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ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
July 6, 7 & 8, Ottawa (Ontario)

Resolution no. 02/2021

TITLE: Preliminary Examination of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

SUBJECT: Residential Schools in Canada, Crimes against humanity

MOVED BY: Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, BC

SECONDED BY: Kukpi7 Wayne Christian, Splatsin First Nation, BC

DECISION Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

- A. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration) Articles 2, 7,8,9, 10,11,12,13,14,17,18,22,23,25,26,39,40,42,43 and 44 are applicable to this subject matter and should be upheld and promoted by all First Nations.
- B. A group of lawyers in Canada have requested a preliminary examination of the Prosecutor of the International Crime Court by commenced proprio motu pursuant to Article 15 of the *Rome Statute of the International Court*.
- C. The accused are agents, employees or actors working for the Government of Canada and the Government of Vatican City State/Holy See ("Vatican").
- D. The Complaint is regarding the recent discovery of the unmarked burial site of 215 graves of children who were under the forced care of the Government of Canada and Vatican at the Kamloops Indian Residential School in Kamloops, British Columbia.
- E. The Complainants submit the deaths, located within unmarked graves and the general treatment of the 215 deceased children constitute crimes against humanity.
- F. The Complainants submit that there are likely other mass burials sites across Canada at former Indian Residential School sites and that the accused have taken actions to cover up these gravesites to hide their crimes against humanity from the world.

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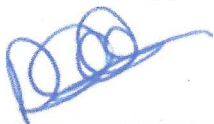
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to immediately begin work with all First Nations in Canada to support the investigation of former Indian Residential School sites with the purpose of identifying crime scenes of children.
2. Direct the AFN to work with all First Nations in Canada to support additional works as required and considered appropriate by each First Nation to conduct archeological investigations, document research and other such methods of investigation as required to collect more information about any gravesites discovered during the investigation.
3. Direct the AFN to seek justice through intervention at the International Criminal Court in this matter, to hold the Imperial Crown, Government of Canada and the Vatican accountable for their actions and to seek justice for the crimes against humanity for the victims' families and the international community.
4. Direct the AFN to formally invite the International Commission on Missing Persons to work with First Nations to support the work as part of an international entity.

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