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THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND
IN COMBATING GLOBAL DEGRADATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Amendments to the revised preliminary draft resolution submitted within the statutory deadline by the delegations of Australia, Canada, China, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Norway, Philippines, Romania, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the United Kingdom, Venezuela, and Mr. S. Katoh, co-Rapporteur

PREAMBLE

Preambular paragraph 1

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

(1) ***Alarmed*** about the state of the world's ecosystems as outlined in the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, and the potential for the continued degradation of the services that these systems provide to humanity to greatly reduce the quality of life for all people, in particular vulnerable populations,

(Canada)

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

(1) ***Emphasizing*** that the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment (Stockholm, 1972); the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro 1992); and the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg 2002) reflect the increasing concern of the international community at the growing global environmental degradation,

(1bis) ***Reminding*** that plans of action for environment and development, such as Agenda 21 and Plan of Implementation adopted in Johannesburg, establish the framework of action in different areas and require urgent implementation measurements in order to restrain environmental degradation worldwide,

(1ter) ***Emphasizing*** the importance of multilateral environmental agreements for the establishment of political and juridical regional, subregional and national frameworks to solve global environmental problems,

(Venezuela)

Amend the fifth bullet point to read as follows:

- **The Convention on Biological Diversity (1992) and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2000);**
(Romania)

Delete the sixth bullet point (reference to the Energy Charter Treaty).

(India)

Add the following new bullet point at the end of the paragraph:

- **The Convention to Combat Desertification (1994)**
(Sweden)

Add the following new bullet point at the end of the paragraph:

- **The 2005 World Summit Outcome,**
(Switzerland)

Preambular paragraph 2

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

(2) **Recalling that the world's leaders have been aware of the need to make development more sustainable since the outcome of the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment and have made many commitments toward this goal in, *inter alia*, the Conventions associated with the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the Millennium Declaration, and all relevant IPU statements, declarations and resolutions,**

(Canada)

Delete the sixth bullet point (reference to UNEP's Report on natural selection).

(India)

Add the following new bullet point at the end of the paragraph:

- **The Mauritius Strategy and Declaration defined during the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, that took place in Mauritius Island in January 2005,**
(Mexico)

Add the following new bullet point at the end of the paragraph:

- **The Hyogo Declaration and the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience on Nations and Communities to Disasters, adopted by the World Conference on Disaster Reduction (2005),**
(Romania)

Add the following new bullet point at the end of the paragraph:

- **The adoption of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's regional Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development and associated Vilnius framework for its implementation,**

(The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

Preambular paragraph 3

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

- (3) ***Deeply concerned that, while there has been some action related to these commitments, many of them remain unfulfilled,***

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

- (3) ~~*Especially recalling*~~ ***Emphasizing the contribution of the Inter-Parliamentary Union to measures aimed at retaining global environmental degradation, especially through*** the following ~~IPU~~ statements, declarations, and resolutions:

- [...]

(Venezuela)

Add a new bullet point after the third bullet point to read as follows:

- **The Resolution adopted by the 108th Inter-Parliamentary Conference entitled *International cooperation for the prevention and management of transborder natural disasters and their impact on the regions concerned* (Santiago de Chile, 2003), and**

(Romania)

Amend the last bullet point to read as follows:

- The Resolution adopted by the 111th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union entitled *The role of parliaments in preserving biodiversity* (Geneva, 2004), **supporting the commitments of the last World Summit on Sustainable Development to achieve by 2010 a significant reduction in the current rate of loss of biological diversity,**

(Switzerland)

Preambular paragraph 4

Amend to read as follows:

- (4) ***Recognizing that global environmental problems pose a common threat to all humanity, particularly to the developing countries, and that our wisdom and actions are now being tested from the perspective of human security,***

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

(4) *Recognizing* that global environmental problems pose a common threat but **differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities** to all humanity, and that our wisdom and actions are now being tested from the perspective of human security,
(India)

Amend to read as follows:

(4) *Recognizing* that global environmental problems pose a common threat to all humanity, and that our wisdom and actions are now being tested from the perspective of human security, **and that there is a need for stronger commitment to effectively address these challenges,**
(Switzerland)

If the proposal of Canada concerning preambular paragraph 1 is accepted, preambular paragraph 4 should be deleted as redundant. If the proposal is not accepted, replace the existing text of preambular paragraph 4 by the following:

(4) *Deeply concerned* that global environmental problems pose a significant threat to human security and that solutions to address them are required urgently,
(Canada)

New preambular paragraph 4bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 4 to read as follows:

(4bis) *Concerned* that the increasing demand for food and energy by the world's population is depleting the earth's resources at an alarming rate, compromising in the process the economic growth and the ability of future generations to meet their own needs,
(Philippines)

Preambular paragraph 5

Delete the paragraph.

