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Resolution no. 2011-04

RE: Consultation Funding from the Province of British Columbia

WHEREAS the Indigenous Nations which are members of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs have an inherent right to self-determination including jurisdiction and the stewardship of their respective territories;

WHEREAS recent case law including *Haida* (2004) and *Kwikwetlen* (2009) decisions affirm that where the Crown is considering an action or decision with the potential of infringement on Aboriginal title and rights, including commencement of resource-related activities, its duty to meaningfully consult is triggered;

WHEREAS Canada adopted the United Nations *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* on November 12, 2010, which states that Indigenous Peoples have the inherent right to own, use, develop and control their traditional territories, lands and resources;

WHEREAS Article 39 of the United Nations *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* states, "Indigenous Peoples have the right to have access to financial and technical assistance from States and through international cooperation, for the enjoyment of the rights contained in this Declaration;"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCIC Chiefs Council fully agree that the Provincial Government of British Columbia must provide the resources necessary to engage in meaningful consultation on a government-to-government basis which is our inherent right as Indigenous Peoples of the land, and has been mandated by the Supreme Court of Canada;

THERFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive to immediately communicate to the Province of British Columbia that whenever the Crown's duty to consult Indigenous Nations is triggered, that the Province of British Columbia must provide funding for Indigenous Nations to engage in such consultation with the Crown.

Moved: **Chief Wayne Christian, Splatsin**
Seconded: **Chief Ko'waintco Michel, Nooatich**
Disposition: **Carried**
Date: **March 10, 2011**