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AS AGREED AND ADOPTED AT THE CLIMATE ALLIANCE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN BARCELONA, SPAIN ON 2 OCTOBER 2018



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CLIMATE ALLIANCE MEMBERS BOOSTING LOCAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS FOR GLOBAL CHALLENGES

IN LIGHT OF the Paris Agreement, which aims to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change, in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty, including by:

- pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels, recognising that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change;
- increasing the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change, foster climate resilience, and lower greenhouse gas emissions in a manner that safeguards livelihoods including both settlements and food production;
- and making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development.

RECALLING the Climate Alliance resolution adopted by the General Assembly in Essen on 21 September 2017 on Local and Regional Authorities as Drivers of Climate Action and Sustainability Towards a Good Life for All, which:

- asserts the importance and need for global partnerships to fight climate change, adapt to its unavoidable consequences of climate and promote climate justice;
- emphasises the need to bring together all actors and, as per the Paris Agreement, to “uphold and promote regional and international cooperation in order to mobilise stronger and more ambitious climate action by all Parties and non-Party stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, financial institutions, cities and other subnational authorities, local communities and indigenous peoples”;
- and recalls the need for ambitious reductions plans and adaptation strategies that contain regular monitoring.

NOTING the Macapá Mandate agreed by the Coordination Organisation of the Indigenous Organisations of the Amazon Basin (COICA) on 20 June 2018 in Brazil, which:

- calls for the organisation of indigenous peoples' climate platforms in the nine Amazonian countries to promote the integration of adaptation and mitigation; the transition to renewable energies; the Indigenous Redd for

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the preservation of indigenous territories as well as their legalisation (territorial restoration); an economic system that takes the value of life into account (full life economy); to further reduce emissions in the national determined contributions (NDCs).

- seeks to bring forward indigenous perspectives on climate ambition in the Talanoa Dialogue, including the holistic management of 240 million hectares of Amazon forests under control of indigenous communities and the full life economy.
- calls for the construction of an Amazon Indigenous Fund to help finance various indigenous climate strategies;
- recommends that Amazonian countries transition from fossil fuels and grid energy to decentralised renewable energies, overcoming fossil fuel addiction and the pollution it causes while also rejecting large hydroelectric power plants and biofuels with devastating environmental and social impacts.

Meeting on the occasion of the 2018 Climate Alliance annual conference and General Assembly and having discussed topics and exchanged views on the energy transition, sustainable development goals, long-term climate ambition, clean mobility, energy poverty and resilience to climate change,

Climate Alliance's member municipalities are committed to:

- scaling up their commitments and reviewing their climate (emissions reduction and resilience) plans to keep the Paris Agreement goals within reach and aware of the need to strive towards zero carbon as soon as possible;
- setting clear milestones for what needs to be achieved, with commitment to at least ten percent emissions reduction every five years;
- sharing their progress through consistent, regular and transparent reporting to clearly demonstrate their leadership and contributions while garnering greater support for their actions;
- carrying out information and awareness raising campaigns to engage their citizens in the transformation needed to a sustainable society and economy;
- sharing their good practice and examples wherever possible and connecting with their peers from across Europe and beyond to support one another and together transform global challenges into solutions.

Climate Alliance's members call upon the EU and national governments to:

- recognise explicitly the commitments undertaken at local and regional levels and the outcomes achieved under initiatives such as the Covenant of Mayors;

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- consult in an open, systematic and transparent manner and involve local and regional authorities in the preparation and implementation of their Nationally Determined Contributions
- integrate the regionally and locally determined contributions in their National Energy and Climate Plans to obtain a comprehensive picture of the overall progress towards long-term global goals;
- work with local authorities on the development and delivery of long-term national building renovation strategies and supporting financing plans;
- use the post-2020 EU budget to support the clean energy transition and increased resilience to the greatest extent possible – to reinforce funding for research and development as well as capacity building, to support the roll out of Paris-compliant solutions at local level and to end fossil fuels subsidies;
- ratify the International Labour Organisation Convention 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples, taking into account the long overdue European Parliament resolution of 3 July 2018 on the violation of the rights of indigenous peoples, including land grabbing (2017/2206(INI)), in which Member States are called upon to effectively comply with the provisions contained in the ILO No. 169;
- push for loss and damage as an issue on par with climate adaptation and mitigation and support the strengthening of the Warsaw International Mechanism at COP24 to ensure that it can fulfil its objectives such as the financing of studies and consultations with affected peoples and the establishment of comparable criteria for losses and damages including non-economic facts such as the loss of culture and knowledge.

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For more than 25 years, Climate Alliance member municipalities have been acting in partnership with indigenous rainforest peoples for the benefit of the global climate. With some 1,700 members spread across 25 European countries, Climate Alliance is the world's largest city network dedicated to climate action and the only one to set tangible targets: each member city, town and district has committed itself to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 10 percent every 5 years. Recognising the impact our lifestyles can have on the world's most vulnerable people and places, Climate Alliance pairs local action with global responsibility. climatealliance.org