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Resolution on climate change

**The 9th General Assembly of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas**

Given that there are now some 6.78 billion people inhabiting the earth alongside innumerable plant and animal species;

Having recognized the importance of sustainable development that protects the environment and uses natural resources wisely, two aims which are indispensable if we wish to meet the needs not only of today's populations but also of future generations;

Affirming that climate change is an incontestable reality and represents for all living things a serious danger that must be addressed, through both technological and social change, as soon as possible;

Noting that, given the conference to be held in December, the year 2009 represents a particularly important opportunity to make progress in climate change agreements and in our search for solutions to a problem which, owing to the practices of some human populations, is worsening all the time;

Recognizing that the protection of natural resources and the quality of life of the earth's inhabitants are at the heart of the preoccupations of the parliaments and governments of the American continent and of the rest of the world;

Considering that industrialized countries produce more greenhouse gases (GHGs) than developing countries;

Recognizing that greenhouse gas emissions are the chief cause of global warming;

Given the rapid melting of icecaps and the rise in sea levels currently taking place;

Noting that renewable energies have already testified to the benefits of sustainable development, since they are a means of reducing dependence on fossil fuels (oil) and therefore of considerably reducing polluting gases that fill the atmosphere with carbon and cause the global warming that is increasing every day;

HAS RESOLVED:

1. to urge the parliaments of the Americas to pay full attention to the necessity of preserving natural resources so that the quality of life can be maintained for all inhabitants of the earth, this being in keeping with the Millennium Development Goals;
2. to ask the parliaments of the states of the Americas to unite their efforts with a view to implementing measures that will bring on large-scale sustainable development;
3. to invite countries that are the chief emitters of greenhouse gases to adhere to measures and resolutions issuing from upcoming assemblies which are to tackle the problem of global warming, including the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference to be held in December 2009;
4. to urge COPA parliamentarians to promote legislation that will stimulate R&D in renewable energy technologies;
5. to encourage industrialized nations to continue their negotiations with developing countries on the use of renewable energies so as to ensure the growth of ecologically friendly technologies;
6. to urge COPA parliamentarians not to spare any effort in searching for an alternative program that will strengthen and improve the Kyoto Protocol;
7. to ask all parliaments to encourage the implementation of whatever measures are necessary to protect natural resources, not only by defending this cause at the government level, but also by informing and raising awareness among the big environmental polluters as well as the general public, under the slogan ***“Think Globally, Act Locally”***;
8. to urge all parliamentarians present at COPA’s 9th General Assembly to put pressure on their parliaments and congresses, in a conscientious and responsible manner, with regard to the matters agreed upon in this Resolution.