supported by the signatories to the Framework Agreement as well as the LAB
- 2) The replacement legislation be designed to reflect the central importance of the Framework Agreement and be the shortest possible legislation required to ratify both the Framework Agreement and facilitate future agreed upon amendments to the Framework Agreement

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