CONFEDERACY OF NATIONS Resolution no. 51/2003
December 9, 10 & 11, 2003, Ottawa, Ontario

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION ABORIGINAL AND TREATY RIGHT OBLIGATIONS

MOVED BY: Chief Gail Shawbonquit, Whitefish Lake First Nation, ON
SECONDED BY: Chief Ralph Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash First Nation, ON
DECISION: Carried by consensus

WHEREAS the Assembly of First Nations supported resolution 103/99 “First Nation Participation in Shaping the Preferred Approach to Long-term Nuclear Fuel Waste Management; and

WHEREAS the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) was established under the recently NFWC and every nuclear energy corporation is a member and shareholder in order to initially present disposal options to the Government of Canada and then implement and maintain the long-term management of nuclear fuel waste; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly encourage the Assembly of First Nations to develop a draft Nuclear Waste Management Strategy that would protect the long-term social, environmental, legal and cultural interests of First Nations; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that this does not preclude the need for the NWMO to independently consult with First Nations in a full and meaningful manner.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 11th day of December, 2003 in Ottawa, Ontario.

Phil Fontaine, National Chief