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Environmental Cooperation**

Special Task Force on Environment and Climate Change

“The Road to Copenhagen”

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at its 4th meeting on 25 June 2009 in Lisbon***

Expressing its serious concern about the global effects of climate change due to anthropogenic activities already visible in many regions of our planet,

Expressing its serious concern about the rise of the world temperature above 2 degrees Celsius, analyzed and studied by scientists, if no measures are taken today,

Convinced that GreenHouse Gas emissions have to cut down by at least 50% relatively to 1990 levels by 2050,

Convinced of the need to conclude with a successor Treaty to the Kyoto Protocol,

Highlighting the commitment that the Parties to the UNFCCC undertook by the Bali Action Plan to conclude the post-Kyoto agreement in Copenhagen in December 2009,

Having high expectations on the results of the ongoing negotiations for the review of the Kyoto Protocol,

Recognizing that the global financial crisis has pushed back national efforts to combating climate change while overshadowing the international negotiations that took place last December in Poznan,

Welcoming the adoption of the “climate package” of the European Union and the announcing that the EU will address Copenhagen with an ambitious target of 30% GHG emissions’ reduction by 2020,

Welcoming the announcement of the new US administration to take a leading role in the issue of climate change,

Emphasizing the investment opportunities arising by the transition to low-carbon economies, especially in times of global recession,

Recognizing the importance of an effective and sustainable use of all resources, natural, human and financial in an effort to mitigate the effects of global warming,

Highlighting the importance of forestry as a natural mean of carbon capture as well as a great emitter of greenhouse gas emissions when over-harvested or burnt,

Reiterating the principle of shared and differentiated responsibility of all nations,

Recognizing that the accumulated harm is mainly due to them, the developed countries ought to immediately undertake the democratic duty to help the developing ones with funds, technology and know-how transfer,

- I. Urges the governments of all countries to enter the negotiations with a shared vision for humanity,
- II. Urges the governments of all developed countries to follow the example of the EU and announce clear short and mid term emissions' targets while focusing on the technology transfer to the least developed countries,
- III. Urges governments of PAM countries to endorse the objective set up by the international scientific community to limit the average increase of temperature to 2 degree Celsius since pre-industrial era as well as to a reduction of global GreenHouse Gas emissions by half by 2050, to cut by four emissions from industrialized countries, as well as to take all necessary measures to attain these objectives,
- IV. Urges the governments of all developed countries to invest on research and development programs developing and implementing the carbon capture technologies,
- V. Calls on the European Union to set more ambitious targets, with regard to the transportation sector, providing in the same time all the necessary requirements for securing the jobs of thousands of employees in the car industry,
- VI. Calls on parliaments to support any financial incentives that governments design in order to enhance low-carbon investments,
- VII. Urges the financial institutions to mobilize funding for "green projects",
- VIII. Calls on national parliaments to monitor the implementation of legislation for the protection against deforestation and initiate new legislation for the reforestation and afforestation,
- IX. Calls on parliaments of the south shore of the Mediterranean to support the legislative and institutional reforms that are necessary for the creation of a regional integrated energy market,
- X. Calls on national parliaments of the Mediterranean to organise sequent parliamentary debates on the subject of climate action and submit their recommendations to their governments, and to further commit them to reach a global climate agreement on the basis of the principle of global solidarity.
- XI. Supports the involvement of parliamentarians in the negotiations that will be taking place and strongly encourages the participation of mixed national delegations in Copenhagen in December 2009,

- XII. Calls on all interested regional parliamentary platforms to join forces ahead of the Copenhagen Summit in order to present their consolidated views and the concerns of the peoples they represent to the governments of the States party to the Copenhagen negotiations.