



MNC 2024 Annual General Assembly Resolution

MNC President Mandate Commitments

WHEREAS a distinct Indigenous People—the Métis Nation—emerged with its own collective identity, language, culture, values, way of life, and self-government in the historic Northwest, and is represented today by the Métis National Council (MNC) and its Governing Members which are inclusive of knowledge keepers, Elders, and Youth;

AND WHEREAS First Nations and the Métis Nation have a distinct yet shared history, and have held longstanding historical and political alliances such as the Iron Confederacy;

AND WHEREAS the MNC was established in 1983 to represent the Métis Nation both nationally and internationally to advance issues of collective importance to the Métis Nation, its Governments, and its citizens;

AND WHEREAS the MNC is one of the three (3) National Indigenous Organizations (NIOs) alongside the Assembly of First Nations and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami;

AND WHEREAS the MNC receives its mandate and direction from its Governing Members, the democratically elected leadership of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government of the Métis Nation within Alberta and the Métis Nation of Ontario, which as Métis Governments are the contemporary expression of the centuries-old struggle of the Métis Nation to be self-determining within the Canadian federation;

AND WHEREAS the MNC recognizes that other Métis Governments representing rights-bearing Métis citizens in Canada currently operate outside of the MNC's governance structure and deliver important programs and services to Métis citizens in their respective jurisdictions, and that the MNC endeavours to work collaboratively with said Métis Governments on shared priorities in service to the greater Métis Nation;

AND WHEREAS the MNC Governing Members, and Canada signed the Canada-Métis Nation Accord (*the Accord*) on April 13, 2017, which commits Canada to “Renew the Métis Nation-Crown relationship on a nation-to-nation, government-to-government basis” and binds Canada to uphold the constitutional relationship that the Métis Nation holds with the Crown as partners in Confederation and as rights-holders as recognized and affirmed in section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*;



AND WHEREAS *the Accord* calls for the establishment of a permanent bilateral mechanism (PBM) and for the establishment of joint policy priorities under the PBM process, that allows the Parties to undertake joint policy development to advance shared priorities and renew the Nation-to-Nation, Government-to-Government relationship through a co-development, distinctions-based approach;

AND WHEREAS as part of the PBM process Canada has committed to address pressing socio-economic issues important to the Métis Nation and provide the Métis Nation reasonable capacity to participate in the processes contemplated under *the Accord*, but despite repeated commitments to do so has not followed through with funding to advance joint policy commitments, has not established the required program and policy authorities, financial instruments, and has not provided necessary funding allocations to advance the work agreed upon under the jointly established priorities;

AND WHEREAS over the past three (3) years the MNC and Governing Members have introduced measures to reform the MNC to meet the needs, priorities, and interests of Métis Governments and re-build the MNC into a transparent, ethical, and accountable organization to its Governing Members, the Government of Canada, Métis citizens across the Homeland, and its partners across the country;

AND WHEREAS the President of the MNC was elected for a three (3) year term on December 9, 2024;

AND WHEREAS the MNC Board of Governors has identified key mandate commitments for the President of the Métis National Council's term to reform the Métis National Council and advance the rights, needs, priorities, and interests of the Métis Nation in partnership with the Government of Canada, Métis Governments; and other key partners;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the President of the MNC deliver on the following priority areas within one (1) year of assuming office:

1. **MNC Bylaw Review:** In accordance with resolution GA221027-10 that establishes the MNC Bylaw Committee and directs its mandate, composition, and requirements to report progress and recommendations to the General Assembly, (attached as Annex A: GA221027-10), the MNC President shall be appointed to the Bylaw Committee. The MNC President will participate in the bylaw review process to amend the MNC Bylaws to ensure that they are current, unambiguous, and represent the current realities of the MNC and its Governing Members. Substantive MNC Bylaw amendments shall be completed by the next Métis National Council General Assembly;



2. **Amendments to Funding Formula:** The MNC President will work with all Governing Members to reach a renewed MNC funding formula model that is self-determined, fair, transparent, equitable and agreeable to all Governing Members and in the best interest of Métis citizens across the Homeland. A renewed funding formula shall be completed and presented to the Board of Governors as soon as practicable; and

3. **2017 Canada-Métis Nation Accord and Permanent Bilateral Mechanism:** The MNC President shall hold Canada accountable to its commitments under the PBM and work to advance joint PBM priorities with Governing Members and the Government of Canada. The President will work to ensure the *Accord* is implementable through full funding for Governing Members, the full participation of relevant departments and ministers, and a set meeting schedule.



Annex A: Resolution GA221027-10 (October 27, 2022)

WHEREAS:

- A. The Métis National Council Bylaws, created in 2003, have not been reviewed fulsomely since their inception;
- B. These bylaws, which represent the will of Métis Citizens, and set out the principles under which the Citizens of the Nation have agreed to work together or are represented at a national level, and are subject to the “living tree” doctrine, which provides that the Nation should be vigilant to ensure that governing documents are current and adaptive to changes; and
- C. In the principles of good governance, it is incumbent on the MNC Governing Assembly to ensure that the MNC Bylaws are current, unambiguous, and represent current realities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The MNC General Assembly directs that a committee be established with a mandate to review the MNC Bylaws and suggest changes for consideration at a subsequent General Assembly, through terms of reference approved by the MNC Board of Governors;
- B. The composition of this committee will be as follows:
 - a. One political (elected official) appointee from each Governing Member and Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO);
 - b. One non-political (staff) appointee from each Governing Member and LFMO;
 - c. One non-political (staff) appointee from the Métis National Council, who will serve as the main point of contact for Committee functions; and
 - d. One member from the National Métis Youth Council, once established;
- C. Each Governing Member will select their appointees in whichever manner they choose and will inform the MNC by the next Board of Governors Meeting (scheduled December 15, 2022) of their appointees; and
- D. This Bylaw Committee will be required to report their progress and any suggested bylaw amendments to each General Assembly.