
Parliamentary Workshop on Clean Air and Clean Water
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FINAL DECLARATION

Reaffirming our commitment to the Rio principles, the full implementation of Agenda 21, and reinforcing our commitment to achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, and in the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and international agreements since 1992, including the goals and outcomes of the WSSD,

Recognising that the integration of environment and development concerns will lead to the fulfillment of basic needs, improved living standards for all, better protected and managed ecosystems and a safer, more prosperous future,

Recognizing that the effects of air and water pollution transcend national boundaries,

Underscoring the critical role of legislators as those who establish local environmental policies and regulations, and assist in implementing national and sub-national environmental policies,

We, parliamentarians representing all regions of the world, hereby

- ***Encourage*** the establishment of judicial and administrative procedures for legal redress and remedy of actions affecting the environment, with a specific focus on air and water pollution,
- ***Invite*** legislators worldwide to consider and discuss issues relating to the harmonization of legislation on the reduction of air and water pollution,
- ***Underscore*** the importance of country-specific environmental legal frameworks that recognize local social, economic and political realities, and that will facilitate sustainable and effective implementation of legislation,
- ***Promote*** the exchange of information between parliament, civil society and government, with the aims of increasing awareness on issues facing the environment,
- ***Support*** cooperation between government and business in order to accelerate the transition to non-nuclear and renewable energy technologies,
- ***Encourage*** collaboration among legislators and business leaders with a view to improving environmental quality through socially responsible investing,,

- ***Affirm** the necessity of creating targets, implementing legislation and utilising technology to ensure that a certain percentage of all fuels are renewable,*
- ***Encourage** the mobilization of sufficient committed funds, both new and in addition to those already in place, to ensure the support of global environmental management as well as the promotion of use of renewable sources of energy,*
- ***Encourage** the review and enactment of effective legislation to reduce air and water pollution,*
- ***Encourage** cross border collaboration and parliamentary exchanges, such as PGA's initiatives on water management, to ensure an equitable sharing of water resources and the elimination of water pollution,*
- ***Appeal** to all Parliaments to introduce legislation and develop international networks, involving government, international and local organizations, for an effective implementation of the WSSD goals and outcomes.*
- ***Express** our appreciation to Parliamentarians for Global Action, the Government of Denmark, the National Assembly and the Government of South Africa and the United Nations System, for their warm hospitality and their indispensable contributions, which have led to the success of the **Parliamentary Workshop on Clean Air and Clean Water**.*

Done on 30 August 2002 at Summer Place in Johannesburg, South Africa.

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