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The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2008/25, the resolution 63/32 and 10830 of the General Assembly and other relevant resolutions related to the issue of climate change,

Recalling the Agenda 21 and the Rio Declaration, the Kyoto Protocol and all its instruments as well as the Bali Road Map,

Emphasizing the importance of the UNFCCC, the IPCC and their mechanisms,

Referring to the Report of the Secretary-General on the theme of the Coordination Segment of 2009,

Further recalling the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development,

Realizing the importance of the mitigation of Climate Change and the Post-Kyoto Process,

Fully aware of the global environmental, economic and social impacts caused by climate change,

Realizing climate change being an obstacle for the international community in its efforts of reaching the MDGs by 2015,

Reaffirming the principle of common, yet differentiated responsibilities with a leading role for developed countries,

Noting with deep concern that global warming has already reached 0.76°C,

Emphasizing the need for discussions concerning actions and instruments within the frameworks of the United Nations,

Calls upon the international community to accelerate its preparations for the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December 2009 as agreed on in the Bali

Road Map and therefore:

- solemnly affirms that the international community has to reach the goal that global warming will not exceed 2°C,

- endorses the aims of reducing at least 20% of the worldwide energy consumption and to increase the amount of renewable energy sources up to at least 20% against the level of 1990 by 2020,

- urges all member states to decrease greenhouse gas emission, albeit the necessary attempt to minimize welfare losses for economies worldwide but especially in low-income countries,

- endowing sufficient flexibility to developing countries, especially Least Developed Countries (LDCs) when meeting the above standards,

- encourages a close co-operation among all nations;

Encourages all nations to work on common sustainable efforts and solutions for the establishment of a global post-2012 environmental regime and in this context:

- solemnly affirms the need for further engagement in creating public awareness and education regarding the matter of climate change,

- emphasizes the necessity of reducing emissions - also including those related to aviation and maritime transportation - and the importance of discussions concerning the exact limitations put upon them within our economies, including separate regulation for industries and agriculture,

- encourages serious efforts in order to stop desertification and soil, water and air pollution as well as the melting of the polar caps,

- give intensified support to countries, whose tourist and/or agricultural sectors and/or biodiversity will be irreversibly affected by the impacts of climate change,

- endorses increasing investments in 'Research and Development', especially by high-income countries, with the desirable outcome of efficient and improved technologies,

- encourages all nations to transfer clean/green technologies to developing countries in order to guide them on a path of genuine, sustainable low-carbon development,

- continuing to encourage private foreign investments to developing countries by giving incentives such as subsidies and tax reductions in order to support the sustainable development of these countries,

- extending existing mechanisms of emission trading worldwide and especially improving these incentive schemes,

- urges the inclusion of the concept of Reduction of Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD),

- supports the technology of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) as it reduces the carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere,

- recommends to all countries affected adversely by climate change to work out and enact National Action Plans of Adaptation (NAPA),

- encourages the UNHCR to intensify their involvement with the problem of climate refugees,

- requests the establishment of effective enforcement measures – in the form of positive enforcement and regional pressure - within the framework of the UN;

Emphasizes the need to reform the system of international environmental governance and to explore the possibility of a more coherent international framework and in this context:

- recommends to all nations to put forward the discussions concerning the upgrading of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) into a more powerful Specialized Agency,

- further emphasizes the need to provide all countries with an equal voice in that process, strengthening the position of developing countries, especially keeping in mind LDCs,

- requests the establishment of regional sub-bodies in order to coordinate regional co-operation, regional research and risk management,

- promotes accountability and improves efficiency,

- encourages establishing regional distribution of renewable energy;

Recommends a re-determination of the current division of countries into Annex-I and non-Annex-I countries, as the current division does not reflect reality;

Calls upon all developing nations, who are currently in, or have just stepped out of political disturbance, to stabilize their political conditions and to promote good governance either by separate governmental endeavors or by cooperation with regional and international organizations, so as to:

provide a solid institutional foundation for utilizing the assistance provided by developed countries,

attract foreign direct investments of environmentally sound technologies as to promote transformational development;

Reminds that any assistance should be provided on a country basis rather than activity basis, based on criteria for governance, responsibility, capability and vulnerability to impacts of climate change and in order to help avoid long-term dependency of recipient countries on foreign aid and to help expand the capabilities of recipient countries for self-help;

Reiterates to remain seized of the matter.