

## **Resolution 6e**

### Proposed Resolution to be adopted at the 12th General Assembly of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)

19<sup>th</sup> of November 2015

**TITLE:** PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RSPO STATUTES ON MEMBERSHIP RESIGNATION

**Submitted By:** The Board of Governors of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil  
(Currently represented by: Unilever, Malaysian Palm Oil Association, PT. Agro Indomas \*, WWF, Agropalma, Felda Global Ventures, Mondelez International, AAK, Marks and Spencer, Retailers' Palm Oil Group \*\*, IOI Loders Croklaan, Rabobank, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Oxfam Novib, Both Ends, Conservation International)

*\* Represents the Indonesian Growers Caucus*

*\*\* Aldi South Group, Asda, Boots UK, Coop (Switzerland), Coles, Delhaize Group, Federation of Migros Co-operatives, Kingfisher, Royal Ahold, Sainsbury's, Tesco, The Body Shop International, The Co-operative Food (UK) and Waitrose*

#### **Background:**

An RSPO member may resign from the RSPO membership by issuing a resignation letter to the Secretary General with a minimum notice period of six (6) months, as stipulated in Article 8(a)(i) of the RSPO Statutes <sup>1</sup>.

Resigning members often assume that their membership would cease immediately upon issuing the resignation letters without regard of the required six (6) months notice period. The proponents of this resolution are of the opinion that the current notice period is unduly long causing unnecessary delays in updating membership records.

It is also administratively costly in terms of time and effort needed to recover outstanding membership fees of resigning members during the six (6) months notice period that often ends in non-payment which should rightly result in the membership being terminated rather than allowing for resignation.

The shorter notice period for resignation would allow for timely update of the RSPO membership database and in identifying non-payments of outstanding membership fees.

#### **THIS RESOLUTION PROPOSES:**

***THAT the minimum notice period required for resignation of membership be reduced to one (1) month and an amendment be made to reflect the change in Article 8(a)(i) of the RSPO Statutes to be as follows:***

#### **8. Termination of Membership**

***(a) A membership shall be deemed to have ceased by virtue of the following:***

***(i) By issuing a resignation letter to the Secretary General with a minimum notice period of one (1) month;***

#### **Reference:**

<sup>1</sup> The existing RSPO statutes can be downloaded for review at <http://www.rspo.org/resources/key-documents/membership>