WHEREAS, after many long years of effort and encouragement from the Indian Nations, Congress has passed and the President has signed PL 100-472 which calls for certain reviews and revisions, and

WHEREAS, the intent of Congress is that the best possible structure for direct Government to Government relationships with the Indian Nations be developed and instituted, and

WHEREAS, this cannot be accomplished by the Federal Bureaucracy alone, and must include direct participation and presentation of the concerns and proposals of the Indian Government Leadership, and

WHEREAS, Indian Health Service has embarked on an extensive review process, which provide several opportunities for the participation of Indian Leadership and the Bureau of Indian Affairs has not, and

WHEREAS, U.S.E.T. Board of Directors has met on December 12-16, 1988, to discuss these important matters.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT (1) the Bureau of Indian affairs be informed of our desire that they participate fully in a joint I.H.S./B.I.A. review revision process. (2) that the review of clauses prepared for U.S.E.T. by S. Bobo Dean, Attorney, be modified where appropriate and adopted as the U.S.E.T. position. (3) B.I.A. formalize a consultation process with U.S.E.T. and its member tribes. (4) a U.S.E.T. special Executive Session be commenced within the next two months to prepare a position on the Indian Priority System. (5) Lionel John, Executive Director, U.S.E.T., be given the authority and responsibility to pursue and implement provisions of this resolution.

This resolution was duly passed at the Annual Board Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Miami, Florida, December 12-16, 1988.

Joel M. Frank, President  
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Harold Tarbell, Secretary  
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