(Australia, Canada, India)

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

(5) *Recognizing* the global concern at the high level of presence of exhaust substances in the ozone cap and the growing environmental impact of the phenomenon of climatic change,
(Venezuela)

Preambular paragraph 6

Delete the paragraph.

(Venezuela)

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Acknowledging* the need for partnerships and agreements among all stakeholders, including government, civil society and business; ~~and recognizing the Earth Charter, the result of such partnerships, as a framework for achieving sustainable development,~~

(Australia)

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Acknowledging* the need for partnerships ~~and agreements~~ among all stakeholders, including government, civil society and business; and *recognizing* the Earth Charter, the result of such partnerships, as a framework for achieving sustainable development,

(India)

New preambular paragraph 6bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 6 to read as follows:

(6bis) *Recalling* the essential role played by parliaments in strengthening efforts to encourage sustainable development whether through consistent legislation aimed at achieving the objectives set forth in the international conventions, through initiatives to monitor government action, or through ongoing work to sensitize public opinion and society at large,

(Italy)

Preambular paragraph 7

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

(7) *Recognizing* the need to manage globalization so that it supports sustainable development, including by promoting greater global cooperation,

(Australia)

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

(7) *Recognizing* that production and consumption patterns, as exacerbated by globalization, are unsustainable and contribute greatly to poverty,

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

(7) *Recognizing*, on the other hand, that it has become urgent to resolve the mismatch between sustainable development and the negative aspect of globalization, which is marked by a vicious cycle of environmental degradation triggered by unsustainable production and consumption patterns of developed nations ~~and poverty in developing countries,~~

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

(7) *Recognizing*, on the other hand, that it has become urgent to resolve the mismatch between sustainable development and the negative aspect of globalization, **that it is deepened which is marked** by a vicious cycle of environmental degradation triggered by unsustainable production and consumption patterns of developed nations and poverty in developing countries, **among other factors**,

(Mexico)

Amend to read as follows:

(7) *Recognizing*, on the other hand, that it has become urgent to resolve the mismatch between sustainable development and the negative aspect of globalization, which is marked by a vicious cycle of environmental degradation triggered by unsustainable production and consumption patterns of developed nations and poverty in developing countries, **and further recognizing the importance to develop a 10-year framework of programmes in support of regional and national initiatives to accelerate the shift towards sustainable consumption and production and of sustainable public procurement**,

(Switzerland)

New preambular paragraphs 8bis and 8ter

Add two new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 8 to read as follows:

(8bis) ***Noting* that environmental degradation transcends regional and international boundaries, and requires concerted efforts by parliamentarians all over the world to evaluate environmental differences and the varying demands of industrialization by countries, and to eventually formulate an effective approach to combat global degradation,**

(8ter) ***Recalling* that the World Commission on Environment and Development underscores sustainable development, or the balance between economic development and environmental management wherein the needs of the present are met with due consideration to the preservation and long-term non-destructive use of the remaining forests, including the tropical wilderness of Asia, Central Africa and Latin America,**

(Philippines)

Preambular paragraph 9

Delete the paragraph.

(Venezuela)

Amend to read as follows:

(9) *Noting* the launch in 2005 of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (UNDESD), involving all actors and all levels of the national education systems, UNESCO's International Implementation Scheme for the UNDESD and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's regional Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development and ~~its associated implementation scheme~~ **Vilnius framework for its implementation**,

(The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

Preambular paragraph 10

Delete the paragraph.

(Canada)

Preambular paragraph 11

Delete the paragraph.

