



RESOLUTION # 17

TITLE: Legislation for protection, management and planning of landscape in Mexico

WHEREAS:

BASED on having seen evidence throughout WILD 9 that areas of wilderness comprise the most beautiful landscapes on the Earth;

UNDERSTANDING as Tom Lovejoy said in WILD 9 that there are practically no untouched landscapes on the planet, and following his and others' recommendation of thinking bigger;

PERCEIVING the need to preserve natural and manmade landscapes throughout Mexico;

RECOGNIZING the importance of communicating wilderness preservation;

ACCEPTING the Council of Europe, *Florence Declaration*, 2000, defined as follows:

“Landscape” means an area, as perceived by people whose character is the result of action and interaction of natural and/or human factor;

“Landscape protection” means actions to conserve and maintain the significant or characteristic features of a landscape, justified by its heritage value derived from its natural configuration and/or from human activity;

“Landscape management” means action, from a perspective of sustainable development, to ensure the regular upkeep of a landscape, so as to guide and harmonize changes which are brought about by social, economic and environmental processes;

“Landscape planning” means strong forward looking action to enhance, restore or create landscapes.

ACKNOWLEDGING that Mexico has done important advances in the regulation of Natural Protected Areas, air pollution emissions, water quality standards, hazardous waste management, noise emissions, drinking water standards and many other areas.

HAVING TO ACCEPT the fact that in Mexico there not integral or holistic regulatory framework to protect the landscape.

BUILDING UPON the successful experience in Europe derived from the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176) and in the USA from the National Landscape Conservation System (Public Law 111. 11), among others.

SUPPORTING the fact as important as the landscape is the oceanic island and coastal seascape.

THEREFORE:

RECOGNIZING that an important element of WILD 9 is the photography of landscape;

LEARNING from the importance of landscape and seascape photography;

ACCEPTING that the corporate commitment made by corporations in WILD 9 to protect wilderness such as the El Carmen Transboundary Conservation Initiative at the same time protects landscapes.

WILD 9 RESOLVED:

From the land of the Maya, we wish to inform the world that we accept the challenge of protecting wilderness and the people of the world that inhabit the land.

WILD 9 call upon His Excellency Felipe Calderon, to instruct and encourage the Ministry of Ecology, the Environment and Natural resources (SEMARNAT), the Governors of the of the States and Municipal Presidents of Mexico, to include and develop the concept of landscape in the Mexican conservation and land use planning legal framework, and apply it as part of the set of integrated conservation and management tools at all levels of governments.

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