



# World Federation of Consuls - FICAC

## Environmental and Climate Change Protection COMMITTEE

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### THE ECCPC COMMITTEE:

1. Was first addressed as a project in August of 2009 in Kingston, Jamaica, and was ratified by FICAC's General Assembly in November of 2009 in Izmir, Turkey.
2. Stems from an invitation issued by the United Nations General Assembly during its 63rd period of sessions (topic 49 d of the program) – Sustainable Development: World's climate protection for present and future generations, to recognize:
  - A) that the Earth and its ecosystems are our home, and to achieve a fair balance between the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations, it is necessary to promote harmony with nature and with the Earth; and
  - B) that Mother Earth is a common expression to refer to planet Earth in different countries and regions, which shows the interdependence between human beings, other living species, and the planet we all live in.
3. Based on the foregoing invitation, the World Federation of Consuls – FICAC, endeavors to cooperate in a meaningful way with the underlying efforts required to protect our Mother Earth, which as of 2009 enjoys an official international celebration, on April 22 of every year, as decreed by the United Nations.

4. WE COULD SPEND THE ENTIRETY OF OUR ALLOTTED TIME HERE WITH YOU TODAY ADDRESSING THE MULTIPLICITY OF VARIABLES THAT HAVE IMPACT UPON THE TOPICS WHICH COMPRISE THE STATED AIMS OF OUR CONSULS' WORLD FEDERATION, AS A RECENTLY CREATED COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE PROTECTION...HOWEVER, BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT AGENDA PLEASE JOIN US IN WATCHING A TEN MINUTE VIDEO ON GLOBAL IMPACTS, THAT WAS PRODUCED IN MEXICO LAST YEAR BY A GROUP OF FRIENDS AND VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND ENTITIES, SPEARHEADED BY "SOS EARTH," A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT HAS OFFERED TO WORK WITH OUR COMMITTEE IN THE PREPARATION FOR OUR CONSULAR WORLD CONGRESS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN THE YEAR 2012 IN MEXICO.

5. RUN THE VIDEO ...

6. WE'D LIKE TO DIVIDE THE NEXT PORTION OF OUR PRESENTATION INTO THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

A) A SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AND ACCORDS ADOPTED AT THE UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE HELD IN COPENHAGEN LAST DECEMBER IN 2009, TO BE HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "COPENHAGEN ACCORD." THIS IS CRUCIAL SO THAT WE CAN KEEP OURSELVES FULLY COGNIZANT OF WHAT THE MANY IMPLICATIONS ARE FOR THIS COMMITTEE, AS CONTAINED IN THE BODY OF THAT ACCORD, AND

(B) MORE SPECIFICALLY, WHAT ARE SOME OF THE TROUBLESOME IMPLICATIONS OF THE ACCORD, AS REPORTED BY MULTIPLE, EVEN OFFICIAL SOURCES.

7. THE COPENHAGEN ACCORD INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING MANDATES:

A) *TO UNDERSTAND CLIMATE CHANGE AS ONE OF THE GREATEST CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME.*

B) *TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF MOBILIZING A STRONG INTERNATIONALLY-BASED POLITICAL WILL TO URGENTLY COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF COMMON BUT DIFFERENTIATED RESPONSIBILITIES AND RESPECTIVE CAPABILITIES.*

- C) *TO HARNESS A STRONG INTERNATIONALLY-BASED ‘POLITICAL WILL’ TO ENHANCE OUR LONG-TERM COOPERATIVE ACTION IN COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE.*
- D) TO MOVE FORWARD IN OUR AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT DEEP CUTS IN GLOBAL EMISSIONS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE MOST RELIABLE AND CONTEMPORARY METHODS OF SCIENTIFIC MEASUREMENT.
- E) PROVIDE UP-SCALED, NEW, ADDITIONAL AND ADEQUATE FUNDING, AS WELL AS IMPROVED ACCESS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THAT WILL ENABLE AND SUPPORT THEIR CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIONS ON MITIGATION, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANTIAL FINANCE RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF THEIR EFFORTS TO PREVENT DEFORESTATION. THIS COLLECTIVE ANNOUNCEMENT BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE NEW AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (AMOUNTING TO **30 BILLION DOLLARS** FOR THE PERIOD 2010– 2012) IS TO INCLUDE A BALANCED ALLOCATION BETWEEN ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION EFFORTS AND HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO DIRECT RESOURCES TOWARDS FORESTRY INVESTMENTS WHICH ARE TO BE REALIZED THROUGH GARNERING THE SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