(Venezuela)

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

(11) ***Noting* the need for all countries to contribute to global environment responses taking into account common but differentiated responsibilities,**

(Australia)

Amend to read as follows:

(11) *Recalling* Principle 7 in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, which sets out the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities among States, and acknowledges the particular responsibility of developed nations as a result of the pressures their societies place on the global environment and of the technologies and financial resources they command, **and recognizing the need for developing countries to bear some responsibility for environmental restoration according to the Polluter-Pays Principle (PPP) and the need for industrialized nations to strengthen their support for developing nations,**

(Mr. S. Katoh, co-Rapporteur)

Preambular paragraph 12

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Also noting* that the International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Monterrey reaffirmed that the target for the provision of official development assistance (ODA) of 0.7% of developed countries' gross national product (GNP); and *recognizing* the need to study new approaches ~~including the currency transaction tax (CTT), in order to create new financial resources~~ **to innovative financing mechanisms,**

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Also noting* that the International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Monterrey reaffirmed that the target for the provision of official development assistance (ODA) of 0.7% of developed countries' gross national product (GNP); and ~~recognizing the need to study new approaches including the currency transaction tax (CTT), in order to create new financial resources~~ **calling on governments of developing countries to take urgent action for ensuring sustainable development,**

(Venezuela)

New preambular paragraph 12bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 12 to read as follows:

(12bis) *Aware that water is the essential element of life in the planet and a determining natural resource of the global social well-being, prosperity, and stability;*

(Mexico)

New preambular paragraphs 12bis and 12ter

Add two new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 12 to read as follows:

(12bis) *Believing that effective administrative bodies and enabling legal and regulatory frameworks constitute the cornerstones of good governance to enable governments to address critical environmental protection concerns,*

(12ter) *Believing further that a strong and stable political will dedicated to accord high priority to environment and sustainable development issues in general and environmental education activities in particular, promises a better future for all nations,*

(Philippines)

Preambular paragraph 13

Delete the paragraph.

(Venezuela)

New preambular paragraph 13bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 13 to read as follows:

(13bis) *Recognizing that water circulation in hydrologic cycles is based on the permanent movement or transfer of the water masses, both from one planet point to another and that, as such, it basically influences on the environmental and climatic effects associated with it;*

(Mexico)

Preambular paragraph 14

Amend to read as follows:

(14) *Recognizing the need to establish a sound material-cycle society with the 3R principle; and ~~anticipating that in the future, society should shift to a leasing model, that can greatly contribute to the reduction of environmental stress,~~*

(Australia, Canada)

New preambular paragraph 14bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 14 to read as follows:

(14bis) Concerned about the contamination of the global water resources and the deterioration of the drinking water quality for human consumption, along with an increase in its consumption around the planet that is resulting in its shortage in some regions of the world causing the increase of the desertification and the deforestation;

(Mexico)

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 14 to read as follows:

(14bis) Emphasizing that environmentalism must move from being a philosophy espoused by a minority to a way of life that governs mainstream behaviour and policy,

(Philippines)

Preambular paragraph 15

Amend to read as follows:

(15) *Acknowledging* the significance of the precautionary approach advocated in Principle 15 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, the objective, ~~of climate stabilization clauses~~ **principles and commitments** of the UNFCCC, and the fact that scientific uncertainty concerning the causes of global warming can no longer be an excuse for not taking any action,

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

(15) *Acknowledging* the significance of the precautionary approach advocated in Principle 15 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, the objective of climate stabilization clauses of the UNFCCC, ~~and the fact that scientific uncertainty concerning the causes of global warming can no longer be an excuse for not taking any action,~~

(India)

New preambular paragraph 15bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 15 to read as follows:

(15bis) Aware that the global climate change is linked to the increase in the frequency and intensity of climatic phenomena that causes natural disasters;

(Mexico)

Preambular paragraph 16

Delete the paragraph.

(Venezuela)

Amend to read as follows:

(16) ~~Respecting~~ **Noting** the UNEP publication *Natural Selection: Evolving Choices for Renewable Energy Technology and Policy*, ~~and anticipating the potential of a hydrogen economy in the future,~~

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

(16) ~~Respecting~~ the UNEP publication *Natural Selection: Evolving Choices for Renewable Energy Technology and Policy*, and ~~anticipating~~ the potential of a ~~hydrogen~~ **cleaner** economy in the future,

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

(16) ~~Respecting the UNEP publication *Natural Selection: Evolving Choices for Renewable Energy Technology and Policy*, and~~ ~~anticipating~~ the potential of a hydrogen economy in the future,

(India)

New preambular paragraphs 16bis, 16ter, 16quater, 16quinquies and 16sexies

Add five new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 16 to read as follows:

(16bis) **Aware of the need to give greater attention to the challenges faced by the small island developing states by the consequences of the climate change and the increase of the sea level;**

(16ter) **Recognizing that promotion of renewable energies can contribute to solve various challenges such as global warming, enough energy supplies, avoidance of conflicts over energy and sustainable development in developing countries;**

(16quater) **Knowing that the diverse renewable energy sources like solar, aeolian, geothermal and hydraulic of small dams, are options that can maintain and even increase the energy generation, particularly the electrical one, without causing significant damages to the environment;**

(16quinquies) **Knowing that the use of power plants derived from the biomass, must be linked to a suitable management of the natural resources and the economy of the rural sector in benefit of the farmers and the people of the countryside;**

(16sexies) **Recognizing the importance of the green bonds markets and the Clean Development Mechanisms to reduce global emissions and their benefits for developing nations;**

(Mexico)

OPERATIVE PART

New operative paragraph 1

Add a new paragraph before operative paragraph 1 to read as follows:

1. ***Calls upon governments to ensure prompt implementation of all international environmental conventions to which they are parties;***

(Norway)

Operative paragraph 1

Delete the paragraph.

(Australia, India)

Split the existing operative paragraph in two and amend it to read as follows:

1. *Proposes to establish a global environmental governance system in which various actors including NGOs participate, to strengthen the functions of UNEP and other international environmental organizations that will lead this system, and to foster multilevel environmental partnerships among various actors; and, in parallel,*

- 1bis. *Demands that international economic institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the World Bank (WB), which have a major influence on economic structural adjustment in developing countries, endeavour to establish policies that focus on redressing inequality and promoting sustainable development;*

(The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

Amend to read as follows:

1. [...] and, in parallel, ***strongly urges demands*** that international economic institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the World Bank (WB), [...];

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

1. ~~*Proposes to establish a global environmental governance system in which various actors including NGOs participate, to strengthen the functions of UNEP and other international environmental organizations that will lead this system, and to foster multilevel environmental partnerships among various actors;*~~ ***further strengthen international environmental governance and to strengthen and enhance UNEP's authority to provide improved policy advice and guidance, to ensure participation of all relevant actors, including NGOs, in the international environmental policy making and to foster multilevel environmental partnerships;*** and, in parallel, [...];

(Switzerland)

New operative paragraph 1bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 1 to read as follows:

- 1bis. *Recalls* in this context that the European Union calls for the evolution of UNEP into a full-fledged United Nations Environmental Organization (UNEO);**

(Germany)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 1 to read as follows:

- 1bis. *Calls upon* parliaments, as front-line actors in the system of global environmental governance, to participate actively – through their own delegations – in all international events at which the major options for protecting the environment and for using natural resources sustainably are debated and negotiated;**

(Italy)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 1 to read as follows:

- 1bis. *Calls upon* governments, when deciding laws and policies, to take into account The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, and its main message that human well-being and progress towards sustainable development are vitally dependent upon improving the management of Earth's ecosystems to ensure their conservation and sustainable use;**

(Norway)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 1 to read as follows:

- 1bis. *Further proposes* that UNEP prepares a list of Global Environmental Goals similar to the millennium development goals, complements these goals with criteria and indicators for their implementation and promotes their implementation as significant contribution to sustainable development;**

(Switzerland)

Operative paragraph 2

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

- 2. *Encourages* parliamentarians to press their governments to place a high value on their international sustainable development commitments, including the Millennium Development Goals;**

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

- 2. *Encourages* ~~parliaments to respect the philosophy behind the win-win approach in anticipation of an era of humanitarian competition and to lead their governments to carry out awareness reformation at the national level, for example placing a high value on the accomplishment of the United Nations MDGs~~ governments to achieve Millennium Development Goals;**

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Encourages* parliaments to respect the philosophy behind the win-win approach in anticipation of an era of humanitarian competition and to lead their governments to carry out awareness reformation at the national level, ~~for example placing a high value on the accomplishment of the United Nations MDGs;~~

(The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

New operative paragraphs 2bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 2 to read as follows:

- 2bis. *Calls on* member-countries to intensify efforts to preserve shared resources and assure its continued use by the future generation;**

(Philippines)

New operative paragraphs 2bis and 2ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 2 to read as follows:

- 2bis. *Calls for* governments and parliaments to ensure accession to and implementation of The Convention of Biological Diversity (1992);**

- 2ter. *Stresses* the need for ensuring the protection of biodiversity at the High Seas outside the jurisdiction of coastal states;**

(Norway)

Operative paragraph 3

Delete the paragraph.

(India)

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

- 3. *Calls on* all governments to work towards a more environmentally effective and equitable climate change framework, including through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Dialogue on long-term cooperative action to address climate change;**

(Australia)

Amend to read as follows:

3. *Calls for*, in the framework of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, strengthened country commitments under Annex 1; and *further calls upon* the international community to devise, according to the principles of common but differentiated responsibilities and the precautionary approach, fair and innovative mechanisms under the UNFCCC to deal with ~~a possible increase in~~ **increasing** carbon dioxide emissions from developing countries;

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

3. *Calls for*, in the framework of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, strengthened country commitments under Annex 1; ~~and further calls upon the international community to devise, according to the principles of common but differentiated responsibilities and the precautionary approach, fair and innovative mechanisms under the UNFCCC to deal with a possible increase in carbon dioxide emissions from developing countries;~~

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

3. *Calls for*, in the framework of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, strengthened ~~country~~ commitments **of all countries under Annex 1**; [...]

(Switzerland)

New operative paragraph 3bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 3 to read as follows:

- 3bis. *Calls upon* developing countries in designing a post-Kyoto framework, to bear greenhouse gas emission reduction/control responsibilities, while *also calling upon* developed countries to provide further support to developing nations;**

(Mr. S. Katoh, co-Rapporteur)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 3 to read as follows:

- 3bis. *Calls upon* parliaments to secure national backing for the objective recommended by the international scientific community with regard to climate warming, namely to limit to two degrees Celsius the rise in mean global temperatures compared with pre-industrial levels, and to take action towards attaining that objective, bearing in mind that a decrease in greenhouse gas emissions by a factor of two globally and by a factor of four for the industrialized countries is generally considered necessary to achieving that goal;**

(France)

Operative paragraph 4

Delete the paragraph.

(Australia)

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Calls upon* ~~governments and States~~ **countries** that have not acceded to the Kyoto Protocol, ~~such as the United States of America, to join the international framework to do~~ **so** in order to make measures for the prevention of global warming effective;

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Calls upon* governments and States that have not acceded to the Kyoto Protocol, such as the United States of America - **the largest single atmospheric polluter contributing 24% of the entire world's carbon emissions** - to join the international framework in order to make measures for the prevention of global warming effective;

(Sudan)

New operative paragraph 4bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 4 to read as follows:

- 4bis. *Calls* the international community to pursue all available strategies to get USA on board. This includes political pressure, ongoing dialogue, if necessary, legal action such as border tax adjustments on USA goods and tort actions by vulnerable developing countries suffering the adverse effects of global warming;

(Sudan)

New operative paragraphs 4bis and 4ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 4 to read as follows:

- 4bis. *Calls for* enhanced efforts in support to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity; *urges* countries that have not yet done so to become parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and all other relevant biodiversity-related instruments and agreements, and to fully implement their provisions; *calls furthermore* for increased financial and technical assistance and technology transfer to help developing countries to reverse the loss of biodiversity;

- 4ter. *Invites* parliaments to promote measures that increase the resilience of their respective countries against the adverse effects of natural disasters, including through the implementation and follow up of the Hyogo Framework for Action;

(Romania)

New operative paragraphs 4bis, 4ter and 4quater

Add three new paragraphs after operative paragraph 4 to read as follows:

- 4bis. *Urges* governments and parliaments to turn the negative environmental developments in the Arctic region, in particular as regards the effects of climate change, with reference to the ACIA report;

- 4ter. *Encourages* impact assessment studies, such as the ACIA study, and *recognizes* the need for mitigation, as well as adaptation, as demonstrated in that study;

- 4quater. *Warns against* the effects of the accumulation of persistent pollutants in various regions which are particularly vulnerable to climate change, such as the Arctic;

(Norway)

Operative paragraph 5

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

5. ***Calls upon governments and public financial institutions to promote research, development and deployment of low-impact renewable energy, including encouraging technology transfer to developing countries;***
(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Calls for the promotion of the use of renewable energies and more vigorous energy conservation and for the fostering of the development and diffusion of technologies such as biomass, [...];*
(India)

New operative paragraphs 5bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 5 to read as follows:

- 5bis. ***Calls upon parliaments to support and follow up the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States of the United Nations and the application of the Mauritius Declaration and Strategy;***
(Mexico)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 5 to read as follows:

- 5bis. ***Encourages governments and parliaments of member-countries to advocate environmental awareness and education to continuously inform and educate the public on coordinated action relative to environmental degradation in order to effectively mobilize their participation in such efforts;***
(Philippines)

New operative paragraphs 5bis and 5ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 5 to read as follows:

- 5bis. ***Supports and promotes the development of a 10-year framework of programmes in support of regional and national initiatives to accelerate the shift towards sustainable consumption and production;***
- 5ter. ***Calls for the promotion of sustainable public procurement;***
(Switzerland)

Operative paragraph 6

Delete the paragraph.

(India)

New operative paragraph 6bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 6 to read as follows:

6bis. Urges all governments to take the loss of biodiversity as serious as climate change, to better coordinate activities of the various international conventions and instruments for the protection of species and habitats, to create a global network of protected areas on land and on sea (as decided at the Johannesburg Summit of 2002), to create a unified scientific body along the lines of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to advise governments and conventions on biodiversity matters, and to strengthen the secretarial functions of UNEP in the field of biodiversity;

(Germany)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 6 to read as follows:

6bis. Calls upon parliaments to fully commit themselves with the challenges of climatic change and its effects in the global environment and to develop the necessary legislative actions to mitigate the effects of these problems;

(Mexico)

Operative paragraph 7

Amend to read as follows:

7. *Calls upon* governments and parliaments, with due regard for national circumstances, to clearly identify ~~extended producer~~ **corporate social** responsibility ~~(EPR)~~ **(CSR)** in their domestic legislation, and to respect the philosophy of the Ministerial Conference on the 3R initiative, in order to promote the development of a sound material-cycle society;

(Indonesia)

New operative paragraph 7bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 7 to read as follows:

7bis. Calls upon parliaments to promote, within the context of the ratification of international conventions and treaties, the adoption of national plans on major environmental issues and sustainable development in which goals, including quantitative goals, are set forth;

(Italy)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 7 to read as follows:

7bis. Calls upon parliaments to promote legislations that stimulate the environmentally friendly products development, and to promote use of green bonds and Clean Development Mechanisms;

(Mexico)

New operative paragraphs 7bis and 7ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 7 to read as follows:

7bis. Refers to the 2006 International Year of Deserts and Desertification and encourages governments and parliaments to ensure accession to and implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (1994);

7ter. Calls for early ratification of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships Ballast Water and Sediment (2004);

(Norway)

Operative paragraph 8

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Encourages* parliamentarians of each State to ~~make positive efforts~~ **advance** towards education for sustainable development, and to serve as role models of global citizens, who will be the foundation of a sustainable future;

(Canada)

New operative paragraph 8bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 8 to read as follows:

8bis. Calls upon parliaments to recognize that the preservation and conservation of the hydrological cycle is essential to maintain the climatic and environmental cycles that enable the regeneration of the sweet water and drinking water reserves for human consumption, which is an essential element to ensure the social development and the quality of life of our peoples, particularly in terms of health and food production, avoiding desertification and deforestation;

(Mexico)

Operative paragraph 9

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

9. Calls upon governments, in cooperation with international organizations, businesses and civil society organizations, to put in place UNDESD implementation schemes that include systems for periodic monitoring and assessment;

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

9. *Calls upon* governments to create UNDES implementation schemes, and to steadily carry out the necessary policies, identified with the next 10 years in mind, including the designing of a system for the periodic monitoring and assessment of the implementation of the UNDES, ~~in cooperation with international organizations, businesses and NGOs;~~

(India)

New operative paragraph 9bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 9 to read as follows:

- 9bis. *Calls upon* parliaments to promote an increase in the technical and financial cooperation in renewable energy, promoting technological transfer and the human, technical, and institutional capacity building among the developed and less developed nations;**

(Mexico)

Operative paragraph 10

Delete the paragraph.

(Canada, India)

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

- 10. *Calls upon* governments and parliaments, recognizing the climate stabilisation clauses of the UNFCCC, to take action to greatly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and for the sharing of best practices, and to carry out applied studies/research activities such as scenario analysis;**

(Australia)

Amend to read as follows:

10. *Calls upon* governments and parliaments, based on the ~~climate stabilization clauses~~ **objective, principles and commitments** of the UNFCCC, to recognize the need for ~~and national~~ **national** formation/development strategies ~~using the back casting approach (target year 2050), for actions to greatly reduce greenhouse gas emissions~~ **for actions to adequately address climate change**, and for the sharing of best practices, and **climate-friendly technologies, and** to carry out applied studies/research activities ~~such as scenario analysis;~~

(China)

New operative paragraph 10bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 10 to read as follows:

- 10bis. *Urges* all member-countries to formulate a comprehensive policy on environment that can genuinely enhance and sustain economic growth without destructive consequences;**

(Philippines)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 10 to read as follows:

- 10bis. *Recalling* the last World Summit on Sustainable Development, call upon governments and parliaments to pursue and support a more efficient and coherent implementation of the Convention on biological diversity and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, to achieve by 2010 a significant reduction in the current rate of loss of biological diversity, which will require actions at all levels, including the elaboration and the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans;**

(Switzerland)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 10 to read as follows:

- 10bis. *Acknowledges* the controversies which surround the nuclear option for energy production, together with the problems existing over decommissioning, storage of nuclear waste and hazards of accidental leakage and, at the same time, *recognizes* the need to keep the option open and for increased research to overcome these problems;**

(United Kingdom)

Operative paragraph 11

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

- 11. *Encourages* parliamentarians to combat environmental degradation by proposing necessary legislation and policy initiatives, in particular ecological fiscal reform;**

(Canada)

New operative paragraph 11bis

Add a new operative paragraph after operative paragraph 11 to read as follows:

- 11bis. *Congratulates* Achim Steiner to his new function as Executive Director of UNEP and expresses its willingness to coordinate closely with UNEP to facilitate, wherever possible, the implementation of the above initiatives.**

(Germany)

Add a new operative paragraph after operative paragraph 11 to read as follows:

- 11bis. *Urges* governments and parliaments of the developed countries that have not done so to make concrete efforts towards the target of 0.7 per cent of gross national product (GNP) as ODA to developing countries.**

(The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

New operative paragraphs 11bis and 11ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 11 to read as follows:

- 11bis. ***Also encourages governments to include in their budgets clear measurements of financial and non-financial costs related to environmental degradation, and the benefits of ecosystem services;***
- 11ter. ***Encourages all transnational companies to adopt and implement high environmental standards for their Corporate Social Responsibility, in line with the Global Compact cooperation;***

(Norway)

New operative paragraphs 11bis, 11ter and 11quater

Add three new paragraphs after operative paragraph 11 to read as follows:

- 11bis. ***Encourages parliaments to urge governments to give citizens access to information on the local environmental situation;***
- 11ter. ***Invites parliaments to promote the development of new and broader tools and methods for measuring Gross Domestic Product and other standardized economical concepts that includes the value of natural resources, in order to enhance sustainable development;***
- 11quater. ***Encourages parliaments to facilitate the participation of NGOs in strengthening popular support for the environmental work, not least to mitigate climate change;***

(Sweden)

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Proposal not referring to specific paragraphs

Add the following operative paragraph:

Welcomes the establishment of the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate as a ground breaking approach to addressing climate change by engaging key developed and developing countries as equal partners in practical climate efforts that will support economic growth and poverty reduction.

(Australia)