

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Annual General Meeting



Date: June 24, 2010
Location: Iqaluit, Nunavut

Resolution #: A10-06-07
Resolution Title: Approval of Update on the Sealing Legal Case

Moved by: Johnny Peters
Seconded by: Robert Gruben

WHEREAS Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, in association with other Inuit and non-Inuit plaintiffs commenced a lawsuit in the European General Court in January 2010 to strike down new EU legislation that would ban the import of seal and walrus products in the EU as of August 20, 2010;

AND WHEREAS the EU has developed an Inuit exemption to such legislation which would, according to the EU's own research, fail to prevent adverse impacts on Canadian Inuit, and would require Canadian Inuit to invest heavily in a new traceability and marketing system to take advantage of its limited benefits;

AND WHEREAS Canadian Inuit take deep offence at the ill-conceived decision of the EU to create unjustified economic hardship on Canadian Inuit and to display callous indifference for Inuit culture and values;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS 2010 ITK AGM:

1. Express its full support for the initiative taken by ITK and other plaintiffs in starting the lawsuit against the EU Parliament and Commission to strike down the seal ban legislation;
2. Direct the ITK Board and Executive to take whatever steps they deem necessary and fitting to further pursue the legal strategy surrounding the lawsuit, including the commencement of further interim, supplementary or fresh legal proceedings; and,
3. State its appreciation for fund raising efforts in relation to the legal strategy to date; encourage continuation of such efforts on a collective basis; invite ITK and the four Inuit regional organizations to share equitably in the Canadian Inuit

portion of any deficit that may result notwithstanding such ongoing fund raising efforts; and, further invite ITK to continue to provide the four Inuit regions with regular updates on the status of the lawsuit, the wider legal strategy, and their financial dimensions.

Carried Unanimously

In Favor:

Against:

Abstentions:

Carried: X

Defeated: