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The United Nations Environment Organization,

Reminding all nations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which recognizes the inherent dignity, equality and inalienable rights of all global citizens, such as their well-being in their place of living, which includes a responsible commitment of environmental protection,

Affirming the principles and knowledge the international community has confirmed, further recalling Kyoto Protocol, Rio +20 and further multinational agreements achieved in the past,

Reaffirming its strong commitment to the protection and conservation of the environment in its every aspect,

Believing in the positive effects an adherence to the idea of “environmental governance” will entail for our today’s world,

Confident that all member nations feel obligated to work altogether in order to achieve common goals,

Realizing the indivisible link between environmental governance and economic progress,

Bearing in mind that crucial challenges in regard to the environment have yet to be tackled in an adequate and sufficient manner,

Noting with deep concern that current environmental issues cause great hardship to concerned states,

Having considered the necessity of economic and institutional support for less fortunate nations provided by the further development countries in accordance with notable efforts by the affected nations,

Taking into account the complexity and intricacy of the issue at hand, demanding concentrated goal-oriented approaches,

Realizing the importance of coherence and determination of measures to be taken, passed by the United Nations;

1.Recommends that all member states strengthen the cooperation with the Global Environment Facility as well as amongst each other and within the existing UN bodies concerned with environmental governance such as the WTO or the WBG;



2.Calls for all member nations to implement the principle of “Green economics” which is definitely to be defined as: “An economy or economic development model based upon sustainable development and a implementation of ecological economics.”;

3.Accepts that sustainable development is definitely to be defined as: “A model of human development in which resource use aims to meet present and future human needs, in particular the needs of the world’s less fortunate people, while ensuring to address the effects it has on the environment.”;

4.Further proclaims that ecological economics is definitely to be defined as: “Academic research that aims to address the interdependence and coevolution of human economies and natural ecosystems.”;

5. Declares it to be of utter importance to focus the distribution of funds on local projects as a short-term goal, focusing on sub-regional and regional issues in order to achieve sustainable development;

6.Confirms that the main sectors to be addressed by all member nations in regard of “Environmental Governance” are:

- a. Energy supply with emphasis on the use of renewable energy
- b. Water management including marine areas;
- c. Waste management
- d. Land management including the issues of desertification, deforestation, forest degradation and agricultural practices
- e. Disaster management
- f. Biodiversity conservation
- g. Climate change;

7. Asks all member nations to include the private sector in the process of achieving a higher level of sustainable development by:

- a. Organizing partnerships between governments and businesses to create a forum of exchange regarding common goals and interests
- b. Implementing a system of certification for companies meeting ecological standards agreed upon the UNEO;

8. Encourages the governments of all member states to provide monetary incentives to the certified companies as indicated in point 7b;



9. Supports the idea of including NGO's in the process of decision-making through organizing annual meetings by:

- a. Granting advisory functions regarding guidelines and actions agreed on Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEA)
- b. Receiving information and research regarding world regions vulnerable to environmental disasters, conflicts and challenges;

10. Asks research agencies affiliated to the UNEO to provide an annual report to the governing council referring to the latest developments in their institutions;

11. Endorses the creation of an international platform in order to discuss, exchange and share environmental research and activity regarding:

- a. Renewable energy with concentration on solar, geothermal, hydro and wind energy
- b. Systems of early warning and forecast in order to avoid disasters with focus on:
 - a. Prevention regarding Tropical Storms, droughts, earthquakes and Tsunamis;
 - b. Sharing and enable easy access to these information technologies with strong concentration on the local level as well as hardly accessible regions;
- c. Best practices in environmental protection;

12. Encourages all member nations to tackle the issue of waste management by:

- a. Crafting international agreements towards end-disposals of nuclear waste
- b. Ensuring national independence in regard of waste management to:
 - a. Take into account the countries specifics
 - b. Ensure opportunities to enhance national economies through granting the right to determine own approaches to dispose non-nuclear waste keeping in mind point 6;

13. Proposes an international collaboration regarding environmental education due to its important role when tackling global environmental challenges by:

- a. Provide guides for schools to teach the basics of environmental challenges as well as solutions in accordance with an agreed upon content



- b. Provide guides for companies to teach the basics of environmental challenges as well as possible measure that can be taken by a company with an agreed upon content
- c. Provide guides for adult reeducation regarding the basics of environmental challenges as well as possible measures for specific target groups
- d. Named clauses should be implemented taking into account countries specific situations;

14. Emphasizes the importance of ensuring the security of nuclear energy use;

15. Requests to strengthen the cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in order:

- a. to enhance the prevention of nuclear disasters affecting the environment
- b. to ensure the peaceful use of nuclear power as an energy source;

16. Invites all member nations to cooperate and work towards a transition from nuclear power to renewable energy as long-term solution;

17. Establishes a program under the control of the UNEO for emergency cooperation between disaster funding programs and the UNEO and encourages the further development of such program to be of distributing nature for voluntary aids when dealing with natural disasters;

18. Favors the UNEO as head organization concerning all environmental issues and create an advisory circle as a cooperating body between the UN agencies.