THE FOREGOING RECITATION OF THIS ACCORD’S MANDATE, IS IN, AND OF ITSELF, MIND BOGGLING, BUT THE IMPACT ON GLOBAL WARMING CAN NOT MEASURED BY HOW MUCH MONEY OUR HEADS OF STATE, OR GOVERNMENTS, OR MINISTERS **TALK** ABOUT COMMITTING, BUT RATHER, WHAT PORTION OF THOSE RESOURCES WILL BE BOTH FORTHCOMING AND THEN, EFFECTIVELY CHANNELLED; “WHAT,” IN OTHER WORDS, WILL BE TRULY IMPLEMENTED? -

PLEASE LET US INCLUDE A FINAL STATEMENT ON THE FINANCIAL SUBJECT, AS INCLUDED IN ITEM EIGHT OF THE COPENHAGEN ACCORD:

“IN THE CONTEXT OF MEANINGFUL MITIGATION ACTIONS AND TRANSPARENCY ON IMPLEMENTATION, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SET A GOAL OF MOBILIZING JOINTLY 100 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR BY 2010 TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE FUNDING WILL COME FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF SOURCES. TO THIS END WE DECIDE THAT

THE COPENHAGEN GREEN CLIMATE FUND SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AS AN OPERATING ENTITY OF THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM OF THE CONVENTION TO SUPPORT PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, POLICIES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ...”

9. LOOKING AT THESE STATEMENTS FROM THE BRIGHT SIDE, IT IS SUBMITTED THAT WE HAVE A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING AS A WORTHY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF CONSULS, WHOSE FUNCTIONS ARE HISTORICALLY ROOTED AND WIDELY DEFINED IN THE 1963 VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS, WHICH NOW UNDER THE COMMITTEE INCLUDE A TOPIC THAT IS NOT ONLY INTELLECTUALLY STIMULATING AND SCIENTIFICALLY CHALLENGING, BUT BRINGS TO THE TABLE THE DEEPEST CONCERN ABOUT THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE AND THE CONTINUED VIABILITY OF OUR PLANET.

10. IT IS SUBMITTED THAT IN ORDER FOR OUR CONSULAR ORGANIZATION TO MOVE BEYOND BECOMING JUST ONE MORE BUREAUCRACY HOPELESSLY MIRED IN THE MEANINGLESS REPETITION OF COMMONLY UNDERSTOOD DISSEMINATED ENVIRONMENTAL PROPAGANDA, WE MUST PROVIDE TRUE LEADERSHIP AND ACTUALLY ORCHESTRATE A PROCESS OF STRATEGIC CHANGE.

11. IN OUR CAPACITY AS CONSULS WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH A HISTORICALLY URGENT MISSION AND RESPONSIBILITY TO DEFEND MANKIND AGAINST THE FOLLIES IT HAS IMPOSED UPON ITSELF. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE WORD, “RESPONSIBILITY” CAN BE RE-STATED TO BE READ AS “RESPONSE-ABILITY” ...THE **ABILITY** TO RESPOND! THEREFORE IT CAN BE STATED THAT AS CONSULS WE HAVE THE **ABILITY-TO-RESPOND** NOT ONLY THROUGH OUR REPRESENTATION OF BILATERAL INTERESTS BETWEEN BOTH SENDING AND THE RECEIVING STATES, BUT THROUGH THE *AEGIS* OF OUR WORLD FEDERATION OF CONSULS IN MULTILATERAL CONCERNS.

12. ON THAT VEIN, ACKNOWLEDGING THE COMPLEX CHALLENGES FACING CONTEMPORARY, GLOBALIZED INTERACTIONS, THE WORLD FEDERATION OF CONSULS CAN, AS A MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATION, STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND MOVE NATIONS TOWARDS A SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENT TO TACKLE THE BROAD SPECTRUM OF ACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS, BY HELPING OTHERS TO FOCUS ON THE MERITS OF WHAT CAN ACTUALLY

BE ACCOMPLISHED BEYOND THE VERBOSITY OF PUBLIC DECLARED COMMITMENTS.

13. WE HAVE AN ENORMOUS OPPORTUNITY TO IDENTIFY THE ROOTS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE PROBLEM AND ACT ACCORDINGLY, BECAUSE FUTURE GENERATION WILL JUDGE US NOT BY WHAT WE SAID BUT BY WHAT WE DID.

14. SADLY, THERE ARE MANY OUT THERE WHO HAVE MUCH TO SAY, YET NEVER MANAGE TO SAY IT, AND MANY MORE WHO HAVE NOTHING TO SAY BUT, NONETHELESS, KEEP ON SAYING IT.

15. WE COULD, IF WE'RE NOT CAREFUL, SPEND AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF CONSULAR TIME REHASHING THE SEEMINGLY ENDLESS DETAILS INVOLVED IN THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF CONTEMPORARY FINDINGS, BUT THAT, WE SUBMIT, IS NOT NECESSARILY THE MOST ELEVATED FUNCTION OF OUR COMMITTEE, AS THERE ARE INTERNAL EXPERTS OR EXTERNAL ADVISORS WHO CAN GUIDE US IN IDENTIFYING PROJECTS WHERE WE CAN MAKE TANGIBLE AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS THAT WILL HELP ALLEVIATE A WIDE VARIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

16. RATHER, IT IS SUBMITTED THAT WE WOULD BE OF BETTER SERVICE TO OUR GENERATION AND TO POSTERITY IF WE CAN WORK ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS THAT FAVOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR NON RENEWABLE RESOURCES, THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR SOCIETIES: OF MEN, OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS, AND ALL CRUCIAL ELEMENTS THAT COMPRISE OUR DIVERSE REGIONAL ECO-SYSTEMS.

17. AS CONSULS WE DON'T NEED TO BECOME SOPHISTICATED TECHNICIANS TO DO OUR JOB WELL IN THE PROMOTION OF PROJECTS THAT CONFORM WITH THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE PROTECTION. WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS TO UNDERTAKE A STRUCTURED COMMITMENT TO ACT.

18. ONE OF THE CURRENT CHALLENGES WE FACE IN MANY OF THE SOCIETIES REPRESENTED HERE, AND ELSEWHERE, IS THAT THE PUBLIC HAS GROWN TO DISTRUST THOSE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HOLD THEMSELVES AS ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS. UNHAPPILY, THIS FREQUENTLY INCLUDES MANY GOVERNMENTAL WATCH-DOG ENTITIES THAT HAVE BEEN ALLOTTED

ENORMOUS OPERATING BUDGETS TO FUND THE ENFORCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS, BECAUSE ALL TOO OFTEN THESE AGENCIES OR ORGANIZATIONS ARE ALL TALK AND TOO LITTLE ACTION.

19. THE FOLLOWING CHART REFLECTS THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY REUTERS/IPSOS OF 24,000 PERSONS, IN 23 COUNTRIES, DURING AND AFTER THE MEETINGS THAT LED TO THE WEAK COPENHAGEN ACCORD LAST DECEMBER.

SHOW CHART ...

IT WAS FOUND THAT 65% OF THE PEOPLE SURVEYED WERE IN DISAGREEMENT WITH THE LACK OF PROGRESS AND THE QUALITY OF ACTIONS THAT HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED TO DATE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

ONLY 35% STATED THAT POLITICIANS AND ENTREPRENEURS WERE DOING THE RIGHT THING, AND ONLY THREE COUNTRIES WOULDN'T "FLUNK," THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION EXAM, IF ADMINISTERED, ACCORDING TO THE RESPONSES COLLECTED, ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

NAMELY CHINA, THAT WAS SUPPORTED BY 86% OF ITS PEOPLE;  
INDIA, WITH 60% OF SUPPORT; AND  
TURKEY, WITH 54%

20. NOTWITHSTANDING CHINA'S APPROVAL RATE BY ITS OWN CITIZENS, WHAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED AS THE TRUTH OF GLOBAL WARMING IN COPENHAGEN LAST YEAR HAS BEEN QUESTIONED BY CHINA, WHO IS NOWADAYS THE COUNTRY THAT CURRENTLY IS GENERATING THE GREATEST PERCENTAGE OF THE WORLD'S GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS.

21. CHINA, FOR ONE, HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT WILL NOT AGREE TO SLOW DOWN OR COMPROMISE THE PACE OF ITS ECONOMIC GROWTH, AND, BY THE SAME TOKEN, THE UNITED STATES WON'T AGREE TO AN ENFORCEABLE ACCORD IF CHINA DOESN'T ALSO AGREE.

22. XIE ZHENHUA, SENIOR CHINESE NEGOTIATOR ON CLIMATE CHANGE, AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PREMIER WAN JIABAO, SAID ON JANUARY 25, 2010, IN DELHI (AT THE END OF A TWO DAY MEETING OF MINISTERS FROM FOUR OF THE MOST POWERFUL EMERGING ECONOMIES: CHINA, INDIA, BRAZIL AND SOUTH AFRICA) THAT THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT WARMING IS TAKING PLACE, BUT MORE AND BETTER SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WAS NEEDED TO ESTABLISH THE CAUSES.

23. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE RETICENCE OF OTHER REPRESENTATIVES, IN OUR VIEW, IT'S TIME TO CALL THE QUESTION:

A) ARE THERE ANY REASONABLE EXCUSES LEFT (IN THE BANK OF EXCUSES) THAT STILL JUSTIFY ANY FURTHER DELAY IN TAKING ACTION?

B) CAN WE AFFORD TO REMAIN MIRED AND MESMERIZED IN A STATE OF PARALYSIS FOR ANOTHER 5-10 YEARS DUE TO THE HACKNEYED, AGE-OLD CHALLENGES AND SUPPOSED CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN THE PROMOTION OF SHORT-TERM INDUSTRIAL WEALTH AND THE OBVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE CRISES THAT CONFRONTS THE PLANET?

24. A BRIEF ANECDOTE ABOUT THE WONDERS OF "HEAD-IN-THE-SAND" OSTRIDGE POLICY FORMULATION: IN FEBRUARY OF 2005 IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE, THEN, PREMIER OR MINISTER OF CHINA'S COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SECTOR WE WERE ON A BOAT RIDE FROM BUENOS AIRES TO MONTEVIDEO, TO ATTEND AN OFFICIAL CEREMONY WHEN PRESIDENT ELECT TABARE FROM URUGUAY WAS TO TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE. BACK THEN WORLD ATTENTION WAS STRONGLY QUESTIONING CHINA AS TO THEIR USE OF EXTREMELY POWERFUL AND DANGEROUS IMPACT EXPLOSIVES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGH SCALE PORT. WHEN I RAISED THE ISSUE REGARDING WORLD CONCERN, THE MINISTER RESPONDED: "WE HAVE MADE ALL PERTINENT TECHNICAL STUDIES, AND OUR CONSTRUCTION WILL ONLY AFFECT THE EARTH'S AXIS ABOUT ONE PERCENT." ... I'LL LEAVE IT TO THOSE OF YOU WITH MORE TECHNICAL ACCUMEN THAN I POSSESS TO DO THE CALCULATION. BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT SUBMIT: WHAT **WOULD** HAPPEN IF ALL COUNTRIES ADOPTED THE SAME, CAVALIER, POLICY...WOULD IT BE GOODBYE ORBIT EARTH?

25. ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE UNDERMINING OF THE PUBLIC'S CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNING INSTITUTIONS OCURRED LAST DECEMBER IN COPENHAGEN, SHORTLY AFTER OUR CONSULAR COMMITTEE WAS CREATED IN IZMIR... ALTHOUGH REPRESENTATIVES OF 190 COUNTRIES MET, ALL THAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED WAS A NONBINDING ACCORD, AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, EVEN THE EUROPEAN UNION DECIDED TO STEP OUT OF THE SAME ACCORD, INCLUDING GREAT BRITAIN AND OTHERS AROUND THE GLOBE.

