



## RESOLUTION #22

### **TITLE: Cooperation Towards Global Ecological Connectivity**

#### **WHEREAS**

An evident global need to mitigate impacts caused by the increasing fragmentation of natural habitats and threats to biodiversity resulting from climate change, calls for broader collaborative visions and shared efforts.

That in order to achieve effective connectivity between lands specifically assigned to conservation purposes including wilderness, an integrated natural resources conservation and sustainable management vision at a landscape level must be implemented.

Trans-boundary ecological connectivity issues should always remain within the realm of mutual respect for national sovereignty.

Every sovereign country, should freely apply the combination of public policy and social action instruments for land and waters use planning, that adapt to local ecological, socioeconomic and governance conditions, in order to derive positive effects from their use.

#### **THEREFORE**

The Memorandum of understanding on Cooperation for Wilderness Conservation between Mexico, Canada and the United States, signed Saturday, November 7, 2009, as a Global Wilderness Commitment for the 9<sup>th</sup> World Wilderness Congress is considered to be an important positive step that furthers Panamerican connectivity efforts.

#### **RESOLVED**

To recommend that the World's Nations, academia, NGOs and concerned persons, work towards implementing continent wide ecological connectivity frameworks that:

- Facilitate bilateral and multilateral agreements towards working together on ecological connectivity.
- Support experimentation and development of on the ground "Ecosystem Based Climate Change Adaptation" processes.
- Facilitate the development and use of science based connectivity tools.
- Remove restraints for bilateral, multilateral and multisectoral conservation efforts.

- Package, enhance and facilitate relationships between donors and recipients interested in connectivity and climate change adaptation / mitigation.

To recommend that New World Nations, academia, NGOs and concerned persons develop initial proof of concept effort towards creating a collaborative framework for the multiple ecological connectivity initiatives already being independently implemented throughout the length and breadth of the Americas, through the adoption of a Panamerican Biological Corridors Initiative.

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