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TO: First Nations Leadership
Political Confederacy/Tribal Councils

DATE: May 13, 2009

FROM: Lori Jacobs, Executive Director

RE: Upcoming AOCC (JULY 7-9, 2009)
CALL FOR DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

As confirmed by the Political Confederacy, the 35th Annual All Ontario Chiefs Conference is scheduled for July 7-8-9, 2009 hosted by Batchewana First Nation located near Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

As you will re-call, following AOCC 2008, a committee of the Political Confederacy was tasked to consider ways in which our current rules of procedure and approaches to conference organization could be strengthened. Five core recommendations were approved by the Political Confederacy along with corresponding proposed changes to the rules. The new proposed rules were presented, approved and implemented for the Special Chiefs Assembly - November 18, 19 and 20, 2008.

The five recommendations relate to:

1. **AGENDA PREPARATIONS:** ensuring maximum planning and coordination prior to a conference / assembly;
2. **RESOLUTIONS:** ensuring efficient review and supporting focused decision-making on key matters;
3. **SPEAKING LIMITS:** supporting efficient, effective deliberation and decision-making;
4. **SPEAKERS' RESPONSIBILITIES:** confirming roles and responsibilities of SPEAKERS (chairpersons); and,
5. **QUORUM AND DECORUM:** working together to get the most out of our conferences included designated seating and disallowing cell phones in meeting hall.

In planning for the AOCC, it will be important to build on these improvements and take the next steps necessary to maximize the effectiveness of our Assemblies. In addition, in an effort to be environmentally responsible, the Secretariat is planning on sending out the AOCC kit electronically and providing First Nation Chiefs or official proxies with a memory stick at the meeting that will contain all the documents as reported on at the 35th AOCC.

With regard to resolutions, a process has now been discussed and confirmed by the Political Confederacy for implementation for AOCC 2009. Please see attached Resolutions Process. **Please note that draft resolutions must be submitted by JUNE 17th, 2009.** Resolutions should be sent in electronic form to Dianne Simon - Dianne@coo.org. The resolution template can be found at www.coo.org.