26. IT'S THEREFORE NO SMALL WONDER THAT THE CITIZENS OF MOST SOCIETIES NO LONGER TRUST THEIR OWN GOVERNMENTS TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE VERY MISSION THAT THIS CONSULAR COMMITTEE AGREES TO UNDERTAKE AT ITS MODEST BUT YET VIGOROUS AND ROBUST LEVEL OF PROPOSED EFFECTIVENESS.

27. IN VIEW OF THE POOR RESULTS OF THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT, WORLD LEADERS EXPRESSED:

A) BAN KI-MOON, UN'S SECRETARY GENERAL SAID: "WORLD LEADERS MUST ACT. IT IS THE TIME. WE DON'T HAVE ANY MORE TIME TO LOOSE".

B) NICOLAS SARKOZY, FRENCH PRESIDENT SAID: "IT WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC FOR ALL OF US. ALL OF US CANNOT POSSIBLY FAIL".

C) ESTEBAN LAZO, CUBA'S VICE-PRESIDENT SAID: "THIS ISN'T CHARITY BUT, ABOVE ALL, A MORAL OBLIGATION WITH THE SOUTH, AND A LEGAL OBLIGATION ARISING FROM THE UNDERTAKINGS OF THE SUMMIT."

D) EVO MORALES, BOLIVIA'S PRESIDENT SAID: "OUR DUTY IS TO SAVE ALL OF HUMANITY, NOT ONLY HALF OF IT."

E) HUGO CHAVEZ, VENEZUELA'S PRESIDENT IRONICALLY SAID: "PERHAPS THE RICH WOULD WANT TO MOVE TO ANOTHER PLANET."

F) FINALLY, JUAN LOPEZ DE URALDE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GREENPEACE-SPAIN, ABRUPTLY ENTERED THE FACILITIES WITH SOME FOLLOWERS, AND SHORTLY BEFORE BEING APPREHENDED THEY SHOWED A POSTER WITH THE STATEMENT:

**"POLITICIANS TALK, LEADERS ACT"**

28) WITH YOUR INDULGENCE WE'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU A BRIEF POWER POINT PRESENTATION WHICH REFERS TO THE CONTENTS OF A LETTER WRITTEN IN THE YEAR 2030 ... IN THE NOT SO DISTANT FUTURE:

PRESENT POWER POINT ...

29) IT IS SUBMITTED THAT THE MORE WE MOVE OUR HEARTS FROM PURE CONVICTIONS OR THE EXPECTATION THAT POLITICIANS OR GOVERNMENTS WILL ACT AND START MOVING OUR BRAINS AND OUR HANDS TO UNDERTAKE RESPONSIBLE PLANNING AND MEANINGFUL ACTIONS, WE SHALL CONTRIBUTE BETTER TO SAVE OUR PLANET AND TO PROTECT MANKIND AND ALL FORMS OF LIFE FROM THE THREAT OF EXTINCTION.

30) THIS COMMITTEE IS CO-CHAIRLED BY MONACO AND MEXICO, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER IDENTIFY THE GOALS AND AGENDAS OF OUR COMMITTEE, WHICH IS CURRENTLY COMPOSED OF CONSULS FROM SIX OTHER NATIONAL CONSULAR ASSOCIATIONS THAT ARE MEMBERS OF OUR WORLD ORGANIZATION, NAMELY, IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER: BANGLADESH, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HONG KONG, JORDAN, NORWAY, PHILIPPINES, AND SUDAN.

31) ALL OF YOU ARE NOT ONLY WELCOME BUT STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS NEW COMMITTEE, AS IT WILL BRING GREATER VISIONS TO FRUITION IF WE PROMOTE A LEGITIMATE STANDING IN ALL WORLD REGIONS TO IDENTIFY THE DIFFERENT NEEDS OF HUMAN CONGLOMERATES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE ECOSYSTEMS.

