**LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES AS DRIVERS OF CLIMATE ACTION AND SUSTAINABILITY –**

**TOWARDS A GOOD LIFE FOR ALL**

Significant agreements were concluded on the international level in 2015. The Paris Agreement and the Agenda 2030 have since been influencing the discussion about a sustainable future – and the role of cities, municipalities and regions in these processes.

Since its founding in 1990, Climate Alliance and its member municipalities have stood for climate justice and for holistic, local solutions to this very global challenge. In partnership with indigenous peoples of the rainforest, 1,700 Climate Alliance members are now implementing measures for climate protection and adaptation to climate change. The target is the reduction of CO2 emissions by ten percent every five years. In order to reaffirm this approach once again, we, as a Climate Alliance member, adopt this resolution and thus refer to the membership self-commitment.

Climate change is, after all, not only an environmental problem – it is a socio-cultural one with roots in social inequality and differential use of resources. This becomes painfully clear in looking at the injustice faced by indigenous peoples.

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*Abstain* from the use of tropical timber and focus on FSC certified timber in public procurement practices.

*Assert* the importance and need of global partnerships to fight climate change, adapt to the unavoidable consequences of climate change and promote climate justice.

*Emphasize* the support of our indigenous partners in the Amazon basin represented by the COICA (Coordination of the Indigenous Peoples in the Amazon basin).

*Stand behind* the Climate Alliance principles on climate action – fair, nature-based, local, resource-saving and diverse.

*Welcomes* the adoption of important global frameworks such as the Paris Climate Agreement, the Agenda 2030 and the included Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The reference of both agreements to local authorities and indigenous peoples as key actors is especially significant.

*Underline* that “parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples […]” as mentioned in the preamble of the Paris Agreement.

*Highlight* the need of a stronger commitment to partnership and cooperation to achieve the SDGs, as mentioned in the Agenda 2030.

*Underline* the significance of partnerships with indigenous peoples, based on human rights and the principle of sustainability, as a role model for global cooperation.

*Admit* the need to integrate the SDGs into local development strategies, including in already existing climate protection plans, taking into account the planet’s boundaries and limits to growth.

*Stress* the need of an integrated approach to achieve climate justice.

*Aim at* political coherence on all political levels and decisions.

**The city / municipality / county \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will use its Climate Alliance membership to commit itself to a future-oriented development – locally, globally and in cooperation with a diversity of actors.**

**Adopted by decision of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

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