32) A PRELIMINARY AGENDA, BEFORE OUR COMMITTEE MEETS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MONTECARLO BEFORE THE END OF THIS SEMESTER, AS SCHEDULED SINCE LAST NOVEMBER IN IZMIR, IS TO:

A) IDENTIFY OUR COMMITTEE WITH ALREADY EXISTING REGIONAL OFFICES, TO ENHANCE THE COMMUNICATION'S NETWORK OF ALL CONSULAR ASSOCIATIONS WITHIN OUR WORLD ORGANIZATION, BUT NOW IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE PROTECTION.

B) IDENTIFY SPECIFIC PROJECTS IN AS MANY GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS AS POSSIBLE, THAT ARE WORTH PURSUING BECAUSE OF THEIR VALUABLE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT (INCLUDING REFORESTATION, WATER PROTECTION, USE OF NON-POLLUTANT ENERGIES, ETCETERA), AND THEIR

SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO COMBAT POVERTY, SO WE, AS AN INTERNATIONAL CONSULAR ORGANIZATION CAN SPONSOR OR CONTRIBUTE WITH THE DOOR OPENING EFFORTS *VIS A VIS* INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES, AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THOSE PROJECTS TO FLUORISH.

33) A SECOND MEETING OF OUR ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE PROTECTION COMMITTEE WILL BE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO, BY THE END OF THE YEAR, IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEXT UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN CAN CUN.

34) YVO DE BOER, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE REFERENCED UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE IS TRAVELING THIS MONTH TO MEET WITH FELIPE CALDERON-HINOJOSA, THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO, IN PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA FOR SUCH CONFERENCE, AND WE HOPE THAT OUR COMMITTEE WILL HAVE A SPLENDID MEETING IN FURTHERANCE OF THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES TO BE DECIDED IN MONACO BEFORE THE END OF THIS SEMESTER.

35) THE MORE WE WAIT TO IMPLEMENT CONTRIBUTORY ACTIONS TO MITIGATE AN ENVIRONMENTAL CATASTROPHY, THE COSTLIER IT WILL BECOME TO CORRECT IT, WIT THE RISK OF FINDING TRULY IRREVERSIBLE STAGES. AT LEAST THESE WAS DISCUSSED AND AGREED IN COPENHAGEN, BUT EVEN IF THE PASTRY IS DANISH, WE WILL HAVE TO COOK IT IN A MEXICAN OVEN, AS THE NEXT CONFERENCE WILL BE HOSTED IN MEXICO, AND WE HOPE WE WILL AS CONSULS CONTRIBUTE WITH OUR VALUABLE AND UNSHAKABLE DETERMINATION TO TAKE GOOD INTENTIONS INTO ACTION.

36) IN OTHER WORDS ...

IN ADDITION TO CREATING A SOLID COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, WITH THE GOOD OFFICES OF OUR SECRETARIAT IN BRUSSELS, IF THEIR EMAIL PROGRAMS DON'T SEND OUR E-MAILS TO THEIR JUNK MAILBOX, WE ARE BOUND TO IMPLEMENT A WORK PROGRAM AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, AND IMPLEMENT SOLUTIONS TO OUR TODAY'S UNDENIABLE CHALLENGES ... BECAUSE:

**WE DIDN'T INHERIT THE EARTH FROM OUR PARENTS,  
WE'RE BORROWING IT FROM OUR CHILDREN.**

FINALLY, IF WE MAY USE THE WORDS ADDRESSED TO THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENT BY WINSTON CHURCHILL, IN THE DARKEST HOURS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, AT THE DAWN OF FREEDOM, QUOTING THE GREAT AMERICAN POET: LONGFELLOW, WE'D LIKE TO ADDRESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH YOUR SENDING AND YOUR RECEIVING STATES, AT THIS ELEVENTH HOUR, TO SAY:

**SAIL LONG THY SHIP OF STATE,  
SAIL LONG, OH UNION, STRONG, AND GREAT,  
HUMANITY IS ALL ITS FEARS,  
WITH ALL THE HOPES OF FUTURE YEARS,  
IS HANGING BREATHLESS ON THY FATE.**

THANK YOU,



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